

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SCHENKER, A. C. WHITE, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, EASLEY, LESTER,
GONZALEZ

ABSENT: NONE

Invocation by Rev. Jno F. Winter - Beitel Memorial Lutheran Church

On motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Easley, the reading of the minutes
of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

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The Clerk then read the following resolution which was adopted by a unanimous
vote.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE REGRETS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AT THE
PASSING OF COLONEL W. B. TUTTLE

WHEREAS, the Lord, in His Wisdom, has called Colonel W. B. Tuttle to
His heavenly home, he having passed from this life during the night of
September 8th-9th, 1954; and

WHEREAS, Colonel has been very active for many years in all civic
work in the City of San Antonio, and at the time of his death was engaged
in advancing the interests of the City of San Antonio in the Flood Pre-
vention work here; and,

WHEREAS, Colonel Tuttle was beloved by all his fellow San Antonians,
and the City Council of the City of San Antonio desires to express its regret
at his passing; NOW, THEREFORE:-

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the members of the City Council hereby express the regrets of each
individual member at the passing of our beloved Colonel Tuttle from this
life, and express the appreciation of the entire City for his untiring
efforts, throughout his life, for the good of the City of San Antonio.

That the sincere sympathy of each member of the City Council, and that
of the entire City, is expressed to Mrs. W. B. Tuttle in her great loss.

That the City Clerk is ordered to spread this Resolution upon the Minutes
of this Council, and send a copy of the same to Mrs. W. B. Tuttle.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September A. D. 1954.

R. L. Lester
Mayor

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES,
Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez;
NAYS, none; ABSENT, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,507

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF FRED MAY & SONS AT 107 BELLA VISTA

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 270)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES,
Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez;
NAYS, none.

September 9, 1954.

AN ORDINANCE 20,508

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF FRED MAY & SONS AT 119 BELLA VISTA

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 270)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none;

AN ORDINANCE 20,509

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CHARLES A. MACHA AND WIFE AT 812 CANTERBURY HILL

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 270)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,510

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK AT 1301 WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 270)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,511

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK AT 1309 WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 270)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,512

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK AT 1311 WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 271)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,513

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON TRACT A-SAN JOSE PLAZA MISSION LANDS, NCB 7664, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 271)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,514

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 23, 24, 28 and PARTS OF 25, AND 27, NCB 7658, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 271)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,515

GRANTING THE PETITION OF RIVERSIDE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 9, AND 10, BLOCK 1, NCB 3065, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 272)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,516

GRANTING THE PETITION OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON THE E. 7.34 FT. OF 6, AND W. 42.66 FT. OF 7, BLOCK 19, NCB 8334, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 272)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

AN ORDINANCE 20,517

TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS (\$15.00) COLLECTED FROM DAMAGES TO PARKING METER 542 IN 100 BLOCK OF WEST PECAN STREET FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUND

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 272)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

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AN ORDINANCE 20,518

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM ALPHONSE B. GROTHEUS, ARTHUR A. GROTHEUS, MAURICE G. GROTHUES, JOHN WILLIAM GROTHEUS, JOSEPH GROTHEUS, AND PHIL GROTHEUS, DBA GUADALUPE LUMBER COMPANY CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN NCB 9026 FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3000.00) TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 273)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none;

AN ORDINANCE 20,519

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WITH SIGNAL CABLE FOR THE NET AMOUNT OF \$2,996,94

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 273)

The following ordinance was read:

AN ORDINANCE 20,520

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO CONTRACT WITH THE LAW FIRM OF MCCALL, PARKHURST & CROWE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY BONDS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 273)

When the above ordinance was read a discussion ensued when the Mayor asked Mr. Richard Cox to explain a plan he had in mind to sell all \$11,000,000.00 of bonds authorized instead of \$5,000,000. To allow the money to draw interest in the bank at a higher rate than that paid. The matter was thoroughly discussed and the roll was then called with the following results on the adoption of the ordinance. AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, A. C. White, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester; NAYS, none; NOT VOTING, GONZALEZ.

The following resolution was then introduced:-

A RESOLUTION

REMOVING RALPH H. WINTON FROM THE OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of San Antonio passed and approved a resolution on the 12th day of August, 1954, stating its intentions to remove Ralph H. Winton as City Manager and giving the reasons therefor; and

WHEREAS, said Council immediately thereafter passed and approved a resolution suspending Ralph H. Winton from duty as City Manager of the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the said Ralph H. Winton has not requested a public hearing on the question of his removal within the twenty (20) days provided in Section 45 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That Ralph H. Winton, be and he is hereby removed as City Manager of the City of San Antonio.
2. That said final removal shall be effective immediately.
3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of September A. D. 1954.

