

April 8, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY  
APRIL 8, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: SHEARER, A. C. WHITE

Invocation by Rev. W. E. Brown of Palm Heights Church of Christ.

On motion of Mr. Lester seconded by Mr. Gonzalez the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

Mayor Russell then announced that we have distinguished visitors in the chamber whom he wished to introduce. He first introduced Mr. Eugene Cook, Attorney General of the State of Georgia, and after presenting him to the audience he honored him by proclaiming him Honorary Mayor of La Villita. The Mayor then introduced Mrs. Cook who was with her husband and on behalf of the Council, Mrs. Stevens made appropriate remarks in presenting Mrs. Cook a La Villita Plate.

Mrs. Cook addressed the council briefly in thanks.

After Mr. & Mrs. Cook were seated, the Mayor called Attorney General and Mrs. John Ben Sheppard to the dais and presented a scroll making him Honorary Mayor of La Villita and Mrs. Sheppard was presented an orchid corsage and a La Villita Plate by Mrs. Stevens on behalf of the Council. The Attorney General then made a few remarks after which the council turned to the regular business of the day.

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,083

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF BENITEAU'S AND SANANTEX OIL COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH CERTAIN ITEMS OF TIRES AND TUBES FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,864.50

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. Page 581 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,084

APPROPRIATING \$75.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO "STREET EXCAVATION TRUST FUND" FOR REFUNDS TO A. E. FRASCH (\$25.00); FRED KELLY (\$25.00) AND H. L. SHELTON (\$25.00)

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 581 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,085  
(See following page)

AN ORDINANCE 20,085

APPROPRIATING \$24.91 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO "STREET EXCAVATION TRUST FUND" FOR REFUNDS TO A. D. COOPER (\$8.81) AND ORVAL SHUBERT (\$16.10)

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 582 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,086

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF UARCO INCORPORATED TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH 60,000 SETS RECORD ARREST FORMS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1278.00

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 582 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,087

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND TOM RANDOL, DBA RANDOL TV SALES AND SERVICE

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 582 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,088

TRANSFERRING \$287.35 FROM JOINT STREET IMPROVEMENT, SECTION "A" CITY'S SHARE OF DEPOSIT TO JOINT STREET IMPROVEMENT, SECTION "B", TO MAKE UP SHORTAGE IN SECTION "B" FUND FOR REFUND TO PROPERTY OWNERS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 583 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,089

AUTHORIZING \$490.78 AS TOTAL REFUND OF AMOUNTS PAID BY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR JOINT STREET IMPROVEMENT, SECTION B, WEST SIDE STABILIZATION PROJECT, SOUTH SIDE OF VERA CRUZ STREET, AND APPROPRIATING SAID SUMS OUT OF FUND 7-26 FOR SAID REFUNDS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 583 )

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The following ordinance was introduced but failed to pass by the following vote:  
Ayes, Gonzalez; Nays, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester; Absent,  
Shearer, A. C. White.

## AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$45.00 TO EDWIN  
P. CRANDELL, JR., IN PAYMENT FOR LOSS OF HIS  
GABARDINE OVERCOAT WHILE UNDER THE CUSTODY  
AND CONTROL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON JANUARY  
24, 1954

The following ordinance was introduced by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens,  
Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

## AN ORDINANCE 20,090

NAMING AND DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF THE SOUTH  
SIDE ARTERY (SOUTHERN EXTENSION) WHICH EXTENDS  
IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FROM RIVERVIEW DRIVE TO  
THELKA STREET, AND WHICH BISECTS AND DIVIDES NEW  
CITY BLOCKS 2906, 2907, AND THE BLOCK LYING BETWEEN  
NEW CITY BLOCKS 2908, AND 2910 AND BETWEEN SUN AND  
MOON STREETS, THENCE SOUTH THROUGH AND BISECTING NEW  
CITY BLOCKS 2911 AND RUNNING BETWEEN N.C.B. 3225 AND  
3848; THENCE SOUTHWARDLY BISECTING N.C.B. 3849 AND  
THENCE ADJACENT TO AND THROUGH NEW CITY BLOCKS 3226,  
3400, 3233, THENCE THROUGH N.C.B. 6102, THENCE THROUGH  
N.C.B. 3381, AS PROBANDT STREET

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 584 )

The following ordinance was introduced by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens,  
Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

## AN ORDINANCE 20,091

PROVIDING THAT THE NAME OF THE STREET NOW KNOWN  
AND DESIGNATED AS COTTAGE STREET, EXTENDING SOUTH  
FROM MITCHELL STREET TO RIVERVIEW ADJACENT TO AND  
FORMING THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF NEW CITY BLOCKS  
6732, 6733 AND 6734, BE AND IS HEREBY CHANGED AND  
RENAMING SAID STREET PROBANDT STREET

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 585 )

The following ordinance was introduced by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens,  
Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White,

## AN ORDINANCE 20,092

NAMING AND DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF THE SOUTH  
SIDE ARTERY (SOUTHERN EXTENSION) WHICH EXTENDS IN  
A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FROM CARLE AVENUE TO MITCHELL  
STREET AND WHICH BISECTS AND DIVIDES NEW CITY BLOCKS  
6866, 6489, 6488 AND 6487 AS PROBANDT STREET

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 585 )

The following ordinance was introduced by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens,  
Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

## AN ORDINANCE 20,093

PROVIDING FOR CHANGING THE NAME OF THAT STREET  
WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS PROBANDT  
STREET EXTENDING SOUTHWARD FROM CARLE AVENUE TO  
MITCHELL STREET ADJACENT TO AND FORMING THE EASTERN  
BOUNDARY OF NEW CITY BLOCKS 6489, 6488 AND 6487  
FROM THE NAME OF PROBANDT STREET TO KING ROGER STREET

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 585 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,094

GRANTING THE PETITION OF LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK 1, N.C.B. 2246, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 586 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,095

GRANTING THE PETITION OF NEW HOPE MISSION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 9, BLOCK 21, N.C.B. 8992, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 586 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,096

GRANTING THE PETITION OF ST. MATTHEWS BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 2, BLOCK 5, N.C.B. 10341, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 586 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,097

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 30 & 31, BLOCK 6, N.C.B. 8996, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 587 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,098

GRANTING THE PETITION OF ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 22, BLOCK 2, N.C.B. 6635, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 587 )

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

## AN ORDINANCE 20,099

GRANTING THE PETITION OF TRIED STONE BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 20, AND E., 1/2 OF 19, BLOCK 8, N.C.B. 1365, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 587 )

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

## AN ORDINANCE 20,100

GRANTING THE PETITION OF MEBANE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 41, BLOCK 1, N.C.B. 7596, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 588 )

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

## AN ORDINANCE 20,101

GRANTING THE PETITION OF PILGRIM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON E. 40 FEET OF LOT 9, AND W. 25 FEET OF LOT 10, BLOCK 19, N.C.B. 9688, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 588 )

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

## A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY PARTS TO PLACE IN SERVICE 116 DAMAGED PARKING METERS, BIDS TO BE OPENED APRIL 19, 1954

The following <sup>resolution</sup> ~~ordinance~~ was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

## A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TEXAS A & M RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE MODIFICATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF A TORNADO WARNING RADAR SET TO UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU STATION, SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, FOR THE SUM OF \$6,000.00 AND ALLOCATING \$4,000.00 AS THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE COST, INCLUDING THE COST OF INSTALLATION

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 589 )

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,102

AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF \$15.00 OUT OF 1953 GENERAL FUND UNPLEDGED, CLAIMS & REFUNDS, TO SELESTINO TOVAR, AS REFUND OF CASH BOND, PER LETTER ATTACHED

( Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 588 )

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO BE OPENED APRIL 16, 1954, FOR THE MOVING OF A CITY-OWNED BUILDING FROM STINSON HOMES TO HARLANDALE PARK AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOUNDATION THEREFOR

The following ordinance was presented for the purpose of getting the definite commitment of the City Council on the proposed median strip on Broadway between Josephine Street and Burr Road. The Council members had in pre-council made a decision to turn down the proposal. The vote was taken on the adoption of the ordinance: Ayes, None; Nays, SCHERLEN, STEVENS, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, EASLEY, LESTER, GONZALEZ; Absent, SHEARER, A. C. WHITE.

