

November 10, 1954

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER
10, 1954 AT 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, RUDELOFF, DILLASHAW, RUSSELL, WHITE, LACY, BARRETT, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: OLIVER

The Clerk read the call of the meeting as follows:

Mr. J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk
City of San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Under authority vested in me by the Charter of the City,
I hereby request that you call a Special Meeting of the
City Council to convene at 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, November
10, 1954 in the City Hall to discuss services to the
annexed area.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. N. White
Mayor

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

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a written request filed by Mayor R. N. White,
you are hereby called into a Special Session of the City
Council to be held in the City Hall at 3:00 P.M., November 10,
1954, to discuss services to the annexed area.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

Receipt of the above call of a Special Meeting of the City
Council is hereby acknowledged.

/s/ R. N. White	/s/ R. R. Russell, Jr.
/s/ Walter Rudeloff	/s/ Glenn B. Lacy
/s/ Emil O. Scherlen	/s/ H. L. Dillashaw
/s/ William L. Barrett, Jr.	
/s/ Henry B. Gonzalez	

The City Manager informed the Council that the Supreme Court had upheld the two lower courts in the suit to declare the annexation ordinance of September 25, 1952 as binding and to void the deannexation of August 11, 1953 so that now the city limits are held to be as outlined in the September 25, 1952 ordinance.

This will involve servicing of the great area included and the Manager had assembled all the department heads to inform the council what can be done immediately and what the needs will be to give the required services to all the area.

Fire Chief Butler was first called upon and he outlined the situation as far as the Fire Department is concerned. They will give service at once but will need some more men and equipment and later some more fire houses. Before going into details of the other departments, a motion by Scherlen, seconded by Rudeloff, was passed unanimously instructing the City Manager to give fire services to the area.

A motion by Mr. Rudeloff to instruct the City Attorney not to ask for a rehearing of the Supreme court was then passed unanimously.

A motion by Mr. Dillashaw to instruct the City Manager to give all service possible was then passed by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett; NAYS, none; NOT VOTING, Gonzalez.

A resolution by Mr. Barrett with regard to the assessed values of property

was discussed fully pro and con for some time. It was understood by all members that the council cannot instruct the Board of Equalization as to values and the council merely wants to call the Board's attention to the lack of facilities available to certain areas commends the fact thereof to the studied consideration of the Board. After amending and re-wording the proposed resolution, it was re-written and unanimously passed in the following form.

A RESOLUTION

UPHOLDING ACTION OF THE BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION

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

1. That the City Council recognizes that the exclusive power to determine valuation for tax assessment purposes lies within the province of the Board of Equalization and hereby goes on record as approving the policy of said Board in realizing that the lack of certain city services may in certain cases affect the true market value of property for assessment purposes, and in taking such factor into consideration as one of the relevant items in arriving at valuations in those instances wherein lack of said services affects the true market value of the property being assessed.

2. PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of November A. D. 1954.

/s/ R. N. White
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

The Police Chief, Director of Public Works, Director of Parks and Recreation then each in turn outlined the immediate services available to the annexed area and gave ideas of the immediate needs for additional services.

The matter of sewage disposal was taken up informally and attention of the council was called to a commitment of the U. S. Government to aid in construction of a disposal plant which was made last May when Mr. Scherlen appeared before the Board. A survey was promised when funds are available.

After discussing the matter for some time, it was moved by Rudeloff that Mr. Scherlen, City Manager Rice, City Attorney Cadena and Plant Superintendent Wells be sent to Washington to see what steps can be immediately taken to secure Federal Aid and that the expense be authorized.

The motion was unanimously adopted after which the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

R N White
MAYOR

ATTEST:

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk