

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE CITY  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 4th, 1961, AT 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer  
Mayor Walter W. McAllister with the following members present:

- McALLISTER
- DE LA GARZA
- PASSUR
- KAUFMAN
- GATTI
- PADILLA
- PARKER and
- BREMER;
- ABSENT: GUNSTREAM

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The invocation was given by Councilman Jack Kaufman.

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On motion of Mr. de la Garza the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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The Mayor announced that the regular order of business would be changed and called  
on Mr. Elmo Burke, local builder and President of the National Home Builders Association, to  
address the Council.

Mr. Burke stated he was appearing on behalf of the home builders and that starting  
on Thursday, October 4, many builders from over the country and manufacturers and planners  
who are leaders in the home building industry would be in San Antonio for a two-day meeting to  
inspect Project SARAH.

He gave the background of the Project. As a result of this demonstration project he  
anticipated that the Association will be able to induce other cities to use performance type  
standards in their building requirements that will have a beneficial effect so that all  
reduce excessive and unnecessary requirements, and also in minimum construction requirements  
of the Federal Housing Administration.

He thanked the Council for allowing the builders to produce the project and invited  
the Council Members to attend the meetings in connection therewith.

Mr. Barney Cox, President of the San Antonio Home Builders Association, thanked the  
Council for helping to make the project a reality. He also thanked City Manager Andrews and  
Mr. Bill Hunter and all who worked on the project.

Mayor McAllister said he had inspected the project four times during the course of  
construction and was one of the most interesting experiments ever held in San Antonio. He felt  
confident that out of this project would flow for the people of America a new low-cost home and  
congratulated the Association.

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Mrs. Sidney Cockrell, Jr., President of the League of Women Voters of San Antonio, made the following address: October 4, 1961

Mr. Mayor, and Members of the City Council

The League of Women Voters feels it appropriate to appear before the Council today to express our appreciation for the services rendered to our city by Mr. Lynn Andrews, our City Manager. Our community has been most fortunate to have a man of Mr. Andrews administrative ability and skill as our chief administrative officer for the past few years. As a citizens group which has tried to keep informed regarding city affairs, we can state that in every instance in which our organization came to Mr. Andrews seeking information, we have been received most cordially, and the information made available to us. Mr. Andrews has carried out programs begun by earlier managers, and has initiated new and effective programs of his own. We especially commend the evidences of long range planning and effective budgetary procedures. While with most San Antonians we regret that we are losing Mr. Andrews, we are proud that a San Antonian has been chosen to become City Manager of a prosperous Florida city.

We would like to say a word to the Council, also. This month marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of our present city charter by the voters of our city. The League of Women Voters, which was one of the citizen groups which worked actively to secure passage of the charter, is very pleased with the way council-manager government is working out in our community. "Support of Council-Manager Government" is on our continuing program at the local level. We support the philosophy of Council-Manager Government, which seeks to fix responsibility for policy-making in the hands of an elected council and the responsibility for administration in the hands of a professionally trained city manager, appointed by the Council, and responsible to them. In addition to having been most fortunate in city managers, we have also been pleased with the high caliber of the citizens who have served as members of the council, in a policy making role.

The League reaffirms at this time its support of the major provisions of the City Charter. In the league, we have had a policy of continuing study of charter provisions, and in December, 1959, appeared before the city council in support of the Charter Revision Committee's recommendation to continue the present system of electing the Mayor; that the members of the council choose one of their own number to preside at council meetings, and serve as Mayor in performing the ceremonial duties of the city. We favor this system because it places equal responsibility for policy making on each member of the council.

In the final analysis, the success or failure of council-manager government depends on citizen understanding and support. The league urges all citizens to familiarize themselves with the operation of their city government, attend council meeting occasionally as an observer, and keep informed of current policy decisions and administrative practices through the local news media. We do not wish to lose our fine system of government through lack of citizen concern.

In conclusion, may we again express to Mr. Andrews our appreciation for his efficient administration, and to the Council members for their time in hearing this statement.

Mrs. Archie Reeves, Chairman of the Council-Manager Committee of the League of Women Voters, also expressed appreciation for the outstanding achievements and leadership of Mr. Andrews. She also expressed herself in favor of Council-Manager form of government and the present charter.

The Mayor thanked the ladies on behalf of the Council and Mr. Andrews for the fine commendation of the City Manager and approval of the present Council and previous Councils.

Mr. Andrews thanked them for the fine commendation which is deeply etched in his heart and expressed appreciation for the cooperation and work of the League and fine job done by Mrs. Cockrell as President.

Next taken up was hearing on zoning Case 1444 to rezone Lot 86, Blk. B, NCB 11513 located at the Southeast corner of Bandera Road and Willard Drive from "A" Residence District to "F" Local Retail District.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, presented the case and stated the Zoning Commission recommended the property be rezoned to "F" Local Retail District.

No one spoke in opposition to the change.

On motion of Mr. Passur, seconded by Mr. Bremer, the recommendation of the Zoning Commission was approved by adoption of the following ordinance by the following vote:

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AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Passur, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gunstream.

AN ORDINANCE 29,868

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC.," PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 86, BLOCK B, NCB 11513 FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT.

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Next heard was Case 1456 to rezone Lot 21, NCB 11874 located on the East side of Gault Lane approximately 598.72' south of the cut-off to Loop 13 (I.H. 410) from "A" Residence District to "E" Office District.

The Planning Director presented the case. No one spoke in opposition to the change.

On motion of Mr. de la Garza, seconded by Mr. Passur, the Council approved the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to change the zoning of this property from "A" Residence District to "E" Office District by adoption of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Passur, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gunstream.

AN ORDINANCE 29,869

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC.," PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 21, NCB 11874 FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "E" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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Last zoning case heard was Case No. 1518 to rezone Lot 24, NCB 7706 located on the Northwest corner of Mission Road and Terrell Street from "D" Apartment and "F" Local Retail Districts to "JJ" Commercial District.

The change<sup>was</sup> briefed by the Planning Director. No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Passur, the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to grant the change was approved by adoption of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Passur, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gunstream.

AN ORDINANCE 29,870

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC.," PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 24, BLK. 5, NCB 7706 FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT AND "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "JJ" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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The following ordinances were then passed and approved by the following vote:

AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Passur, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gunstream.

## AN ORDINANCE 29,871

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISED MASTER FIRE STATION PLAN AS A PART OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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## AN ORDINANCE 29,872

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE LIBRARY MASTER PLAN AS A PART OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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City Manager Andrews reported he had received a request by the San Antonio Zoological Society asking that an admission charge of 10 cents be made for children up to 16 years of age.

No action was taken and a copy of the request is to be furnished each Council Member for study.

The Manager reported that the Bexar County Mounted Posse had built a stone building in Brackenridge Park which is City property. The Posse is interested in exchanging whatever rights it may have for a one-story, barracks-type, building located at Stinson Field which has a value of \$600.00. The Manager recommended that the exchange be made as the City has no use for the building in Stinson Field which will have to be moved at a later date.

After consideration of the request, on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Passur, the request to exchange the interest of the Bexar County Mounted Posse in the building at Brackenridge Park for a building in Stinson Field was approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Passur, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gunstream.

The City Manager asked for authorization to have a study made of the use of taxicabs at International Airport. The study to be made by the Acting Director of Aviation and the Director of Traffic and Transportation.

The Manager was authorized to have the study made.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D :

*Wm W. Wheeler*  
MAYOR

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*Frank Gallagher*  
CITY CLERK