

DECEMBER 19, 1946

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, AT TEN O'CLOCK,  
A. M., ON THURSDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

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The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, which were approved, as read, on motion of Comm. Hein, seconded by Comm. Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Comm. of Streets:

G. S. McCreless, for permit to install 8" sewer main on Ward Ave. between S. Hackberry and S. Pine Streets and make service charge for connections thereto.

Z. H. Hart, for approval of plats vacating and subdividing Lots 6 and 7, NCB 3610; to Comm. of Streets for investigation by City Engineer.

Frank T. Drought, two petitions, for approval of plats respectively vacating C. B. 8567, and subdividing Lots 34-37 inclusive, NCB 6724; to Comm. of Streets for investigation by City Engineer.

General Investment Corp., for approval of subdivision plat of City Block A-40; to Comm. of Streets for investigation by City Engineer.

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REFERRED to Comm. of Fire and Police:

Magnolia Petroleum Co., two petitions, for gasoline installation permits at 201 Meerscheidt St. and at 1246 S. Hackberry St.

Mrs. Frieda Queen, and others, for street light at corner of Tilden and Victor Sts.

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Masonic Center Co., for exemption from City Taxes on property at 123 Lexington Ave., referred to Comm. of Taxation.

R. L. White Co., asking re-zoning of certain property on Nogalitos St., referred to Zoning Commission.

I. C. Collins, and others, asking the closing of an alley in NCB 1482, and Petition of I. C. Collins to purchase alley in NCB 1482, both referred to Comm. of Taxation for appraisal, then to City Engineer, and both to report to Committee of the Whole.

Petitions of Colored Baptist Ministers Union, Corinth Baptist Church, and Miss Tennessee M. Bivings, and others, asking removal of salvage area (junk yard) located at corner of S. New Braunfels Ave. and Dakota St., all referred to Committee of the Whole.

Letter of Highland Park Lions Club, protesting the location of a baseball park on land just north of Eagle Field, and

Letter of R. S. Menefee, answering above protest of Highland Park Lions Club, both referred to Committee of the Whole.

Petition of Texas and New Orleans Railroad Co., for permit for spur track on S. Walnut and Indiana Sts., referred to City Engineer and Comm. of Fire and Police.

Copies of letters concerning taxicab revenues in various other cities, received by the Taxpayers Defense League, which were requested from Mr. C. G. Benham by the Council on December 5, 1946 -- referred to Comm. of Fire and Police.

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Comm. Callaghan introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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APPRO. NO. 532 AN ORDINANCE (4379)  
 APPROPRIATING \$32,374 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 533 AN ORDINANCE (4380)  
 APPROPRIATING \$61,765.18 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR MATERIALS,  
 EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 534 AN ORDINANCE (4381)  
 APPROPRIATING \$672.25 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 535 AN ORDINANCE (4382)  
 APPROPRIATING \$428.04 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND FUND FOR MATERIAL,  
 SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 536 AN ORDINANCE (4383)  
 APPROPRIATING \$1,421.55 OUT OF COMMERCE BUILDING FUND FOR MATERIAL,  
 SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 537 AN ORDINANCE (4384)  
 APPROPRIATING \$1,814.88 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS.,  
 TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 538 AN ORDINANCE (4385)  
 APPROPRIATING \$4.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINT. DEPT.,  
 FOR RE-ISSUANCE OF PAYROLL CHECK FOR ADOLFO JIMENEZ.

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APPRO. NO. 539 AN ORDINANCE (4386)  
 APPROPRIATING \$12.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, ZOO DEPT., FOR RE-  
 ISSUANCE OF PAYROLL CHECK FOR HILARIO VACA.

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APPRO. NO. 540 AN ORDINANCE (4387)  
 APPROPRIATING \$1,163 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO  
 PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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APPRO. NO. 541 AN ORDINANCE (4388)  
 APPROPRIATING \$12.95 TO PAY STEWART TITLE GUARANTY CO. FOR TAXES  
 PAID IN ERROR.

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APPRO. NO. 542 AN ORDINANCE (4389)  
 APPROPRIATING \$25 TO PAY SOUTHERN WINERY, INC., FOR REFUND FOR  
 LICENSE 1801 AS A FOOD PRODUCTS ESTABLISHMENT.

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Comm. Hein introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll  
 call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 543 AN ORLINANCE (4390)  
 APPROPRIATING \$62.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, BRACKENRIDGE GOLF  
 COURSE DEPT., TO PAY JESS CASTELLANO FOR 50 YARDS OF GRAVEL.

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A RESOLUTION (4391)  
 INVITING PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE 1 JUNK ALLIS CHALMERS TRACTOR.

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On recommendation of the City Engineer and pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the  
 Council approved vacating and subdivision plats of parts of Blocks 6 and 7, NCB 9046 and 9047,  
 submitted by Reynolds Andricks.

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Comm. Steffler introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 544

AN ORDINANCE (4392)

APPROPRIATING \$104.25 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY HENRY G. PERALES FOR PAVING INTERSECTIONS AND CONNECTING PAVEMENT ON SOUTH SAN JACINTO AND TAMPICO STREETS.

