

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH, A.D. 1917, 4 P. M.

PRESENT: Honorable Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

The Clerk read the following:

The Secretary of War.

Washington.

April 3, 1917.

Gentlemen:

My attention has just been called to a copy of the Resolution adopted by you on the occasion of the death of Major General Frederick Funston.

I beg leave to express my official and personal appreciation of this action on your part. The sudden death of this brave and faithful soldier, in the midst of his great responsibilities and at the very zenith of his career, was a national loss, and I am especially pleased that the City in which his great services were being performed should take this cognizance of his value as a public man.

Cordially yours,

Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War.

Commissioners of the City of
San Antonio, Texas.

A communication from the Rotary Club suggesting half holiday on April 13th on account of opening of baseball season, was read. No action was taken.

On motion of Commissioner Kearny, the proposition of Miss Emma Reed to have the City of San Antonio construct a sidewalk along her property on Elmira Street in consideration of a strip of land 4 ft. 11 inches wide taken by the City for widening street, was accepted.

The following petitions were read and referred to Police and Fire Commissioner:
Empire Mexican Restaurant, for permit to erect an electric sign, 224 St. Mary Street.
A.B. Heard, for permit to exhibit Stereopticon Views.

Petition of Ed. Steves and Sons, protesting against the construction of a storm sewer inlet on Idaho Street, was read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr.
Absent, Lambert.

MB-523 AN ORDINANCE

Adopting and accepting plat of "Mahncke Park Addition" and vacating and abolishing certain streets and alleys in Washington Heights sub-division in conflict therewith.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

WHEREAS, the owners of all that certain property situated and abutting on the north

and south sides of Mahncke Park Boulevard have subdivided said property into City lots and have designated said sub-division "Mahncke Park Addition", and desire that said plat of sub-division and designation be accepted by the City of San Antonio, and that all streets and alleys heretofore laid out in Washington Heights sub-division in conflict with said Mahncke Park Addition, be closed, vacated and abolished, no public use thereof having ever been made:

Now, therefore, be it further ordained that said sub-division shown by plat certified to by Walton & Arneson, Surveyors, and Mrs. Kate Jones and Henry C. King Jr. owners, under date of April 1, 1917, designated as "Mahncke Park Addition", be and the same is accepted, approved and adopted by the City of San Antonio, subject to the terms of an ordinance of the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio passed and approved on December 27th, 1915, relating to said property, mentioned therein as Mahncke Park Terrace; and all streets and alleys heretofore laid out in connection with that part of said Washington Heights sub-division included in said "Mahncke Park Addition", never having been accepted by the City of San Antonio, the same are hereby closed, vacated and abolished and fully released to the owners of said property and in lieu thereof streets shall be opened as provided in said ordinance of December 27th, 1915.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

MB-524 AN ORDINANCE

Granting permit to the Western Union Telegraph Company to lay underground conduit. ~~of vitrified clay tile imbedded in three inches of concrete, Medina Street from W.~~

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the Western Union Telegraph Company be and is hereby granted permission to construct an underground conduit of vitrified clay tile imbedded in three inches of concrete, in Medina Street from W. Commerce Street to Durango Street, said conduit to be laid not less than four feet under the present grade surface of Medina Street and along the west side thereof.

The surface of said street shall be restored to the original condition by the said Telegraph Company, after completion of the work, and the City Engineer is hereby instructed to make the necessary arrangements with said Telegraph Company, to insure the performance of the requirements herein stipulated.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Garland made the following recommendations, which were adopted: Joseph Courand, for refund of taxes, granted. Geraldine Campbell Wood, for correction of assessment, not granted. A.K. Leonard, for refund of taxes, granted.

Commissioner Garland stated that Mr. W.E. Booth had complained to him that the sidewalk constructed by him in front of his premises at 601 Nolan Street, in accordance with grade established by City Engineer, was since the improvement of Nolan Street, below the street surface, and had requested that the sidewalk be raised to proper grade at the expense of the City. The matter was referred to the City Engineer.

Commissioner Garland, reporting on the petition of Foard Townsend for correction of assessment, recommended that correction be made in accordance with the report of the Back Tax Collector attached to petition. Adopted.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

No. 326 *MB-525* AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That there be and there is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund, the following sums of moneys for the hereinafter designated purposes:

Fifteen and 94/100 (\$15.94) Dollars (the school portion being \$4.26) warrant for which is to be made payable to George Dietrich on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1915 on lots 29,30 N.C.B. 904.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

No. 327 *-526* AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the payment of wages to City Laborers for the week ending April 5, 1917 and making an appropriation therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending April 5, 1917, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose to-wit:

General Fund of 1916 \$435.50

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

No. 328 *-527* AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the following sums of money be appropriated out of the following funds to pay Merchants bills of March 1917, to-wit:

Out of the 1916 General Fund for the following departments:

City Hall Expenditures	\$1409.13
Police	1684.43
Health	526.92
Hospital	.25
Fire	2429.26
Fire Alarm	73.30
Engineering	308.22
Parks & Plaxas	1308.82
Street Maintenance	1144.26
Street Cleaning and Sanitation	685.29
Market and Market House	40.93
Lights	4593.12
Water	4893.16
Rivers & Ditches	35.77
Plumbing & Sewer Inspection	50.44
Police & Fire Station	172.74
Contingencies	2493.29
Sewer Construction	64.25
Cemetery	5.00

Making total out of 1916 General Fund \$21,926.58

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Uhr made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

A. C. Fullitz, for permit to install gasoline pump and tank at the intersection of Meerscheidt and Dakota Street. Granted.

Jost and Ritchey for permit to install gasoline tank and pump at Pruitt Ave. and Fredericksburg Road. Granted.

Butler Bros., to erect electric sign, 118 N. Flores Street. Granted.

Ed. Steves & Sons, for permit to erect electric sign Swearingen, McGraw Building. Granted.

Commissioner Uhr requested reconsideration of his recommendation of April 5, 1917, that the application of Sun Set System to erect two bill boards in C.B.992 be not granted, stating that in his opinion the location could not be considered as residence district. A vote being taken as to whether Graysob Street should be considered as within the residence district of the City resulted in Garland and Uhr voting Nay and Kearny and Brown Aye. Whereupon Commissioner Uhr's motion to grant the permit was lost.

The hearing of charges preferred against O.P. McGinnis, officer in charge of Jitney Service, and Joe Kohr, City Policeman, was postponed until April 12, 1917.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance ordering the laying of sidewalks, etc., which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Lambert.

AN ORDINANCE

MB-528

Ordering the laying of sidewalks, etc., on various streets, under the penalties for failure to comply with said order.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners in the exercise of the Police Power, finds and hereby declares a public necessity for the laying of sidewalks etc., as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS by an ordinance heretofore on the 10th day of August, A.D. 1914, passed and approved this City Commissioners provided for such cases; said ordinance being entitled "An ordinance prescribing specifications for sidewalks and curbing for public streets and places, and providing measures to compel the laying, construction and repair of the same by owners of abutting property; requiring the cost thereof to be paid by the owners of such property and declaring such cost a personal liability of such owners, and a first and prior lien and charge against such property; and prescribing the manner of ordering and compelling the construction of such work, and the punishment for failure to comply with such orders", and proceeding hereupon in accordance with said previous ordinance, which is made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

Section One. That the construction of cement sidewalks be and the same is hereby ordered along or in front of the entire extent of each parcel of the property and premises hereinafter described, and that the owners of such premises proceed immediately to construct said improvements, or to cause same to be constructed

at their cost and expense, on the streets and public places hereinafter named; the respective premises herein referred to, the owner or owners thereof to whom this order is addressed and each such respective street or public place being as follows, to-wit:

OWNER	LOT NO.	N.C.B. NO.	LOCATION.
Dr. C.C.Cade	E.Pt. A 4	A 46	Grayson St.
H.E.Hildebrand	A 8	1860	Main Ave.
E.A. & W.Q.Davis	14	538	Hackberry St.
W.M.Jordan	8	547	Hackberry St.
T.J.Reis	16	673	Hackberry St.
R.J.McCalla	A	3003	Labor & Delaware Sts.
Sarah Messenger	A 13	777	Howard St.
J.C.Minus	W. Pt. 14	993	Grayson St.
Emilio Rhodius	3-4	2956	Carolina St.
Agnes & E. Junck	9-10	2956	Carolina St.
J.J.Yarbrough	A-11	2956	Carolina St.
W.B.Weininger	13-15	2881	Wickes St.
F.Josephson	11	2881	Wickes St.
L.Maibaum	10	939	Wickes St.
F.Scherwitz	9	939	Wickes St.
J.S.Tesdale	8	939	Wickes St.
Geo. D.Eitt	7	939	Wickes St.
J.D.Cornett	6	939	Wickes St.
Mrs Lena McAllister	5	939	Wickes St.
W.B.Bradshaw	4	939	Wickes St.
M.S.StClair	1,2,3,	939	Wickes St.
Otto Schulze	8	943	Wickes St. & Steves St.
Chas. Schmidt	1	3006	Delaware & Labor Sts.
Anna Koch	2	3006	Delaware St.
Jannis Reforth	A 8	733	Labor St.
H.W.Hoges	9	739	Labor St.
A.E.Heilbron	10	733	Labor St.
J.W.Collins	20	733	Labor St.
W.A.Herring	A-17-A-18-A-19-A20	734	Labor & Florida St.
S.V.Finnegan	10	3006	Labor St.
H.D.Knoefflin	E. Pt. 14	993	Grayson St.

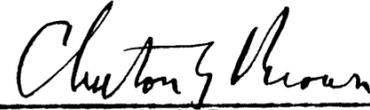
Section Two. That said improvements shall be constructed promptly in accordance with the specifications and other provisions contained in said ordinance of August 10, 1914, and that said work shall be commenced within thirty days after the service of notice on this order, and that said notices shall be given and all other things shall be done as therein provided; and that for failure to comply with or violation of this order, any person, association of persons, or corporation found guilty of such offense shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, all under and as in said ordinance of August 10, 1914, provided.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

APPROVED:


MAYOR