

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, A.D.1917, 4 P. M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

-----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS-----

Petition of citizens for arc light at Jones and Ross Avenues, was read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Request of U.S. Army Headquarters for the repair of Army Boulevard, was granted and bids advertised for.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that,

WHEREAS bids for the construction of sanitary sewers in Contract Section 49, Collins Garden District, were opened on December 21, 1916, and thereafter the City Engineer recommended that the bid of McKenzie Construction Company, for the execution of said work be accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners do not wish to formally accept said bid by ordinance until a certain deed of dedication shall be placed in the hands of the City by F. F. Collins, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, it is their intention to formally accept said bid of McKenzie Construction Company as soon as the deed herein mentioned shall have been filed by said F.F. Collins, and the City Clerk is hereby instructed to deliver the checks accompanying all other bids to their respective owners.

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

MB-340 AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing James A. Baker, Receiver of the International and Great Northern Railway Company to extend the tracks of said Railway Company, within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio, across and over Morales and Salado Streets, at the intersection thereof.

FIRST

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio that James A. Baker, Receiver of the International and Great Northern Railway Company, be and is granted a franchise to lay and extend the tracks of said Railway Company across and over the following streets, and between the following points:

1st. Beginning on the Industry Spur known as the San Antonio Drug Spur, at or near a point 60' north of the North line of Morales Street;
Thence Southeasterly, crossing the South line of New City Block 220, at or near a point 27' West of South east corner of said block;
Thence, continuing in a Southeasterly direction across Morales Street and Salado Street, and into New City Block 250, at or near a point on the West line of said City 250, 112' South of the Northwest corner of said block;
Thence continuing to a point in the center of alley of said Block, 5' east of West line of said block;
Thence Southerly 5' from and parallel to said West line to the south line of said block, which point is the end of spur, a total distance of 478 feet more or less.

2nd. Beginning at a point on the proposed located line of spur track "B" 10' North

of the North line of Morales Street, Thence Southeasterly across the South line of Block 220 at or near a point 25' West of the Southeast corner;

Thence continuing in the same southeasterly direction across Morales and Salado Streets, into Block 250, crossing West line of same at or near a point 39' south of Northwest corner of said block;

Thence continuing southeasterly to the North alley line of said block, crossing same at or near a point, 162' west of the East line of said block:

Thence continuing across said alley way, crossing the south line of same at or near a point 91' West of the East Line of said block;

Thence continuing to a point, 1' South of the South line of said alley;

Thence easterly 1' from and parallel to said south line of alley, to the East line of said block, which point is end of spur, a total length of 510' more or less.

3rd. Beginning at or near a point on proposed located line of Spur "C", 85' southeasterly from beginning point of said Spur "C";

Thence southeasterly across Salado Street into New City Block 250, crossing West line of said block at or near a point 33' south of the Northwest corner of said block;

Thence continuing in the same general direction to a point 1' north of the North line of Alley way through said block, said point being 75' more or less West of the East line of said block;

Thence continuing Easterly 1' from and parallel to said North line of alley to the East line of said new City Block 250, said point being end of Spur, a total length of 415' more or less.

(AS per map and plat hereto attached)

Second

Said tracks shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioner of the Department of Streets and Public Improvements and the City Engineer, and the construction of same shall conform to the regulations imposed and hereafter to be imposed by said City, and to conform to the grades and restrictions imposed by the city, and the operation, and maintenance of said tracks shall be subject to all regulations and ordinances now in force, or that may hereafter be enacted, regulating such character of construction.

Third.

In consideration of the granting of this permit the said James A? Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company binds and obligates himself as such Receiver and the International & Great Northern Railway Company to hold the City of San Antonio free and harmless from all damages to persons and property that may result by reason of the granting of this permit, or the exercise of any right thereunder.

The exercise of any privilege under this ordinance shall be an acceptance of all its terms and conditions by the said James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company and the International & Great Northern Railway Company

Commissioner Kearny recommended that petition for sanitary sewers on Iowa Street be granted, when funds for the purpose are available. Adopted.

