

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, A. D. 1939, 10:00 A. M.

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PRESENT: Honorable Maury Maverick, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

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On motion of Commissioner Steffler, duly seconded and carried, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with and ordered approved.

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MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS

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On motion duly seconded and carried, the following petition was read and referred to Commissioner Lipscomb:

Alfred Gianotti for approval of location of filling station at 1319 No. Laredo St.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 466.

AN ORDINANCE (675) *MQ-284*

APPROPRIATING \$196.15 TO REIMBURSE FLOYD MCGOWN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR, FOR EXPENSES ADVANCED ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND NEW YORK CITY ON BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:-

1. That \$196.15 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1939 General Fund - Mayor's Account, to reimburse Floyd McGown, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, for expenses advanced on trip to Washington, D.C. and New York City on business of the City of San Antonio, for a period of 14 days, from August 27th to September 10th, 1939, as per statement attached.

2. PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, A.D. 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 467.

AN ORDINANCE (676) - *285*

APPROPRIATING \$58.37 TO REIMBURSE MAYOR MAURY MAVERICK FOR EXPENSES ADVANCED ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK ON BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:-

1. That \$58.37 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1939 General Fund - Mayor's Account, to reimburse Mayor Maury Maverick for expenses advanced on trip to Washington and New York, from September 17th to September 25th, 1939, on business of the City of San Antonio, as per statement hereto attached.

2. PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, A.D. 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 468.

AN ORDINANCE (677) *MQ-286*

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL OF NOA SPEARS CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WITH THE ENTIRE LIST OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE NET SUM OF \$692.53.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the attached proposal of Noa Spears Co., be and is hereby accepted to furnish the City of San Antonio, Health Department, with the entire list of laboratory equipment and supplies in accordance with specifications and conditions of this attached proposal for a net sum of \$692.53 and this amount being hereby appropriated out of the 1939 General Fund, Health Department, in payment of same.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 469.

AN ORDINANCE (678) *-287*

APPROPRIATING \$60.00 OUT OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15 FUND TO PAY RENTAL ON EQUIPMENT USED IN CONNECTION WITH RIVER BEAUTIFICATION, WPA PROJECT 13085.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$60.00, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of Improvement District No. 15 Fund, payable to San Antonio Machine & Supply Company, to pay rental on equipment used in connection with WPA Project No. 13085, River Beautification work, as per approved bills on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 470.

AN ORDINANCE (679) *-288*

APPROPRIATING \$907.49 OUT OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 15 FUND TO PAY AUGUST 1939 MERCHANT'S BILLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$907.49, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Improvement District No. 15 Fund, to pay August 1939 merchant bills, as per approved bills on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 471.

AN ORDINANCE (680) *-289*

APPROPRIATING \$23.33 OUT OF THE ADVERTISING FUND TO PAY AUGUST MERCHANT BILLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$23.33, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Advertising Fund, to pay August merchant bills, as per approved bills on file in the City Auditor's office.

Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

NO. 468.

AN ORDINANCE (681)

APPROPRIATING \$6.00 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, FIRE & POLICE COMMISSIONER'S ACCOUNT FOR POSTAGE. *MQ-290*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$6.00, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Fire & Police Commissioner's Account, payable to Dan Quill, Postmaster, for postage stamps.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 473.

AN ORDINANCE (682) -291

REFUNDING CERTAIN PERMIT FEES PAID TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:-

1. That certain permit fees paid to the City of San Antonio, for electrical permits, be and the same are hereby refunded to the following named firms, for reasons more fully set out in the petitions of said firms attached hereto and made a part hereof, which petitions bear the favorable recommendation of the Commissioner of Taxation:-

Mintel Electric Co., Permit No. 409, dated July 5, 1939	\$ 3.30
Mintel Electric Co., Permit No. 1262, dated Sept. 2, 1939	2.90
Mintel Electric Co., Permit No. 1398, dated Sept.13, 1939	.50
Modern Neon Corp., Permit No. 1371, dated Sept.12, 1939	1.15
Modern Neon Corp., Permit No. 1375, dated Sept.12, 1939	1.45
	<u>\$ 9.30</u>

2. That \$9.30 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1939 General Fund Refunds, to pay the various amounts above set out to the firms named, for such refunds.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, A.D. 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

NO. 474.

AN ORDINANCE (683) -292

APPROPRIATING \$30.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$30.00, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of Street Excavation Trust Account for refunds and repairs, as per City Engineer's letter of September 27, 1939, as follows:

M. J. Oliver	refund	\$ 9.00
City of San Antonio	repairs	21.00
		<u>\$ 30.00</u>

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

NO. 475.

AN ORDINANCE (684) *MQ-293*

APPROPRIATING \$2,286.84 OUT OF THE RAIL REMOVAL FUND TO PAY AUGUST 1939
MERCHANT BILLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$2,286.84,
be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Rail Removal Fund, to pay merchants bills
for August, 1939, as per approved bills on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved
by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

NO. 476.

AN ORDINANCE (685) - *294*

APPROPRIATING \$15.00 OUT OF THE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND OF 1937, TO PAY
V. GIANNEO FOR RENTAL ON BUILDING AT 1804 $\frac{1}{2}$ SOUTH ST. MARY'S STREET.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$15.00, be
and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Improvement Fund of 1937 to pay V.
Giannco for rental of building at 1804 $\frac{1}{2}$ South St. Mary's Street, from September 27, 1939, to
October 27, 1939, used in connection with the repaving of South St. Mary's Street, being
WPA Project #12520, Unit #3.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved
by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

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AN ORDINANCE (686)

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE BY ADDING TO RULE 76 THEREOF, PROVIDING
FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY STOPS AT CERTAIN STREET INTERSECTIONS.

(For full text of this ordinance, see Ordinance Book "I", page 577)

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Commissioner Davis introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by
the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

AN ORDINANCE (687)

AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE REVISED CIVIL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION, KEEPING, AUDITING, MANAGEMENT AND
DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUES AND MONEY OF THE CITY, AND THE ACCOUNTS TO BE
KEPT THEREOF, AND FOR THE BORROWING OF MONEY BY THE CITY AND CONTAINING
OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH SAID MATTERS, KNOWN AS THE "FINANCE
ORDINANCES", AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE PASSED ON THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER,
1915, AND AMENDED BY ORDINANCE PASSED THE 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, 1916, AND
AMENDED BY ORDINANCE PASSED ON THE 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1932, ADDING
THERETO SECTION 31-A.

(For full text of this ordinance, -see Ordinance Book "I", page 577)

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following resolution, which was read, passed and approved by the
following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

A RESOLUTION (688)

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DISMISS CERTAIN TAX SUITS.

(For full text of this resolution, see Ordinance Book "I", page 577)

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

AN ORDINANCE (689)

FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS, GRANTING THE PETITION OF JESSIE YELVINGTON, 538 GRANDVIEW.

(For full text of this ordinance, see Sewer Records Book, page)

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

AN ORDINANCE (690)

FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS, GRANTING THE PETITION OF ELIZABETH AND GEORGE LOGAN, 401 MEREDITH DRIVE.

(For full text of this ordinance, see Sewer Records Book, page)

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Commissioner Lipscomb made the following recommendations which were adopted on unanimous vote:

General Neon Adv. Co. permit to erect neon sign at 219 Losoya St. Granted.

General Neon Adv. Co. permit to erect neon sign at 2415 Broadway. Granted.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. to erect neon sign at E Commerce & Water Sts. Granted.

Modern Neon Corp. for permit to erect neon sign at 208 Main Ave. Granted.

Modern Neon Corp. for permit to erect neon sign at 209 E. Travis St. Granted.

Modern Neon Corp. for permit to erect neon sign at 425 S. St. Mary's St. Granted.

Modern Neon Corp. for permit to erect neon sign at 1110 S. Presa. Granted.

Neon Signs & Service for permit to erect neon sign at 1723 W Gramercy. Granted.

Texas Neon Sign Co. for permit to erect neon sign at S Flores & Guenther. Granted.

Martin Wright Elec Co. for permit to erect neon sign at N Alamo & Travis. Granted.

F L McDaniel for permit to install gasoline equipment at 107-111 Denver Blvd. NOT GRANTED.

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A hearing was held on the application of the Majestic Land Company for a permit to construct and operate an undertaking establishment at the corner of Lexington Avenue and Augusta Street. After arguments by Theo Weiss, attorney for the applicants, and John K. Weber, attorney for a group of protestants, the Commissioners decided, on motion of Mayor Maverick, to continue the hearing until 10:00 A.M., Saturday, September 30th.

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On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting was recessed until 2:00 P. M., Thursday, September 28, 1939.

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Pursuant to recess of the morning meeting, the Commissioners reconvened at 2:00 P. M., Thursday, September 28, 1939.

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PRESENT: Honorable Maury Maverick, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

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Proposals to furnish plants and shrubs for the Park Department, and for automobiles for the Fire Department, were opened, read and referred to the City Purchasing Agent for tabulation.

Commissioner Davis introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 477.