R. L. Lester
Mayor

Discussion was held between Mr. Scherlen and Mr. Schenker as to whether or not Mr. Winton's failure to ask for a hearing was or was not in fact a resignation.

The roll was called on the adoption of the resolution which carried with the following vote: AYES, STEVENS, Schenker, A. C. White, R. N. White, Easley, Lester; NAYS, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez.

The next matter called up was the resignation of A. C. White as Councilman which has been pending since August 17th. Mr. Scherlen took the floor to protest against its acceptance and castigated Mr. White most severely stating that his resignation was an act of cowardice because he is afraid to face the people in a recall election. He then voted "No".

After Mrs. Stevens voted "Aye", Mr. Schenker replied to Mr. Scherlen and cited the many battles Mr. White has fought when in good health and listed numerous things done by him for the good of the city. He then voted "AYE". Mr. Russell stated that due to the health of Mr. White he would not vote. R. N. White, Easley, Lester and Gonzalez voted "AYE".

Mr. R. N. White then moved that nominations be in order for a successor to the post vacated by Mr. A. C. White. Mr. Easley nominated Mr. Ottis A. West, seconded by Mrs. Stevens. Mr. Gonzalez nominated Valmo Bellinger, G. J. Sutton, Tom McGowan, and A. B. Barker.

A motion was made by Mr. Russell to postpone action on a vote for councilman until Monday. After a five minute recess, the motion was voted down. AYES, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez. NAYS, Stevens, Schenker, White, Easley, Lester.

A vote was then taken on the nomination of Mr. West as follows: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, White, Easley, Lester; NOT VOTING, Russell, Gonzalez.

Mr. Schenker then moved that Mr. R. L. Lester be elected Mayor; seconded by Mrs. Stevens the motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Stevens, Schenker, White, Easley, and Lester. NAYS, Scherlen; NOT VOTING, Russell, Gonzalez.

Mr. Easley then nominated Mrs. Thelma Stevens for Mayor Pro-tem; seconded by White, the motion carried: AYES, Stevens, Schenker, White, Easley and Lester; NAYS, Scherlen; NOT VOTING, Russell and Gonzalez.

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, White, Lester; ABSENT, Easley; NOT VOTING, Gonzalez.

AN ORDINANCE 20,521

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL OF DEWAR, ROBERTSON & PANCOAST, FIRST OF TEXAS CORPORATION, AND M. E. ALLISON & CO., INC., TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENTS AND ADVISORS TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 IN EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY BONDS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 274)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, White, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,522

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 RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN CASE NO. 385, ALL OF NCB 10,234 ST. HEDWIG ROAD HWY 90, COLISEUM DRIVE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 274)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, R. N. White, Lester; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Easley; NOT VOTING, Gonzalez.

AN ORDINANCE 20,523

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROY L. POPE AND SPILLERS COMPANY, CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS, FOR A DETAILED AUDIT OVER THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1, 1953, THROUGH JULY 31, 1954, OF ALL THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY EXCEPT THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT, WATER WORKS AND ROBERT B. GREEN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$21,000.00, OR SO MUCH THEREOF AS MAY BE NECESSARY, OUT OF THE 1954 GENERAL FUND, AUDITING, ACCOUNT NO. 56-03-01, FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF.

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 275)

The following letter from the City Clerk was read:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and referred to Dr. George W. Rice, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 8-31-54 Petition of Jehovah's Witnesses - Olmos Unit requesting tax exemption of Lot A - CB 5851, NCB 11924
- 9-2-54 Petition of Mr. Newton A. Evans, et al, requesting improvement of drainage conditions in the seven and eight hundred blocks of John Page Drive.
- 9-2-54 Petition of Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of the City of San Antonio, requesting tax exemption of Lots 1 - 20, NCB 9456.
- 9-2-54 Petition of Manuel Almaguer, Jr., et al, requesting the repair of Stribling Street.
- 9-7-54 Petition of American Legion Bonnie Brae Post requesting tax exemption of 2.71 acres, CB 5131 out of M. G. De Alaniz grant.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