The contractor on excavation along the S.A. Belt and Terminal Railway Company was given permission to do powder blasting along the right of way of said Company when required.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted

Resolution

Accepting the pavement on Heiman Street, between the S.P. Grounds and Sycamore Street.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio, does hereby accept the pavement constructed by Rushmore and Gowdy on Heiman Street, between the Southern Pacific grounds and Sycamore Street, with no omissions, the date of acceptance being hereby fixed on the 8th day of January, 1917

in accordance with the certificate of the City Engineer, filed with the City Council January 8, 1917.

(The following letters were attached to above)

San Antonio, Texas, January 8, 1917.

Mr Hans Helland, City Engineer,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

This to advise:

Heiman Street between S.P. property and Sycamore Street, San Antonio, was completed this A.M. and is now ready for your inspection and acceptance, which we will much appreciate your attention today.

There are no skips on the street.

Yours truly,
Rushmore and Gowdy
By S.H.Gowdy.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 8, 1917.

Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners,
City,

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the paving on Heiman Street, between S.P. Grounds and Sycamore Street, has been completed, with no omissions, in accordance with the contract entered into with Rushmore and Gowdy, and the same has been accepted by me for account of the City of San Antonio, this 8th day of January, 1917.

Yours truly,
Hans Helland, City Engineer.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing James A. Baker, Receiver of the International and Great Northern Railway Company, to construct a temporary track within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio, beginning at a point on the main line of the International & Great Northern Railway Company crossing Morales and Salado Street, adjacent to City Block 250.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio that James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company is granted permission to lay a track temporarily on and across Morales and Salado Streets, between the following described points:

Beginning at or near a point on the Main line of the I & G.N. Ry. 7' North of the North line of Morales Street;

Thence southeasterly across Morales Street, a portion of I & G.N. right of way and across Salado Street and into New City Block 250, at or near a point on the west line of said City Block, 120' North of Southwest corner;

Thence continuing in said new city block for a distance of 60' to a point 5' East of said West line of block 250;

Thence 5' from and parallel to said West line of block, 60' to South line of said block, said point being end of spur, a total distance of 425' more or less.

Said track shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements and the construction of the same shall conform to all regulations now or hereafter to be imposed by the City. Said track to remain until ordered removed by the City.

In consideration of the granting of this permit the said James A. Baker, Receiver of the International & Great Northern Railway Company binds and obligates himself to hold the City of San Antonio free and harmless from all damages to persons and property that may result by reason of the granting of this permit or the exercise of any right thereunder.

A RESOLUTION

ORDERING STREET IMPROVEMENTS and inviting bids for such work on Army Boulevard was introduced by Commissioner Kearny and read and adopted.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

A RESOLUTION

ORDERING STREET IMPROVEMENTS and inviting bids for such work on Army Boulevard.

(for full text of this resolution see Record Book 6, page 237)

Commissioner Garland recommended that petition of Hicks Bldg Company for correction of assessment be granted, and that petitioner be permitted the 1915 taxes on same basis of valuation as of 1916. Adopted.

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

No. 232 **MB-341** AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the payment of wages to City laborers for the week ending January 6, 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 January 6, 1917, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

General Fund 1916	\$1514.00
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Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

233 **- 342** 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 December 1916, to-wit:

Out of the 1916 General Fund for the following departments:

City Hall Expenditures	\$1640.50
Police	1230.30
Health	616.20
Hospital	950.00
Fire	3205.90
Fire Alarm	402.80
Engineering	950.00
Parks and Plazas	1550.00
Street Maintenance	1110.00
Street Cleaning and Sanitation	752.50
Market & Market House	30.00
Lights	4675.00
Water	4950.00
Rivers & Ditches	37.00
Police and Fire Station	472.70
Plumbing and Sewer Inspection	80.00
Sewer Construction	161.30
Contingencies	1725.90
Street Opening & Widening	155.00
Cemetery	5.00

Making total out of 1916 General Fund	\$24,600.00
Out of Street Paving Fund	34.20
	<u>\$24,634.20</u>

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 Lambert recommended that the petition of Grace Lutheran Sanatorium for renewal of permit to conduct a place where persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis are housed and kept (701 S. Zarzamora Street) be granted, in accordance with the favorable report of the Board of Health. Adopte.