AN ORDINANCE (691) *MQ-295*

APPROPRIATING \$935.75 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND TO PAY INTEREST FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1939.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$935.75, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, payable to National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas, interest on General Fund Notes for the month of September.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, Lipscomb.

NO. 478.

AN ORDINANCE (692) *-296*

APPROPRIATING \$31.08 OUT OF THE POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND TO PAY INTEREST FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1939.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$31.08, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Police & Firemen's Pension Fund, payable to the National Bank of Commerce, San Antonio, Texas, interest on Pension Fund notes for the month of September, 1939.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 479.

AN ORDINANCE (693) *-297*

APPROPRIATING \$13,097.38 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN GENERAL, FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 1939 PAYROLLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$13,097.38, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Department of Public Affairs in General, for September, 1939 payrolls, for the following accounts:

Mayor	\$	1,011.33
Legal		1,075.00
Auditor		920.00
City Clerk		212.50
Purchasing Agent		450.63
Corporation Court		672.00
Health		5,653.90
Inspection Division		1,602.50
Auditoriums		482.00
Consulting Engineer		125.00
Stenographic Bureau		307.52
Stinson Field		432.50
Governor's Palace		97.50
Personnel		55.00
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	\$	13,097.38

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Davis introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 480.

AN ORDINANCE (694) *MQ-298*

APPROPRIATING \$3,107.50 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 1939 PAYROLLS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$3,107.50, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Department of Taxation, for September 30, 1939, payrolls, for the following accounts:

Commissioner	\$ 450.00
Assessor	1,432.50
Tax Collector	427.50
Back Tax Collector	422.50
License & Dues Collector	200.00
Treasurer	175.00
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	\$ 3,107.50

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 481.

AN ORDINANCE (695) - *299*

APPROPRIATING \$78.00 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, AUDITORIUM ACCOUNT, FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 1939 PAYROLL.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$78.00, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Auditorium Account, for September 15, 1939 payroll.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939 .

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 482.

AN ORDINANCE (696) - *300*

APPROPRIATING \$40,677.20 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & POLICE FOR PAYROLLS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1939.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$40,677.20, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Department of Fire & Police, for September 30, 1939 payrolls, for the following Accounts:

Commissioner	\$ 625.00
Police	16,955.00
Fire	22,294.70
Fire Alarm	575.00
Civil Service Board	227.50
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	\$ 40,677.20

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 483.

AN ORDINANCE (697) - *301*

APPROPRIATING \$20.95 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, POLICE ACCOUNT, FOR TRAVELING EXPENSES OF C. C. HAYNIE, DETECTIVE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$20.95, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Police Account, payable to Louis W. Lipscomb, Fire & Police Commissioner, for traveling expenses of C. C. Haynie, Detective of the City of San Antonio, on trip to Phoenix, Ariz. September 19 & 20, 1939, on official City business, as per approved expense list on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Commissioner Lipscomb introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 484.

AN ORDINANCE (698) *MQ-302*

APPROPRIATING \$8,347.91 OUT OF THE POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND FOR PENSION PAYMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1939.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$8,347.91, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Police & Firemen's Pension Fund for September 30, 1939 pension payments.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 485.

AN ORDINANCE (699) - *MQ-303*

APPROPRIATING \$92.20 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, MAYOR'S ACCOUNT, TO PAY FOR SUPPLIES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$92.20, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Mayor's Account, payable to Twinphone Sales Company, for supplies as per approved bill on file in the City Auditors Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 486.

AN ORDINANCE (700) - *304*

APPROPRIATING \$60.00 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND, STINSON FIELD ACCOUNT, TO PAY RENTAL ON EQUIPMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$60.00, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, Stinson Field Account, payable to Rodgers & Stewart, Inc. to pay rental on equipment used at Stinson Field during June, 1939, as per approved bill on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 487. AN ORDINANCE (701) *MQ-305*

APPROPRIATING \$215.07 OUT OF THE 1939 GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$215.07, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the 1939 General Fund, payable to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, for telephone services as per approved bills on file in the City Auditor's Office, for the following Accounts:

Public Affairs in General	\$	81.37
Parks, Sanitation & Public Property		75.75
Streets & Public Improvements		10.15
Fire & Police		47.80
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	\$	215.07

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 488. AN ORDINANCE (702) - *306*

APPROPRIATING \$159.25 OUT OF THE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND OF 1937 TO PAY FOR WORK IN CONNECTION WITH PAVING OF STREETS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$159.25, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Street Improvement Fund of 1937, payable to Rodgers & Stewart, Inc. for work in connection with paving of streets as per approved bill on file in the City Auditor's Office.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

NO. 489. AN ORDINANCE (703) - *307*

APPROPRIATING \$40.00 OUT OF THE ADVERTISING FUND FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 1939 PAYROLL.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$40.00, be and the same is appropriated hereby out of the Advertising Fund for September 30, 1939 Information Bureau payroll.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of September, 1939.

