

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF
THE STREET COMMISSIONER, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK, A.M., ON MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30th, 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.
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The following petitions were considered:

Petition of Texas & New Orleans Railroad for permit to construct spur track in Medina St. The Clerk said a representative of the Railroad had asked if this petition could be acted on, as a government contract depended on this spur track. The Petition was referred to the City Engineer for investigation and discussion with the Police Traffic Bureau.

Petition of John W. and Gladys F. Ashley for permission to connect with the City sanitary sewer system outside the City limits. Sewer Engineer Nauschutz told the Committee this connection is in the Sewer District which was taken over by the City and the line to which the connection is sought is, in normal times, only half full. On motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the petition was granted.

Petition of Edgar Boerner and other residents of 600 block of San Pedro Ave. asking removal of dog and cat hospital from 600 block of San Pedro. The Clerk read the report of R. L. Marvel, Acting Chief, Bureau of Sanitation, City Health Dept., based on an investigation of the dog and cat hospital and stating "it is difficult to see how any hazard is being created to the health of this community." The Petition was referred to the secretary of the Zoning Commission.

Petition of Merle Starnes for permit to install sewer main in right-of-way of Bandera Highway and charge for connections thereto. Sewer Engineer Nauschutz explained and recommended this petition. In reply to a question from the Mayor, Comms. Steffler, Anderson and Hein agreed to vote to annex this section when an ordinance is drawn for that purpose. On motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan, the petition of Merle Starnes was granted and the necessary ordinance ordered drawn.

Petition of Marshall Aguilar, et al, for extension of Octavia Place; and, Petition of residents on Octavia Place, protesting the opening and/or extension of Octavia Place to the East. Following discussion, Commissioner Steffler suggested the Clerk write both Aguilar and Mr. C. J. LeComte, recommending that they get together and try to work out a compromise.

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The Mayor and Commissioners discussed, at length, the emergencies arising from the recent flood. Comm. Steffler, whose streets and bridges suffered considerable damage, suggested he might use funds from the proposed sale of the September 25, 1945, bond issue. Comm. Callaghan also asked if this money could be used by Comm. Steffler. The Mayor objected, stating he and the Commissioners who supported the bond issue had pledged that this money would be used for other purposes. All then agreed that this money would not be used for purposes other than those for which it was voted.

Comm. Steffler said it would take \$300,000 to rebuild the bridges and re-pave the streets damaged by the flood, not including gravel streets. He said it would cost at least \$200,000 to put the streets and bridges in usable condition. Comm. Hein estimated it would cost \$50,000 to repair the two breaks in the Mitchell Lake dam.* Comm. Steffler said he could repair the breaks for \$10,000, whereupon Comm. Hein agreed to let him do this if he could get the \$10,000.

Comm. Anderson said the increase allocated to him on September 20th had brought him within his revised budget up to that date, but that his expenses would continue to run \$10,000 per

*CORRECTION: See Page 190 for correction.

month over the budget. Mayor Mauermann called to the attention of all that the City Charter and the law prohibits any spending in excess of their budgets.

Comm. Anderson suggested another emergency loan from the bank be negotiated.

The Mayor said the bank would require a pledge from the Commissioners to raise the money from taxes. Comms. Anderson, Steffler and Hein all said they would vote to raise the taxes and assessments.

Comm. Callaghan said his figures would be ready by November 1, and "what you do with them after that is your business."

The Mayor asked Comm. Callaghan if he did not intend to be on the Board of Equalization.

Comm. Callaghan replied that he hoped to be the Chairman. He suggested that all un-allocated money be spent before another loan is sought, but the City Auditor replied that there was none.

The Mayor said he would support the motion for another loan, only if it was divided into two parts: to-wit, one for flood emergencies and another for the extra money for other purposes which was being sought by Comms. Anderson, Hein and Callaghan.

Comm. Callaghan said he agreed with the Mayor on this statement.

MOTION: Comm. Steffler moved that the Mayor be authorized to negotiate an emergency loan of \$200,000 for emergency rebuilding and repairing of bridges and streets damaged by the flood and \$10,000 for repair of flood damage to the Mitchell Lake dam, this amount being for Comm. Hein's dept. but the money to be utilized by Comm. Steffler at the request of Comm. Hein because Comm. Steffler has the facilities to do the work; and that the Commissioners pledge to raise assessments in an amount sufficient to carry this emergency loan of \$210,000. After a second by Comm. Anderson, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

MOTION: Comm. Steffler moved that the Mayor be authorized to negotiate a second emergency loan to include \$100,000 for the Police and Fire Dept. to be used for regular expenses, emergency repairs and salary adjustments to keep the personnel now employed; and, \$50,000 for Comm. Hein's Dept. for the same purposes; and, \$70,000 for Comm. Callaghan's Dept. for the purposes of a re-survey of taxable values, salary adjustments, and the additional help, block maps and other equipment needed for the re-survey; and that the Commissioners pledge to raise assessments in an amount sufficient to carry this emergency loan of \$220,000. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Discussion followed on the subject of a re-advertisement for bids on the September 25, 1945, bonds, which re-advertisement had been tentatively set for October 10. Comm. Steffler moved that the Mayor be authorized to re-advertise for bids for the sale of the September 25, 1945, bonds, the bids to be opened October 17, 1946. After a second by Comm. 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: (AS CORRECTED)*

Walter M. Anderson
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ATTEST: *Laura B. ...*
City Clerk

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CORRECTION OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK, A.M., ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1946.

To be inserted in remarks of Comm. Hein, recorded on Page 188, concerning breaks in the Mitchell Lake Dam:

Comm. Hein stated there were two major breaks in the Mitchell Lake Dam, one 60-feet wide and one 30-feet wide. He said these had been observed from a distance, as it was impossible to get close enough to make a careful inspection of the Dam.