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APPRO. NO. 545

AN ORDINANCE (4393)

APPROPRIATING \$794.60 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, EMERGENCY ST. AND BRIDGE DEPT., TO PAY SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES FOR FREIGHT ON CAR OF BRIDGE STEEL.

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APPRO. NO. 546

AN ORDINANCE (4394)

APPROPRIATING \$32 OUT OF ST. OPENING AND WIDENING FUND OF 1926 TO PAY STEWART TITLE GUARANTY CO. FOR GUARANTY TITLE.

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APPRO. NO. 547

AN ORDINANCE (4395)

APPROPRIATING \$65 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

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AN ORDINANCE (4396)

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE MAKING CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND J. W. BERETTA ENGINEERS, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF A BRIDGE ACROSS SAN PEDRO CREEK AT RALPH STREET, AND ACCEPTING A SIMILAR CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND J. W. BERETTA ENGINEERS, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN OF A BRIDGE ACROSS APACHE CREEK AT SOUTH SAN MARCOS STREET, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

City Engineer Coghill stated the State Highway Dept. was going to build the Ralph St. bridge, so the contract was changed to the S. San Marcos St. bridge, giving the City an extra bridge through this arrangement.

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AN ORDINANCE (4397)

ACCEPTING EASEMENT FOR SEWER MAIN FROM TEXAS BAKERS CORPORATION.

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AN ORDINANCE (4398)

ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM FRANK L. MANLEY AND WIFE FOR SEWER MAIN.

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AN ORDINANCE (4399)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH H. H. NENTWICH.

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AN ORDINANCE (4400)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH J. A. YOUNG.

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AN ORDINANCE (4401)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH F. M. YOUNG.

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City Engineer Coghill presented a letter, with reference to the Petition of Pompeo Coppini and Mrs. Sam W. Long to close alley through NCB 7304, recommending that an appraisal be made to determine full value of the property and the appraisal be submitted to the petitioners.

The petition was accordingly referred to the Commissioner of Taxation for appraisal of the property.

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In each case on recommendation of Comm. Anderson and pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council granted the following petitions.

Gulf Oil Corp., for gasoline installation permit at 108 E. Guenther St.

Sinclair Refining Co., for gasoline filling and service station at northwest corner of Roosevelt Ave. and Mitchell St.

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Comm. Anderson introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 548

AN ORDINANCE (4402)

APPROPRIATING \$96 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, FIRE DEPT., TO PAY ROMAN GOMEZ FOR TWO DOZEN HEAVY HYDRANT WRENCHES.

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APPRO. NO. 549

AN ORDINANCE (4403)

APPROPRIATING \$51 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT., TO PAY A. J. WOITASKE, FOR PLASTERING IN THE DETECTIVE BUILDING.

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Comm. Anderson introduced on first reading the following proposed ordinance, which was placed on first reading pursuant to motion duly made and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Comm. Anderson stated the proposed ordinance would go into effect June 1, 1947, but he was introducing it at this time to remove the matter of salary increases for policemen and firemen as a political issue. He said the two departments are under civil service, and he intended, to the best of his ability, to keep them and any matter concerning them out of politics. The Clerk read the proposed ordinance in full.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING HOURS OF WORK, VACATIONS AND PAY IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO".

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 550

AN ORDINANCE (4404)

TRANSFERRING \$17,500 FROM 1946 GENERAL FUND, PROCEEDS OF NOTES ACCOUNT, TO 1946 GENERAL FUND, SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

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APPRO. NO. 551

AN ORDINANCE (4405)

APPROPRIATING \$69.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, PAUPER INTERMENT DEPT., FOR DIGGING OF GRAVES AND BURIAL OF PAUPERS DURING NOVEMBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 552

AN ORDINANCE (4406)

APPROPRIATING \$48.03 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD DEPT., TO PAY T & N O RR CO. FOR FREIGHT ON ONE CARLOAD OF TRAP ROCK.

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APPRO. NO. 553

AN ORDINANCE (4407)

APPROPRIATING \$180.99 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., POLIO CAMPAIGN, FOR MATERIALS & SUPPLIES FOR FOGGING MACHINE.

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APPRO. NO. 554

AN ORDINANCE (4408)

APPROPRIATING \$32 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLIO EMERGENCY DEPT., TO PAY TERPET OIL CO. FOR 400 GALLONS OF KEROSENE.

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APPRO. NO. 555

AN ORDINANCE (4409)

APPROPRIATING \$91 OUT OF COMMERCE BLDG. FUND TO PAY A. J. WOITASKE FOR PLASTERING ON 4TH FLOOR CITY HEALTH BLDG.

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Chairman Fred Pflughaupt of the Zoning Commission presented three reports on proposed rezoning of properties, as follows:

Recommending re-zoning as "F" Local Retail of City Blocks 1433, Lots 15 through 28; 1434, Lots 15 through 33; 1435, Lots 14 through 26; 1436, Lots 17 through 26; 1441, Lots 4 through 13; 1443, Lots 1 through 14; and 1444, Lots 1 through 14; on request of Mayor Mauermann and suggestion of Comm. Callaghan. (East Commerce St.)