Maury Maverick
Mayor.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
City Clerk.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: Maury Maverick
MAYOR.

ATTEST: J. J. Patterson
CITY CLERK.

Immediately pursuant to adjournment of the meeting, His Honor, Mayor Maverick,

delivered an address to the Commission and to the various Boards and Committees assembled on the progress and future policies of the Administration, as follows:

Mayor Maverick: Gentlemen of the Commission and citizens of San Antonio: When the new administration assumed office, which we can now call the administration, I made the statement that from time to time I would make progress reports of what is going on, what we had done and what we intend to do. I recently made a trip to Washington, New York, Louisville, Kentucky, and saw numerous people. But before I get on into the real subject of this meeting, let me mention the war. The war fever is much greater in the East than it is among the people here. But every one has a fear of being drawn into war; however, the further you get from the eastern seaboard the less war fever there is.

I talked to the President and I don't think he goodtimes me when I go to see him, but he usually has a smile, but this time he had a worried look, and he had no smiles for anybody. I think our situation materially is very serious and it will be difficult to keep this country out of war. I myself have numerous emotions on the question of war, and I am not thinking very clearly on it. I hope all of us will be intelligent enough and courageous enough to make up our minds we will stay out of war. In times of such emergency we should maintain democracy and constitutional liberty.

The two things I promised the people of the City of San Antonio were protection of the democratic process and honest business administration. Also, I promised I would not be afraid to do what is right at any time, in spite of opposition or public clamor. That policy will be continued as long as I am in office.

Since our late lamented mob I have not commented on it in any way whatever, I am not sure that I should say anything now because everyone knows how I feel. However, I want the record to show that my opinion is absolutely unchanged that the democratic processes and full freedom of speech should be upheld for everyone, rich or poor, and whatever opinion one may care to express.

Now, I am going to mention a name that almost shocks the citizens of San Antonio - it is the name of Emma Tenayuca! I see people get red in the face and they tell me how bad Emma is - this poor girl who weighs about 105 pounds and has tuberculosis. I ask, "Do you know Emma? Have you ever seen her?", and they say, "No, but she is a bad woman." I see honest and intelligent people get excited and tremble at the mention of that name, in this 20th Century, of alleged enlightenment. I studied about the witch delusion in New England where citizens were hanged for being witches, and any public official who stood up for them was mobbed. And now we have the Delusion of San Antonio and southwest Texas. I quote this letter which was handed to me just as I came into the council chamber. It is from the American Legion Post of St. Louis. I will read some of the things it says in which I concur:

"Communism has shown its true colors in its recent unholy alliance with the bandit "isms" of Europe. In this linking of foul forces of Communism and Naziism, it becomes clear to the entire world that Communism has not even the saving motivation of an ideal. It stands before all as a movement without conscience, without honor.

Communism is un-American---Naziism is un-American---teamed together they are doubly un-American. Now is the time for all true Americans to rally around an awakened Patriotism. By no stretch of the imagination can you be a true American and divide your allegiance with another ideology or another power.

You can't be a Communist and believe in the inalienable rights of man as conceived by the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and preserved in the Constitution of the United States. Like its new bosom partner in crime Communism's end-result, is the sacrifice of individual liberty and freedom."

Further, the newspapers of St. Louis editorialized that "the behavior of war

veterans at last night's Communist meeting at the Municipal Auditorium was a model of good Americanism". This seemed fine to me - that the St. Louis veterans went there and listened to this talk and proved that Communism was wrong by letting the Communists talk. These veterans respected opinion, as the Constitution and fair play required, and did not commit violence. In the City of San Antonio there have never been more than seven Communist votes. But there are 5,000 people, normally decent, who act like hoodlums, or at least acted that way at the Auditorium riot. I repeat that I am in favor of the right of freedom of speech, and certainly seven Communists meeting in the auditorium were not as dangerous as 5,000 people who say they believe in capitalism and the Constitution tearing down our own capital and property, and violating our own Constitution.

My friends, Germany was destroyed by Hitler, who used the Communism bogey and used the fear complex. He sent his boys out to destroy Jews' property and finally anyone who opposed him. And now the first thing you know, he was making a trade with Communistic Russia to steal Poland by common murder, larceny and destruction of property.

I want his understood: In San Antonio the Police and Fire Commissioner and this administration will never again permit hoodlums in this City. Hoodlumism is now rampant in San Antonio. At out playgrounds and parks you will find places where property has been destroyed by boys. This spirit of hoodlumism must not be tolerated and will not be tolerated.

