

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER, AT ELEVEN
O'CLOCK, A.M., ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 1946, SITTING AS A
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

The Mayor and Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole, at the call of the Mayor, in the Office of the Street Commissioner, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Monday, May 13, 1946, and considered and acted upon the following:

Mayor Mauermann reported on meeting he had had with the City Health Board, the State Health Officer and Army representatives over Saturday and Sunday, at which steps were taken to combat the polio epidemic. He said it was going to be necessary for the Health Department to hire 60 more inspectors to meet this emergency, and plans had been laid to obtain them under the G.I. Bill of Rights, with the City contributing \$35 a month toward the salary of each such emergency inspector. He said they would be hired for a minimum of six months, therefore extending five months into the next fiscal year. He said this would require a maximum of \$30,000.00 to be expended by the City.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the expenditure of a maximum of \$30,000.00, or as much thereof as needed, for this purpose, be authorized. After a second by Commissioner Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Following discussion, Commissioner Anderson moved that the Mayor be empowered to contact the contestants of the September 25, 1945, City Bond Issue Election, through the City Attorney and the City Clerk, and request that they withdraw their contest only to the one proposition of Garbage Disposal Bonds, in the amount of \$300,000.00, to permit construction to begin immediately on the incinerator or incinerators urgently needed to combat the polio epidemic. After a second by Commissioner Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. Commissioner Callaghan stated he did not think materials necessary to the construction were available.

On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Committee ordered a telegram of thanks dispatched to the DDT Products Corp. of Houston, for their offer of assistance in the polio fight. This action was suggested by the Mayor, who said he had accepted the offer of aid.

Commissioner Anderson reported he had made a personal investigation of a complaint concerning the pauper burial ground at San Jose Burial Park and had found that burials were being made there in violation of City ordinances. He said he had also received corroborating reports on this matter from City policemen he had detailed to make an additional investigation.

Mayor Mauermann said he would entertain a motion that the police department file complaints against any and all persons responsible for the violations and that Commissioner Hein investigate and discharge all employees whom he finds to be at fault.

When no motion was forthcoming, the Mayor offered it himself.

Commissioner Anderson stated he believed Commissioner Hein would make the necessary investigation without such motion.

Commissioner Hein seconded the motion, which was then carried by roll call vote, to-wit:

Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan.

Mayor Mauermann suggested that a public hearing be held on the tentative budget for the next fiscal year before June 1, when the new fiscal year begins. He requested that all departments prepare detailed "breakdowns" of their proposed budgets to facilitate discussion, and proposed that the hearing be held the last week in May.

Discussion followed on proposals for uniform wage scales for all departments, uniform vacation periods, security against illness or accidents, and civil service. The Mayor suggested that a small amount be set up in the next budget to make a study of the civil service and related proposals.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Mayor be empowered to have drawn up a tentative plan looking to the cost and other details of a uniform system of civil service. After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Gust B Mauermann

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Brady
City Clerk

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