Recommending re-zoning as "F" Local Retail of City Blocks 3413, Lots 23 through 26; 3422, Lots 9, 10, 15 through 18; 3426, Lots 21-22 and 40-43; 3427, Lots 18, 19, and 33 through 36; 3434, Lots 14 and 15; 3916, Lots 7 through 14; 7343, Lots 1 through 3; 7344, Lots 1 through 6; 7345, Lots 1 through 3; 7346, Lots 1 through 6; 7347, Lots 1 through 3; on petition of Ben Nathan. (Nogalitos St.)

Recommending re-zoning as "F" Local Retail of City Blocks 3435, Lots 17 through 20; 3442, Lots 13, 14, and 18 through 20; 3443, Lots 1 through 4; 3466, Lots 119 through 124; 6927, Lots 1 through 11; 6931, Lots 1 through 6; on petition of Alexander Brenner and others. (Nogalitos St.)

Comm. Anderson moved that these re-zoning matters be set for public hearing at the second regular Council Meeting in January. Following a second by Comm. Callaghan, the motion was carried and the following Resolution passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

A RESOLUTION (4410)

GIVING NOTICE OF A HEARING ON JANUARY 9TH, 1947, OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS, ETC., PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1938, FOR THE RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON EAST COMMERCE ST. AND NOGALITOS ST.

Comm. Anderson suggested that the City take steps to acquire the Arsenal property, stating that it is now obvious that San Antonio is going to lose the Arsenal; that the City should by all means have Martinez St. extended through the Arsenal property to Flores St., providing a cross-town artery, which can be done without destruction of a single building; that a north-south traffic artery should also be extended through the Arsenal property, possibly to connect with Probandt St., which would help in handling traffic. He added that the City is furnishing office space to various federal and state government agencies, while the City's own governmental agencies are scattered all over the City. He said he believed the Arsenal property could best be used as a City and government center, providing adequate space for shops, etc., as well as space for the outside agencies, at a saving to the City. He said such a plan would find adequate parking space provided by the Arsenal grounds for the employees, with many employees going east, west and south to their homes, without being required to go through the heavy downtown traffic. He said it would provide adequate space for repair shops and warehouses for departments under Comms. Steffler and Hein, and added that the property is served by a railroad spur track.

Comm. Anderson moved that the Mayor be empowered to notify the various agencies of the federal government, as necessary, that the City of San Antonio is definitely interested in obtaining this site for the purposes as outlined.

Mayor Mauermann called the Council's attention to the program of the state and federal governments to provide traffic arteries and aids to the Expressway. He said he thought the first step by the City should be to ask the federal government for rights-of-way through the Arsenal property in keeping with this program. He said he believed the federal government would give the City such rights-of-way if requested and also would provide right-of-way for the badly-needed widening of South Flores St. He said he agreed with the idea of extending Martinez St.

Comm. Anderson replied that it would be "all right to break it down any way you want to".

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Comm. Steffler said the City had carried on negotiations in vain 15 years ago, seeking to open a street through the Arsenal property, or an underpass, and he had gone to Washington then and tried to work it out but it had been given up as too costly. He said he favored the idea of acquiring the property, but the City could not pay \$6,000,000 for it.

Comm. Anderson replied that the City should not have to pay anything, that the City was entitled to some form of compensatory damages for the removal of various federal agencies from San Antonio. He said that if it was necessary to pay for the property, the City could raise the money by selling some of the downtown property now used by the City government agencies.

Comm. Callaghan said he agreed with the Mayor's plan, rather than that of Comm. Anderson; that he thought the matter of first importance was to open streets through the Arsenal property; and that he thought, as Tax Commissioner, that the Council should consider getting more property on the tax rolls.

Comm. Anderson replied that the Tax Commissioner had his opportunity to put more property on the tax rolls a few months ago.

Mayor Mauermann said he would like to have Comm. Steffler included in the motion, because of the street matters involved.

Comm. Anderson said he would include Comm. Steffler, but did not want to lose the principal objective of the motion -- to obtain the property.

Mayor Mauermann said he understood the motion, then, was for himself and Comm. Steffler to take up this matter, first to obtain the rights of way for streets, and, second, looking to the acquisition of the entire Arsenal property.

After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion, as amended, was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Mayor Mauermann told the Council that Phelps, Fenn & Co. and Rauscher, Pierce & Co., and Associates, whose bid for the \$5,700,000 Bond Issue was accepted October 18, 1946, had asked for the return of their bid check, since the City had been unable to furnish them with the unqualified opinion of Chapman and Cutler.

On motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council authorized the City Clerk to release the check.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council ordered City Hall closed at noon on Christmas Eve and all day Christmas Day.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Regular Council Meeting was adjourned on Thursday, December 19, 1946.

APPROVED:

Mayor Mauermann  
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ATTEST:

Frank B...  
City Clerk

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