Now about our promise of a business administration. Our financial reports show that this administration has kept well within the budget. My budget, the Mayor's, was cut drastically. I understand it has exceeded the amount set in the reduced budget by \$4,000 or \$5,000, but that the budget will not be exceeded when the year is out. Mr. Lipscomb has kept within his budget, even though we all thought he had nearly a million dollars extra to pay, which we inherited by virtue of the Spears Police and Fire Wage Bill. All of the other Commissioners have kept in their budgets, too. The city today is a business administration of which we can be proud.

Briefly about my trip. I talked to the Civil Aeronautics Authority about aviation. I talked to numerous people of the United States and talked to them about the Villita Street Project. It is known all over the United States. When we talk about it let's don't think about it as merely a project to restore something that is old and artistic, but that it symbolizes youth and the future. Now let's think of it as a really good thing to bring money into the City, and that is a good business proposition.

About housing, I want to report that about ten days ago there was a protest made about the delay in starting out housing project. As Mayor I made a protest, and today the United States Housing Authority is tearing down hundreds of places on the West Side, which means that this City is beginning to be a decent place in which to live, and that we are fighting disease.

I want to start on the Committees. I want to take them up in more or less alphabetical order, the Aviation Committee first. That Committee is a group composed of the best friends I have in San Antonio, five men who have always been my friends and who have helped me when I needed it. But, I want to mildly rebuke this Committee and say they are a little lazy. It has unlimited opportunity, that Committee. I do not think this Committee has met once. I want to use them as a more or less horrible example of fine upstanding citizens, and say that I hope the Aviation Committee will get busy. I see one of its members in the audience - I am not going to mention his name - but I see that his cheeks are red. They should be. (Laughter) Mayor Maverick: Order in the Council Chamber!

Next is the Chili Queen Committee. This is really an important Committee, though is was only appointed a few days ago. You would be suprised how many people have heard of the Chili Queens and Villita all over the country. I want to request this Committee to work,

and they will have every cooperation from the Administration.

Concerning the Villita, I thank the Commissioners for the transfers they have made from their budgets for the upbuilding of this great project. I want to ask Commissioner Davis to talk now - I think if I break up my talk with speeches from the Commissioners it will be less of a bore than if I talk all the time. Mr. Davis is recognized.

Mr. Davis: "I think I represent the only department which has not yet transferred funds to the Villita Project. We are having an ordinance drawn, however, transferring \$2500.00 to the Mayor's Department for this purpose. It is a worthy project - there is no question about that - and I want to do everything I can to help make it a success. At the same time I want to point out that my department operates on a very small portion of the total City budget, and it may possibly become necessary to curtail some other activity in order to contribute to this project. Nevertheless, I am going to make the transfer of funds because we cannot afford to lose sight of the many advantages that will accrue to this City as a result of this splendid undertaking. My tentative budget is approximately \$10,000.00 less than the tentative budget of a year ago, under the former administration, but I feel, in spite of that fact, that we are doing a good job in the Taxation Department. We are going to try to get by and still contribute \$2500.00 to the Villita Project."

Mayor Maverick: "Since this is a day when everyone is feeling good you might cheer if you want to cheer. If there is no objection we will suspend the ruling that there can be no applause in the council chamber." "I am going to ask Mr. Steffler to speak next, and I want to call your attention to the fact that the ruling is suspended, so that if you want to you can applaud him when he is finished." (applause and laughter)

Mr. Steffler: "First I want to thank the Mayor for suspending the ruling, for when I finish I hope you ladies and gentlemen will applaud; Through a saving in the budget which we were fortunately able to make we were able to contribute \$5,000 to the project. The only other part I can play is to pave the streets around the project, and this will be done. It has been a policy of this administration to build up all of those historic places of which San Antonio has so many; we will establish another such place in the Villita Project, and will add much to the history of San Antonio by restoring a very important asset to the City. As for my little contribution, my department is glad to give this and any other cooperation possible." (applause) ← *(there was real applause - note by Mayor Maverick - H)*

Mayor Maverick: "Fellow San Antonians, Mr. Steffler has not only transferred \$5000 to the project, but he has agreed to pave the streets around it out of his budget, and so his transfer will actually run a good deal more."

While we are all complimenting each other I will compliment myself. I want to say that I cut my budget by \$120,000 or \$130,000; that was a considerable sum to be lopped off the Mayor's budget. That is the reason I appreciate the kind contributions of the various Commissioners and departments of the City.

