

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 14, 1962, AT 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer,
Mayor Walter W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, DE LA GARZA,
ROHLFS, KAUFMAN, GUNSTREAM, GATTI, PADILLA, PARKER and BREMER.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Paul Soupiset, Pastor of the Little Church of
La Villita.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister,
de la Garza, Rohlfs, Kaufman, Gunstream, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; ABSENT: Padilla; NAYS:None.

AN ORDINANCE 30,186

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF METAL GOODS CORPORATION
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTA-
TION WITH CERTAIN ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,300.00

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AN ORDINANCE 30,187

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF METAL GOODS CORPORATION
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN BLACK METAL SIGN BLANKS FOR A TOTAL
OF \$3,174.50.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,188

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF KAR-TROL SIGNAL
COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT
OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL
EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,382.40.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,189

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT DATED
MARCH 14, 1962, BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, EXISTENCE, USE, OPERATION, AND
MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY SIGNAL PROJECT (S) AT THE LOCATION(S) SHOWN
ON EXHIBIT 1, ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF, IN THE CITY OF
SAN ANTONIO; PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (U.S. 87 N. EXPRESSWAY FRONTAGE ROADS AT FRESNO DR.)

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The following Resolution and Ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote:
AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Rohlf, Kaufman, Gunstream, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer;
NAYS: None.

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL
HIGHWAY LIGHTING ON I. H. 35 EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN BROADWAY AND
ARTESIA ROAD.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,190

ABANDONING PORTIONS OF MINNETONKA AND WALEETKA STREETS;
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED
THEREFOR TO MOUNTAIN TOWNSITE COMPANY, A TEXAS CORPORATION,
FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$16,450.00; AND REPEALING
ORDINANCE NO. 27432.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,191

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$141,698.50 OUT OF HIGHWAY 90
WEST EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND #479-16 FOR ACQUISITION OF
RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR U. S. HIGHWAY 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY;
AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$500.00 OUT OF
SEWER RENTAL PLEDGE FUND #204 AND ACCEPTING DEDICATIONS
OF EASEMENTS FOR BLANCO ROAD SANITARY SEWER.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,192

APPROPRIATING \$3,000.00 OUT OF SANITARY SEWER BOND FUND
NO. 479-14 (1957 Series) TO BE USED FOR MISCELLANEOUS
CONTENGENCIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEWAGE TREATMENT
PLANT ADDITIONS AND EXPANSIONS.

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Police Chief Geo. W. Bichsel introduced Mr. V. T. Linna and Mr. V. A. Vepsalainen, Police
Officials from Finland. Mayor McAllister welcomed them to the City, and presented each with
a commission as "Alcalde of LaVillita."

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister,
de la Garza, Rohlf, Kaufman, Gunstream, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS:None.

AN ORDINANCE 30,193

APPROPRIATING \$750.00 OUT OF SANITARY SEWER BOND FUND NO.
479-14 (1957 SERIES) PAYABLE TO IRVING S. SELIGMANN FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE SEWER OUTFALL LINE FROM SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO
MITCHELL LAKE.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,194

GRANTING A LICENSE TO THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A TRACK OVER DAWSON STREET, ADJACENT TO NCB 558.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,195

MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND CHARLES C. CROSS, CONSULTING ENGINEER, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON CERTAIN SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 30, 196

APPROPRIATING \$550.00 OUT OF ACCOUNT NO. 479-10, STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, 1957 SERIES, PAYABLE TO WILLIAM V. HOUSTON, IN PAYMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A CERTAIN CARPORT, GARAGE FLOOR AND DRIVEWAY APPROACH AT 543 BURCHAM STREET, NECESSITATED BY THE COMMERCIAL AVENUE PAVING PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING \$500.00 OUT OF SAID SAME FUND AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT IN CONNECTION WITH SAID PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,197

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$8,020.00 OUT OF PARKS IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 479-18, FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PARK PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,198

AMENDING ORDINANCE # 29926, ACCEPTING BID FOR CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION WORK AT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES AND PARK AREAS, TO REVISE DESIGNATION OF FUNDS FROM WHICH PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,199

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$14,000.00 OUT OF PARKS IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND #479-18 PAYABLE TO CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING TO TWO SOFTBALL FIELDS AT NORMOYLE ARSENAL PLAYFIELD.

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The Mayor recognized Mr. John M. Bennett, Chairman of the City Public Service Board, who made the following statement:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen of the City Council:

We are here today because the contract under which gas is presently purchased expires on April 1, of this year. A new contract goes into effect on that date involving prices substantially higher than the old contract and requiring an annual increase in revenues of approximately \$4,400,000 to recover the increase in cost. The increase in revenues amounts to about 11 per cent of the present gross revenues of the Gas and Electric Systems of \$40,000,000.

In order to provide San Antonio with gas and electricity at the lowest price possible, the City Public Service Board made an exhaustive study of all practical sources of gas supply during the year 1960 and received bids from six companies and individuals to supply the estimated requirements of the Electric and Gas Systems for 20 years commencing April 1, 1962. The importance of obtaining a reliable source of gas at a firm price is evidenced by the magnitude of San Antonio's future requirements best illustrated by the following comparison of evaluation of bids:

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Average Price Per 1000 cubic feet</u>	<u>20 Year Total Cost</u>
Alamo Gas Supply Company	23.69 cents	\$482,201,000
Houston Pipe Line Company	25.30 cents	515,000,700
United Gas Pipe Line Company	25.34 cents	515,799,200
M. M. Cherry & Associates	27.51 cents	559,912,300
Coastal States Gas Producing Co.	27.92 cents	568,355,200
Intra-Tex Gas Company	29.63 cents	603,112,000

All prices received were substantially higher than the average price of 13.4 cents per MCF (thousand cubic feet) paid under the present contract. The bid of United Gas Pipe Line Company, the present supplier, was substantially higher than that of the Alamo Gas Supply Company and did not contain firm prices.

