

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL, AT TEN O'CLOCK, A.M., ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16th, 1946.

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 Mayor's Office, at 10:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, April 16, 1946, and considered and acted upon the following:

1. Underground Parking.

Mr. J. L. Tiner, President, Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, Inc., presented the Planning Board's Report on the need for additional parking facilities in the downtown area, which he described as one of the major problems confronting the City. The Board Report recommended that the City Council advertise for bids to build, operate and finance parking facilities in four downtown locations, to-wit: 1. In the vicinity of or under Alamo Plaza; 2. In the vicinity of or under Travis Park; 3. In the vicinity of or under Main Plaza; 4. In a location in the vicinity of La Villita, to be west of Water St. and east of the Bexar County Court House. It was suggested each facility have a minimum capacity of 500 cars.

The report was discussed at length by the Mayor and Commissioners. The Clerk read a Resolution from the County Commissioners' Court favoring and recommending the underground parking facilities, and a copy of a letter to the Planning Board from Mrs. E. W. Harvey, President, Barnard E. Bee Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, opposing an underground parking facility at Travis Park.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the County Judge and County Commissioners be thanked by letter for their interest and suggestions. After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

After further discussion, the Planning Board Report was referred to the City Attorney, with instructions to prepare a Resolution advertising for bids, to be presented at the next Council Meeting, on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

2. River Straightening.

The Mayor explained the City had an interest in some land on the San Antonio River adjacent to Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets, which was formerly partially encircled by a big bend in the river channel, which channel was straightened some years ago. He said the channel needed further straightening and the land was also needed for the proposed opening of a Commercial Loop. He said Mr. Peter Trease had offered, through his agent, R. S. Menefee, to quitclaim the land to the City for \$65,000.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Mayor be empowered to take such action as necessary to protect the City's interest in this land; to purchase it at not more than the offered and agreed price of \$65,000, if necessary; or to condemn the property, if that becomes necessary. After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

3. Sewer Bond Election.

Commissioner Steffler gave a verbal report of the meetings he and Commissioner Hein had held with City Water Board representatives, officials of the City Health Board, and with Mr. Hans Helland, Planning Board Engineer, relative to the proposed Sewer Bond Election. He said

he and Commissioner Hein were ready to recommend that the election, to approve approximately \$4,000,000 in Sewer Bonds, be called and the date of the election be tentatively set for May 28th, 1946.

Commissioner Hein stated the Water Board had promised to cooperate in the sewer program "just as far as possible".

Commissioner Callaghan objected to financing the proposed election out of the budget for the next fiscal year.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Committee composed of Commissioners Steffler and Hein be thanked for their report, and the City Attorney be instructed to draw up the call for the election at the earliest possible moment.

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

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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APPROVED:



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ATTEST:


City Clerk.

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