Now let us discuss the Villita. It is a National Youth Project, recognized as such by that Administration and the President. The Youth Administration has allocated \$100,000. I am not convinced that some sort of contribution or grant will be made to make possible the establishment of a branch library, restaurant and community house, which will be of enormous benefit to the City.

On my trip I went to the Spanish Museum in New York. It was a very fine thing, but it was so refined -, not that any of you here today are not intelligent and highly cultured, but the average man could't understand that museum in New York. The Villita is to be for everybody so that everybody can have a good time, work, spend, make money and enjoy life. It is not going to be a dead museum. Among other objectives, it is being created as a unified center of arts and crafts. The United States Housing Authority, the Division of Historic Sites

of the Department of Interior are sending investigators here to make a study of the project. The project will combine the Youth Administration, the W. P. A., Slum Clearance and different groups around San Antonio.

And now, the Civil Service Board. Yesterday morning this Board made recommendations for the organization of the Police Department. They were accepted and put into effect by the City Commission. Many of the things we do make a pull on us from an emotional standpoint. But we have done what we think is the best thing for a quarter of a million people, and the best for the safety of the City. We will now hear from Mr. Lipscomb, the Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Mr. Lipscomb: "As Mayor Maverick stated, the proposition of reorganizing a police department, particularly this one, was a serious one and also one that required us to do many things that we did not like to do, emotionally. It is not very easy to cause separation from a service to which a man has devoted many years of his life. That was done, from our point of view, honestly and on a basis of efficiency.

Some sixty days ago we gave the entire personnel of the Department a mental examination. That was not necessarily considered proof that a man who made a low grade would not be a good police officer. That test was not made from an academic or theoretical standpoint. It is a test used in police departments over the entire English speaking world. When we went into office and took over the administration of San Antonio, we did not discharge any man in either the fire department or the police department. We felt that those who had devoted many years of their lives to the service were entitled to their hearing; we wanted as many as possible to prove worthy to remain in the department. After the examination we conducted a school to find out which ones were capable of learning to become good officers. Then we put the whole department through a week's school. Then we have the entire department physical examinations. That was probably the prime motive or prime test of all. We found we had some fifty men or better who from the standpoint of old age and physical disability were totally incapable of doing such service. I say regretfully that many of the men we discharged were personal friends of mine. We took the attitude that the good of a quarter of a million people must be considered more important than the heartache and unfortunate results on a few individuals. We went through with the reorganization program, and I feel sure that in a short time we will have a police department in San Antonio that is as good as the best in the United States.

We are thoroughly determined that our very unfortunate losses from traffic accidents must be reduced, and they are already showing a marked decline. We have accomplished part of our program in regard to traffic safety. We are being firm in the matter of enforcement. We do not fix any tickets. We are doing the best job possible. Another thing is the matter of engineering; the other day we secured the services of a highly competent traffic engineer. The third part of the traffic program is the matter of education. We have gotten into that, but we are only in the beginning. We hope to concentrate an educational campaign in the schools, churches, and service clubs. In fact, anyone who wants someone to talk to them about safety will be able to get speakers from us.

We have gone further into the matter of law enforcement, in the matter of major crimes. We are teaching officers how to make arrests, what is evidence, how to preserve it, and how to testify. We are teaching them how to testify in court as rapidly as we can. We have had the services, for a very small amount, of some of the best police instructors in the United States through the Rockefeller Foundation, known as the Public Administration Service, out of the University of Chicago. We have taken full advantage of that. We will send every man in the department who is qualified and whose expense we can pay to these schools. We have had a man in school in Michigan this summer and we are sending a man to the F. B. I.

training school. This also applies to the fire department.

We feel that we have made in our reorganization a minimum number of mistakes, and as those we have made show up they will be very promptly corrected. In a short while I believe you will begin to see results of better law enforcement in San Antonio. We are going to stay with it."

Mayor Maverick: I want to call attention to the fact that all but seven or eight of the policemen in this group are eligible for retirement. I believe the newspapers have been very fair in reporting this reorganization of the Police Department. Of course, they refer to it as a purge, and try to make it dramatic, and for that matter I guess it is, but let's compare it with the Health Department.

The reorganization was about 98% change of personnel. Practically everyone in the old department was removed because we had to have men scientifically trained in public health. And no one said anything about it. In the police reorganization, it came to 18 or 20 % of the men, but even out of those men, most of them should have been retired many years ago. It is a legitimate, sound, careful reorganization.

Here is a problem of pensions. We have a pension board, and the poor board has had a hard job. Its head is Frank Williams, an insurance man. That board is going into a very complete study of pension systems, and the hope of all is to establish a decent pension system for police and firemen, and of course eventually for all employees of the City of San Antonio.