Hearing was next held on Zoning Case #386 to rezone from A to F Lots 13, 14, Block 1, New City Block 10480, Hwy 90 West and 42nd Street. No one appearing, Mr. White moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and adopt the ordinance. AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, White, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,524

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 RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, CASE NO. 386, Lots 13 and 14, BLOCK 1, NCB 10,480. FROM "A" RES. TO "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 275)

Hearing was held on Zoning Case #377 to rezone Tract A 40, (CB A29) on Fair Avenue. No one appearing to be heard, on motion of Mr. White the Council voted to adopt the ordinance. AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,525

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 RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN. CASE NO. 377, TO RE-ZONE FROM "B" RESIDENCE TO "F" LOCAL RETAIL THE SOUTH 200 FEET OF TRACT A-40, (CB A-29) FRONTING ON FAIR AVENUE ON THE SOUTH, MARGETTS STREET ON THE NORTH, NOPAL STREET ON THE EAST AND STAFIELD STREET ON THE WEST

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 276)

Zoning Case #388 was then called. Mr. Edward W. Penshorn appeared to ask the council to recess the case due to the fact that Mr. Peace, the Attorney for Mr. Lowery, was absent from the City. Mr. Hardie, Attorney for certain Shearer Hills residents, protested any further postponement. Mr. Bickett, Attorney for other residents, asked that the matter be referred back to the Planning Commission for further study. After prolonged discussion, the council voted to refer it back to Planning Commission. AYES, Stevens, Schenker, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, Scherlen; ABSENT, White, Easley.

The following letter from A. C. White was read by the Clerk.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
AND MY FRIENDS IN SAN ANTONIO.

Inasmuch as Mr. Ralph Winton declined to appear for a public hearing and permit us to put in the record our reasons for discharging him as City Manager, I deem it appropriate to now reveal in some detail my personal reasons for voting to discharge Mr. Winton - reasons that may or may not represent the views of the other members of the council, whom I have not consulted since I decided to make my own personal reasons a part of the public record:

1 - Ralph Winton failed and refused to keep the city council "fully advised as to the financial condition and needs of the city", as required of the city manager by sec. 45, Par. 4 of the charter. He made his reports only in a oral, fragmentary manner for newspaper consumption, such as stating "I have saved the city such and such sums and we are now in fine condition".

He also failed and refused to comply with Sec. 111 which required the city manager to "prepare and submit an Independent Audit as of the end of each fiscal year, and to publish same." No audit was made or published by Mr. Winton, and our information is that the books are not in shape for completion of such an audit at this time.

Mr. Winton, as City Manager, failed and refused to discharge his important duties as "Chief conservator of the peace and head of the police dept." as detailed in Sec. 45, Par. 8 of the city charter.

At the personal direction of Mr. Winton, the chief of police refused to quell an incipient riot in the council chamber at a regular meeting of the city council scheduled to be held Monday, August 9. As Mayor and presiding officer at that meeting I personally requested the chief of police to restore order in the council chamber - but my request was contemptuously ignored by the chief of police on direct orders of his superior, City Manager Winton, and the riot developed to the point where the city council was forced to adjourn and flee in disorder - the first time in the history of Bexar County and San Antonio where a regularly scheduled meeting of a governing body was broken up in a riot.

Mr. Winton also violated both the intent and provisions of the city charter when he personally intervened in a police matter and caused to be made a false and spurious report on the killing by a police officer of John W. Caldwell. This false report was made and accepted as official on direct orders and with full knowledge of Mr. Winton and stood as final until publication by the LIGHT newspaper of photos at the scene of the killing which refuted the first report - and resulted in a grand jury indictment for murder - a charge which the officer is now facing.

Mr. Winton, as "chief conservator of the peace", also failed and refused to carry out the orders of the council to "give relief to San Antonio's dangerous and congested traffic conditions", as pledged by the elected members of the council in Plank No. 12 of our campaign platform in 1953. Members of the council sought vainly to have Mr. Winton make these improvements.

As designated head of the Finance Dept., City Manager Winton violated Sec. 97, Par. 1 of the city charter in that he called back into official session the Board of Equalization on May 26, 1954 to hear and reduce substantially assessments of a small group of taxpayers, refusing to hear the complaints of thousands of small taxpayers. This meeting of the Board of Equalization was called by Mr. Winton more than four months after it had expired as stated in Sec. 97: "The said Board shall complete its work annually by the 15th of January".

Mr. Winton also violated both charter provisions and the laws of Texas governing the levy and collection of taxes in that he condoned a revision involving thousands of dollars in the tax rolls after the final audit of the tax rolls was certified to the council on March 9, 1954; he also permitted the stamp of the board of equalization to be illegally affixed to several thousands tax records; he permitted the tax dept. to continue to be run by a man who never took the required oath of office as detailed in the state laws and applicable to San Antonio; he personally ordered notices of increase assessments to be sent to more 80,000 taxpayers in the fall of 1953 against the advice and instructions of the city council members, thus forcing increases on these home owners without it being possible to give them their just and fair hearing.

In conclusion, I will state that in my judgment, Mr. Winton never met the requirements of Sec. 45, Par. 1 of the city charter that says "The City Council shall appoint a City Manager who shall be chosen on the basis of the executive and administrative qualifications". Mr. Winton was hired by a council majority

of five members at a meeting held on a weekend in the home of Mr. Al Jergins - and confirmed on the following Monday.

At the time this council majority employed Mr. Winton and set his salary at \$16,000 per year, he was employed as a minor executive or foreman in a local clothing plant at a salary slightly more than one third that given him as city manager on orders of Mr. Al Jergins - to whom Mr. Winton was then and continues to be affectionately called by Mr. Jergins, "My boy, Winton".

Shortly after Mr. Jergins succeeded in forcing Mr. Winton on this council majority, Mr. Jergins began promoting a charter change that would make the elected mayor "the strong man" of the city government - a promotion evidently initiated with a view of having Mr. Winton elected in due time as the "strong Man" of the city hall, under direction of Mr. Jergins.

It is my sincere belief that Mr. Winton has habitually and consistently sought to sabotage and wreck Council Manager Government in San Antonio for the purpose of being elected in due time as the Mayor under the Jergins charter amendments making him the perpetual strong man.

In carrying out this design, Mr. Winton has spent much of his time away from the city hall, making speeches, welcoming visitors and making headlines in the press - duties not sanctioned either by the charter of business usage for a high salaried city employee.

It will be recalled that I began my public career in 1949 by composing Council Manager government for San Antonio. In my judgment we have never had Council Manager, except for the brief interval when Mr. Reynolds Andricks was acting City Manager. City Manager government, as we have seen, will not work; and Council Manager has never had a fair trial; but it is my conviction that Council Manager, with the people in control is the most efficient type of city government; and the city manager government, with non-elected bosses in control, is among the least desirable. In fact any type government subject to control of bosses can never succeed in serving the people.

Our charter requires that the City Manager "shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of all affairs of the city." Both the record and the testimony of other members of the council will abundantly prove that Mr. Winton seldom if ever consulted with either the mayor or members of the council; that he habitually and notoriously sought advice and instructions only from Mr. Al Jergins; that he defied the council orders and directives repeatedly; and that his arrogance and misplaced loyalties have brought on added burdens to the small taxpayers whom he disdainfully ignored and resulted in chaos and confusion and disorder that has brought our city government into disrepute and forfeited in large measure the confidence of the taxpayers.

Therefore, I want my last official act on this council to be a vote to discharge Mr. Winton.

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September 9, 1954

The Clerk then read the following letter from Mr. Ottis A. West:-

Acting City Manager and
Members of the City Council
of the City of San Antonio

Gentlemen:

I hereby resign, effective immediately, as a member of the
Municipal Civil Service Commission of the City of San Antonio.

Thanking you for the opportunity of having served on this
Commission.

/s/ Ottis A. West

The resignation was accepted by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens,
Schenker, Russell, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, White & Easley.

Mr. Ottis A. West was then sworn in as Councilman and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

R. L. Lester
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Malloy
City Clerk

ADDENDUM

At a conference in the office of the City Manager before the council
met, the matter of appointment of members of the Board of Equalization was discussed.

Mr. R. N. White submitted nine names of possible members which were
suggested by the Real Estate Board and five other names were suggested at the meeting,
as follows:

RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY THE SAN ANTONIO
REAL ESTATE BOARD:

Sylvester Loughlin
R. L. Patterson
P. J. Kirkpatrick
H. E. Been
Carl Gunn
Raymond Wright
Jimmy Word
Bill Allison
P. E. Schilling

RECOMMENDED NAMES FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AS SUBMITTED BY OTHER SOURCES:

G. J. Valdes
W. R. Fox
A. C. Martin
A. A. Algelt
Mrs. Mary Rylander