AN ORDINANCE

DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO AUTHORIZE AND EXPEDITE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ESPLANADE DOWN BROADWAY AVENUE FROM JOSEPHINE STREET TO BURR ROAD IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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

That the City Manager be, and he is hereby directed to authorize and expedite the construction of an esplanade down the center of that portion of Broadway Avenue extending between Josephine Street and Burr Road in the City of San Antonio; such esplanade shall be constructed in conformity with those plans and specifications prepared and submitted by Stuart Fisher, Traffic Engineer, said plans and specifications being attached hereto and made a part hereof for all relevant purposes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 1954.

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

By:

ATTEST:

City Clerk

After the passage of the ordinance was defeated, Mr. R. N. White moved that the City Manager and the City Attorney be instructed to devise ways and draw up regulations to prevent left turns in the middle of blocks on Broadway.

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 then referred to Mr. Ralph H. Winton, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

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- 3-30-54 Petition of First Mexican Baptist Church requesting tax exemption of the East 18.3 feet of Lot 25 and the West 41.7 feet of Lot 26, Block 7, NCB 1979
- 3-30-54 Petition of Palm Heights Church of Christ requesting tax exemption of Lot 1, Block 15, NCB 3420.
- 3-31-54 Petition of St. Phillip of Jesus Church requesting the paving of Dowdy Street from Helena Street to Bank Street.
- 3-31-54 Petition of Mrs. Eulalia Dorado, et al, requesting the City to resurface Sonora Street with gravel from the 700 block of Nogalitos to it's end at the expressway over-pass.
- 4-2-54 Petition of Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey requesting tax exemption of Lots 11 through 18, Block 115, NCB 8825 and Lots 2 through 8, Block 97, NCB 8847.
- 4-5-54 Petition of Lloyd C. Ball, et al, requesting a street light at the corner of S. Walters and Schley Avenue.
- 4-5-54 Petition of Beacon Hill Presbyterian Church requesting tax exemption of Lot 41 and the south 75 feet of Lots 42 and 43, NCB 1847

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

The Council now proceeded into the hearing called at this time to consider a proposed ordinance which is presented by the Urban Rehabilitation Study Commission to improve housing conditions and to eliminate slums and slum conditions. Mr. Sam Riklin, a member of the committee, made a few introductory remarks and called on Mr. Roy Baines, Chairman, to go into explanation of the various aims and purposes of the ordinance. He made a lengthy and detailed talk, being questioned from time to time by council members. After Mr. Baines closed his remarks, Councilman Gonzalez took the floor to point out many faults and deficiencies in the ordinance and to point out the situation in San Antonio with regard to the difficulty of controlling the water supply situation.

Mr. Riklin and Mr. Baines responded and were questioned by Mr. Easley and Mr. Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez asked Mr. Baines for a point blank answer to the question "Do you propose and support this ordinance just as written"?

Mr. Baines replied in the affirmative after which Mr. Gonzalez made a lengthy address criticizing the ordinance paragraph by paragraph. Mr. Gonzalez, in his remarks, took exception to certain newspaper editorials on the housing standards matter and said that the press was encroaching on the legislature duty of the council without being properly informed.

It having grown late at this time with much to be heard from both sides, Mr. R. N. White moved that the ordinance be placed on the table to be taken up at a special meeting on Monday, May 10, 1954 at 9:00 A.M.

Several people in the audience made inquiries about the future course of the council and were told that all would be heard at the May 10th meeting.

Mr. White's motion carried unanimously.

On motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

*Raymond G. Russell Jr.*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*J. Frank Gallagher*  
City Clerk

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ADDENDUM

At the Pre-council meeting, ladies representing the Spanish American War Veterans were received by the council and their offer to place a plaque in the Municipal Auditorium on the occasion of the National Convention of that organization in September, was accepted.

The matter of permitting a water ski show at Woodlawn Lake during the forthcoming Fiesta was discussed and tentatively agreed to, with the proviso that the City Manager and City Attorney see that the city is indemnified against claims for damages that might be incurred.

The City Manager was instructed to divorce the subject of lights on Broadway from the question of a median strip and proceed to approve plans of the City Public Service Board to install lights at the sidewalk curbs.

A letter from F. M. Davis of the State Highway Department was read by the clerk. It laid stress on the point that San Antonio had no proposition for Freeway Development though millions were available for construction as soon as the City can give right of way. The City Manager and City Attorney were told to see what can be done to hold funds on available basis until San Antonio can do something about right of way.

Claude Aniol and Associates presented the council with plans for advertising but was told to deal with the City Manager.