In Milwaukee the policemen contribute from 4% to 9%, and are entitled to a pension at the end of thirty-five years. In two weeks we are making public a full study of financing of pensions in the City of San Antonio.

The program of the Health Department is an enormous job. There are clinics being established, venereal disease clinics, tuberculosis clinics, and we are treating several thousand people in these. In one city I visited they had 30,000 people who came in voluntarily to be treated of venereal diseases. We are really going to start a war on venereal diseases and disease in general in San Antonio.

We actually stand about first in the nation for tuberculosis. We are going to fight that, too. Let us first admit the truth and then make war.

The next Committee is the Library Board. This one is doing a more regular, steady job, because it has been longer established. We have made a larger appropriation than the last few years, and the increase is going to be spent on books. In the future, if not altogether in the past, I will cooperate with them in everything they want to do.

All of the Committees that come before us tell us what they want to do and what they think, and various ones have disagreed from time to time. We have tried to settle those differences in a quiet way without having public rows.

The Movie Censorship Committee has just been appointed. I do not know much about what they are supposed to do, but I will cooperate with them. I hope we do not start a campaign of blind reform and with everybody going crazy. I went to the "The Women" last night and I got a little outraged - I had my little girl along - but I suppose it was alright; that's just the way things are. (Laughter)

The Parks and Planning Board has done exceptionally fine work - it is one of the finest boards that has ever been known in the history of any city. Their work has been done in connection with every part of the City.

The Zoo Board has also done a good job, but I am not going to compliment it too much now because Mr. Friedrich has been complimented within an inch of his life and he may get a swelled head and lay down on us.

The Parks and Planning Board is doing a good job in getting trees placed in the Zoo. They have already planted a large number of very fine trees and the work of putting them in the Zoo is being done by Mr. Hein's Department. I want him to make a report at this time.

Mr. Hein: I do not want to take up too much time, but in connection with the Zoo, we are doing something that should have been done before now because the poor animals out there suffer so from the heat of those barren rocks; many of them have been lost on that account. It is a hard proposition to plant trees in rocks, but that is what we are doing. We have a tree moving machine that we built for \$400.00 - the model we used costs \$3,000.00. It was built of old parts and I think it is even better than the \$3,000 model. Regarding the trees in the Zoo, certain changes were in order and we are trying to make them in order to provide for the Zoo San Antonio will have.

I would like to say that when we came into office I took over the parks and also the recreation - the equipment was in dangerous condition at the parks and playgrounds, and even resulted in some damage suits against the city. It was dangerous to leave the equipment in the shape it was; this has now been corrected and every recreation field is in first class condition; those that still have equipment to be repaired are being taken care of now, as we have a crew working on this.

I would like to further state that we have had broken windows in the recreation buildings, and it makes you sick to replace broken windows one day and have them broken by the next night. If we are going to replace them it means a drain on the budget every time they are re-broken. I wish there was some way of stopping this. We had an instance at San Pedro Park. The people did not go there any more because there was not a night that there was not a fight. We stopped that right quick, but there is still hoodlumism. I appreciate all the cooperation we get, and it will take all of us to do it. As you know, I have so many things under my department that I cannot take them all up at this time, but the next time you are in Brackenridge Park, will you, at night, look at the restoration of the Sunken Garden...see the lights on the walls and on the Lily ponds. We are trying to replace the beauty that we know is here and should have been here all the time.

The ordinance was passed recently authorizing installation of a chlorinating system, at a cost of \$10,000, at the sewage disposal plant. Demands have been made on the City for a number of years to do this to prevent the pollution of the river. The original plans for the disposal plant called for such a system, but the City had no money for it; we inherited that thing, but it is absolutely necessary in order to have a sanitary City and reach proper health standards.

One of the chief projects we had was a road through Witte Museum and Pioneer Hall. It has been delayed on account of the N. Y. A., but it is going at a reasonable rate of operation at this time.

I would like to say that there is a project under way to fix up all the tennis courts. The ones at San Pedro Park have been entirely rebuilt, and we are going to rebuild the ones at Pittman-Sullivan Park. All others are being repaired.

An archery range has been put in at McCullough and Basse Road. It was comparatively easy to accomplish this, and I understand that a number of people will come to San Antonio for that sport. Archery is popular with a many people, just like golf, and we are going to have the best golf course in the State at Brackenridge Park, and the golfers are going to pay for it.

There are other things, such as the lighting in Lions Field. Lots of repairs have been made at the market. It is being restored and it is being made sanitary. I hope a lot of you will go down to see it and I hope that a lot of you saw it before the work started.