On January 11, 1961, a contract was awarded to Alamo Gas Supply Company, the low bidder, subject to that company showing gas reserves of 1.2 trillion cubic feet dedicated to the San Antonio contract and, in addition, satisfying the City that it was capable of financing and operating a system of pipe lines to gather and transmit the maximum amount of gas required by San Antonio. All provisions of the January 11 contract were fulfilled by Alamo as verified by consultants employed by the Board. On June 14, 1961, the Trustees of the City Public Service Board officially affirmed the January 11 contract.

Since June 14, the Alamo Gas Supply Company has been active in building two 24-inch gas transmission lines from the gas fields in Southwest Texas to San Antonio. These lines have been completed and tested and Alamo is now ready to deliver gas on April 1.

The facilities Alamo Gas Supply Company has installed to serve San Antonio adequately meet the present needs and the City's contract with Alamo specifically requires Alamo to provide additional facilities if and when required to serve San Antonio. Under the new contract, San Antonio will be assured of an adequate supply of gas at a definite price for a 20-year period.

It should be remembered that gas is burned under the boilers to generate electricity. For this reason, electric rates also will have to be adjusted. However, the per cent increase here will be smaller than in the gas rates.

San Antonio has not had a basic rate increase since the year 1936. In fact, the rates for both gas and electricity have been reduced several times since acquisition of the systems by the City in 1942. This was inspite of constantly increasing cost of equipment and labor.

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Due to economy in operation and installation of the most efficient equipment, expenses have been held down.

San Antonio has been enjoying both gas and electric rates as low or lower than most major cities of the United States and in making any rate adjustment it is the intention to keep San Antonio in this favorable position. The rates will still be lower than the present or proposed rates of the larger cities of Texas.

Our appearance here today is for the purpose of providing the members of the Council with background information leading up to the present need for additional revenues. At the convenience of the Council, we will return at a later date and supply more comprehensive factual data and our proposed schedule of new gas and electric rates. Our engineers and consultants are now at work on these new rate schedules and we hope to have them completed within the next two or three weeks.

After completing his statement, Mr. Bennett was questioned about allegations made by the United Gas Pipe Line Company in newspaper advertisements in which it was stated that the City Public Service Board had not accepted the low bid. Mr. Bennett commented that this was not true. He said United Gas had made an informal bid, which was not in good faith, as it was tendered approximately five months after the bids were opened and exposed, and the City Public Service Board had made contractual commitments by accepting the low bid of Alamo Gas Supply Company.

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Rohlfis, Gunstream, Kaufman, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE 30,200

AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE FILING AND PROSECUTION OF SUITS FOR DAMAGES UNDER THE FEDERAL ANTI-TRUST LAWS AGAINST CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS OF ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 30,201

GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES OWNED BY VARIOUS RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

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AN ORDINANCE 30,202

AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF CASE WORKERS IN THE CITY WELFARE DEPARTMENT FROM SIX (6) TO EIGHT (8).

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Full text in Ordinance Book L L, Page 504

AN ORDINANCE 30,203

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$300.00 OUT OF SEWER RENTAL PLEDGE FUND NO. 204 TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FOR SEWER CONNECTION FEES PAID THEM TO SAN ANTONIO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION.

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An ordinance making a contract with the City of Alamo Heights for maintenance of traffic light system in the City of Alamo Heights was withdrawn for further study.

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Rohlfis, Kaufman, Gunstream, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None.

AN ORDINANCE 30,204

AMENDING SECTION 38-27 OF THE CITY CODE (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOUND TO CONFORM TO STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS).

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Full text in Ordinance Book L L, Page 305

AN ORDINANCE 30,205

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE TO CAMPBELL DELIVERY SERVICE OF SPACE AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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An ordinance authorizing payment funds for liability insurance premiums at International Airport and Stinson Airport was withdrawn for further study.

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Rohlfis, Kaufman, Gunstream, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS:None.

AN ORDINANCE 30,206

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE A REFUND OF \$780.91 TO THE GUARDIAN ABSTRACT AND TITLE COMPANY DUE TO AN INADVERTENT PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES.

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Full text in Ordinance Book L L, Page 306

AN ORDINANCE 30,207

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR TO COLLECT AND ADJUST CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS APPEARING ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX ERROR BOARD OF REVIEW.

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An ordinance adopting a wage scale prevailing in this area for Public Works contracts was withdrawn for further study.

Mr. V. E. "Red" Berry, State Representative from Bexar County, presented a petition from property owners on the East Side of the City requesting the widening of Gemblor Road from Artesia to W. W. White Road. He offered to dedicate to the City a ten-foot strip of land where the road runs along his property. In the petition he also asked for a bridge across the Salado Creek similar to the one built on Rittiman Road.

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The petition was referred to the City Manager for study and report.

Mr. Berry also presented a petition requesting the extension of the Coliseum Bus Line to W. W. White Road to serve residents in the Skyline and Eastwood Subdivisions.

The petition was referred to the San Antonio Transit System for its study.

Sergeant Juan Antu, 1019 Barclay Avenue, stated that he had paid Sebera Plumbing Company to extend a sewer line to serve ^{his} property and to which others were allowed to connect. He felt that since he is now paying a sewer service charge, the City should make a cash refund to him for installing the sewer line.

The matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation.

Mr. O. M. Price representing the Houston Terrace Softball Association requested the City to provide a recreation area to serve residents of Skyline Park, Eastwood Village and Dellcrest Subdivision.

His request was referred to the City Manager for study.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

W. W. McCreiter
M A Y O R

A T T E S T:

J. H. Inselman
Asst City Clerk