MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE STREET COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL, AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M., ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st, 1946.

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

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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 3:00 o'clock, P.M., on Wednesday, May 1, 1946, and considered and acted upon the following:

1. Authorized the City Attorney to enter agreed judgment for $10,000 in the case of Kenneth Helmle, et al, vs. City of San Antonio. Helmle, a minor, was burned in a gasoline explosion in the Garbage Dept. Shops on August 3, 1945. This action was taken on the recommendation of the City Attorney, motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein, absent.

2. Authorized payment of $125 to Arthur Chadwell for damage to his automobile on April 13th, 1946, when, it was claimed, he ran into a chain across the road on Alpine Drive. This action was taken on the recommendation of the City Attorney, motion by Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein, absent.

3. Referred for further study the petition of Harlandale Independent School District, for the closing of streets, viz., Berlin between Aviation and Clinton Sts., and Clinton between Berlin and Highland Sts. Commissioner Anderson said he and Commissioner Steffler would inspect the streets named in the petition and report back to the Committee of the Whole.

4. Denied the petition of Mrs. F. El Routledge to close alley in NCB 1607, between Piedmont and Aransas Aves., as abutting property owners had not been contacted by petitioner. This action was on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein, absent.

5. Rejected the offer of Ben F. Foster to purchase the portions of Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 115, Alamo Heights (owned by City of San Antonio), above the 728-foot contour line in Olmos Basin, for $800, as the Tax Department had appraised the value of this property at $1200. This action was on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler, Anderson; Nay, Hein, absent.

6. Referred to Tax Department for appraisal two petitions:

Better Homes Development Co., Inc., asking that Ramona St. east of Colonial Drive, bounding NCB 8464 be vacated and sold to petitioners; and,

Bonifacio Lopez, et al, for closing of un-named alley abutting the city block bounded by 12th, Depot, Alamo and Oak Sts., and sale to petitioners.

7. Referred to Commissioner Hein, the petition of Marshall Aguilar, and others, for cleaning of Martinez Creek and improvement of Cassiano Park. Instructed the Clerk to write petitioners that this referral had been made, and that Commissioner Steffler stated to the Committee that the area described in this petition is included in plans for sewer extensions and improvements which are to be voted on in the City Bond Issue Election May 28th, and that he has directed Mr. Hans Helland, engineer, to negotiate with the City Water Board for adequate water service for that area.

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There followed a discussion on the need for water extensions and improvements in the areas where new sewers are planned under the Sewer Bond Issue to be voted on May 28, 1946.

Following the discussion, Mayor Mauermann moved that the Council Water Committee, heretofore appointed, make a report on the need for water facilities in the locations where sewers are planned under the bond issue, and work with the City Water Board and report back to the Council on those areas needing water, the size of mains needed, fire plug requirements, and other facilities needed, and if the Water Board refuse to make the needed improvements, then the City Council will pass an ordinance directing that these water installations be made.

After a second by Commissioner Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Hein, absent.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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APPROVED:

Geo B Mauermann

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank J Bundy

City Clerk

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