Commissioner Lambert presented report of Health Department on averages of milk tests for the year 1916, which was ordered filed.

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

MB - 343 AN ORDINANCE

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

That the gift and conveyance of title to what is known as the "Poor House tract, between the upper Labor Ditch and the San Antonio River," and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County Texas, and in what is known as the Upper Field or Labor, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake set on the E. bank of the Upper Labor Ditch, about midway of the E. end of Lot 17, Range 1, District 3 of the City Tract of San Antonio, for the S.W. corner of Lot 1, of a subdivision of a portion of aforesaid Upper Labor which contained about 75 acres of land, and for the N.W. corner of this tract, thence with the S. line of said lot, S. 65 E. 292 varas to a stake set on W. bank of the San Antonio River for its S.E. corner and the N.E. corner of this tract; thence down the San Antonio river with its meanders a sufficient distance to make 280 varas at right angles to the said S. line of aforesaid lot 1, to a stake set on the W. bank of the San Antonio River for the S.E. corner of this tract; thence N. 65 W. 170 varas to a stake set on the E. bank of the Upper Labor Ditch with its meanders to the place of beginning, containing 10 acres of land, more or less, - by Bexar County to the City of San Antonio, the said Bexar County acting through its agents the Commissioners Court of Bexar County, by a resolution authorizing and directing the County Judge of Bexar County to execute and deliver a deed to ^{the} said City, said resolution being recorded in Volume "V" at page 540, and dated December 23, A.D. 1916; the said resolution and the deed executed and delivered thereunder by the said County judge each expressly providing that the said land should be used by the said City for "park purposes only", and each providing that upon the abandonment by the said City for the use for park purposes only, the reversion of the title to the said Bexar County;

That, therefore, this ordinance is to evidence and be the acceptance by the City of San Antonio from the said Bexar County of the title to the land so described to be used for park purposes only, and subject to the condition of reversion therein specified.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the name of "Davis Park" was given to the above described land conveyed to the City of San Antonio by Bexar County, in honor of Judge James R. Davis.

Commissioner Uhr introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.
No. 234

- 344 AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1000.00 out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Joe Binz for four horses for use in Fire Department.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Thousand Dollars, (\$1000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Joe Binz for four horses for use in Fire Department.

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.

Petition of Louis Kunkel Estate for building permit was granted on recommendation of Building Inspector.

Commissioner Uhr presented the following communication requesting approval of the dismissal of Pat O'Hara.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan'y 4th, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
of the City of San Antonio, City.

Gentlemen:

On January 2nd, 1917 and effective at once, I dismissed Pat E.O'Hara as custodian of the Central Fire and Police Building for neglect of his duties, and I now ask your Honorable Body to sustain my action.

Respectfully submitted,

Robt. F.Uhr,

Comr. Fire and Police.

After the introduction of several witnesses, both by Commissioner Uhr and Pat O'Hara, and much discussion, Mr Uhr's motion requesting the Commissioners to sustain his action, was lost on roll call by the following vote: Ayes, Kearny and Uhr, Nays, Brown, Garland, and Lambert. Commissioner Uhr thereupon read a statement to the Commissioners defending his position (which is not here recorded, he having retained the same after reading it)

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

~~MB-345~~ An ordinance granting permit to J.P.Jameson to operate Car No. 11590 in Local Street Transportation.

~~-346~~ An ordinance granting permit to H.W.Wagner to operate Car No. 11638 in Local Street Transportation.

~~-347~~ An ordinance granting permit to W.H.Lord to operate Car No. 11573 in Local Street Transportation.

Commissioner Uhr recommended that petition of Santiago Gasio for permit to change Jitney route, be granted. Adopted.

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

ATTEST:

John Smith
CITY CLERK.

APPROVED

Clinton G. Brown
MAYOR