(In answer to Mayor Maverick's question, "How about the Woodlawn Swimming Pool?" Mr. Hein made the following statement)

I want to invite all of these people to come out at two o'clock next Sunday afternoon when we will officially open the new swimming pool. We eventually expect to have all of our swimming pools in the same condition. Come Sunday at two; the dedication of the pool will be made by the Mayor. We will also have our new recreation director with us at that time.

Mayor Maverick: Oh, just a minute, before I go ahead, for members of the Committees and Boards we have certificates or cards here, and if you want to come up and get them I would like for you to do so. If you do not get your card here, it will be mailed to you.

Another Committee very important to San Antonio is the River Beautification Committee. Its head is Jack White. They have done an excellent job.

Some day I would like for you to go over there and see the place in back of the Cos House where an open air theatre with a water curtain to use between the acts is being built. It is beautiful. It will work in with the Spanish background. The River Beautification Project will tie in especially with the Villita Project, and generally with civic progress.

We have appointed a Welfare Board, I mean an investigation committee, a sort of fact finding committee on the subject of poverty and relief in San Antonio. I find that San Antonio is one of the very few cities in the entire United States which does not have any relief. Mind you, we have no relief at all in San Antonio. At the present time we can do nothing about it if anyone is homeless, hungry, sick or dying, for there is no such thing here as actual relief. The present administration has promised not to unbalance the budget, but I think that a city with any humanity should see that people do not starve and suffer from lack of housing.

We are now working on a building code. We need it for the convenience of the builders and contractors of San Antonio in general. That ends my report, but I have some personal things to say.

The first thing I want to tell you is, I like my job as mayor. I like it better than I expected to, and better even in spite of certain very disagreeable things.

The other day the San Antonio Light made me out a sailor. In fact, they made me out the best sailor in the United States, the Secretary of the Navy, which honor I deeply appreciate. (laughter). They also made me Secretary of War, though it is unconstitutional to hold two jobs at once. Concerning recent newspaper talk about my getting a "big Federal job", all I want to say is that it is impolite for persons to talk about or even ask about a job being offered or given.

The only thing I do not like about the Light is that they demoted me yesterday. They started me off as Secretary of War, then Secretary of the Navy; then they made me Third Assistant Secretary of War! (laughter) I hope in the future they will not put me down to third assistant - it is very undignified for the Mayor of so great a City.

Another thing I want to mention: The newspapers mentioned the fact that my wife wanted to leave San Antonio. It is a somewhat unkind cut, and wherein they transcend the boundary of good taste. Indeed, I think it is going too far when newspapers begin to read the mind of the wife of the Mayor, or anyone else.

Many times I have felt like shooting myself, being kicked around and cursed and abused in this job on account of doing right - and that is all I have done, or this administration has done. Never has my wife ever held back a single moment. She has been with me all the way, and it has been a great encouragement. (applause) There are times when, to use

an ungallant expression, I would like to light a shuck and get out of here, but she has never been that way.

Some of my enemies would like for me to leave San Antonio, and I want to make a statement: I do not claim Mr. Roosevelt offered me anything, and for the sake of the record I say he offered me nothing. However, I want to say that if Mr. Roosevelt is in need of a job I will gladly give him one. I think he would make a very capable employee. Anyhow, I am not going to take a job from him. I am going to stay in San Antonio. (applause)

Everybody around the country believes that the mayor's job is the greatest in the United States. People tell me they really believe that, and I do, too. If we, the Commissioners and I, can take a city like San Antonio and be honest and courageous and never back down - always do what is right - be honest and decent, protect the democratic processes and be honorable, I believe being Commissioners and Mayor is about as big a job as you can find in the United States.

I have this on my mind: San Antonio has things no other city in America has. We know some European cities have a background of culture which is of great age, but San Antonio has certain things like the Villita, the Missions, the Army Post, the flying fields, which are different from other cities, and I believe that if we people of San Antonio will work toward it, we can make San Antonio a great city.

I want you committee members to all realize that you are part of a great city which has a destiny, like any other great city or great ideal. I want you to feel you are supposed to work for San Antonio and give me your advice at all times.

We might as well be frank - these committees are all advisory, and cannot pass ordinances, because we have the responsibility of government. But, when any committee makes a suggestion after study of a certain question, we have usually, with one or two notable exceptions, taken the advice of the committee.

The thing San Antonio has lacked in the past has been an aroused citizenship, and there have been people filing little picayunish suits to block the progress of San Antonio; we need a unified citizenry, and that is what we are going to have, judging from the group here today. (applause)

(End)

*Note -
This was a fine meeting, very
crowded. Many could not get in.
Maverick*