

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:  
AFTER ADJOURNMENT OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 1916.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, A. D. 1916, 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

In the matter of contemplated appointments in the Police Department, Mayor Brown requested all men to be newly appointed and all men to be dismissed, to step inside the railing.

After questioning those who would lose their positions by reason of new appointments, as to the terms of their service in the Department, etc, etc, they were excused.

Commissioner Uhr now again submitted a list of appointments to be made in the Police Department, and moved their confirmation, and his motion not receiving a second he withdrew his nominations; when the Mayor introduced the following resolution which was adopted by vote on roll call, towit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Kearny. Nay, Uhr, who declared that he would not be bound by its provisions:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That, Whereas, soon after Mr. Albert Steves was elected Police and Fire Commissioner a written resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners providing that all applicants for the Police Department must meet certain mental, moral, and physical requirements, which requirements were digested after a careful study of the rules in other cities governing civil service; and

Whereas, every applicant then in the force, and who wanted to join the force, was required to stand the said examination, before Mr. Albert Steves, the Police Commissioner, and the Mayor, and about forty of the old policemen were let out because they could not meet the said requirements, and the applicants who passed the highest grades in the said tests were put in their places, and only the men on the force were then retained who satisfactorily passed the said test, and the San Antonio Police Department was then thoroughly re-organized in accordance with modern civil service ideas; and

Whereas, now Mr. Uhr, the Police and Fire Commissioner, desires to turn out of the department about thirty of the said men who successfully passed that test as aforesaid, and put in their places men who have not stood the said examinations, and has given no satisfactory reasons for turning out of the department the said old men; and

Whereas, we do not want to turn out without reason the said old men who have successfully passed the said examinations, and have faithfully performed their duties since, and at the same time we do want to appear as blocking the creation of the Police Department; and, Whereas, we still desire that the San Antonio Police Department in the future, as for the past year, shall be enlisted in accordance with civil service ideas, and we desire to be impartial in this matter, and are not trying to obtain a political advantage; and

Now therefore Be It Resolved that if Mr. Uhr will agree to nominate the men in accordance with the following suggestion, we will agree to vote for the men selected as follows; that is, that we request the Committee of nine, which Committee was selected recently by the nine business associations of the City, to recommend civil service amendments to the Charter, to select either from the membership of the said Committee of nine, a Committee of three impartial and disinterested citizens of the City of San Antonio, that said Committee of three immediately adopt civil service rules and regulations, setting

forth the moral, mental and physical qualifications of all men to be appointed to the Police force, and that said Committee of three then act as a Board of Civil service Examiners, conduct all necessary examinations for all mounted men, patrolmen and detectives to go on the police force, and after holding the said examinations, that the said Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners the men who in their judgment have passed the said examinations with the highest grades and are best qualified to hold the said positions, and that the men now on the force and any and all new applicants be required to take the said examinations before the said Committee of three, and that Mr. Uhr agree to nominate the men so selected by said Committee, and the other Commissioners agree to confirm the men so selected by said Committee.

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An ordinance authorizing the Mayor to engage 10 special policemen was read and laid over

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Commissioner Lambert introduced an ordinance prohibiting fishing in the San Antonio River within the corporate limits of the City, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

**MB-102** AN ORDINANCE

Denouncing and penalizing fishing, seining and netting anywhere in the San Antonio River within the corporate limits of the City.

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

Any person who fishes, seines or nets anywhere in the San Antonio River for the purpose of catching any kind of fish, large or small, (the word fish in this connection being used in its most comprehensive sense) within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio, shall be deemed guilty of the commission of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction therefor before the corporation court shall be fined in any sum of money not exceeding Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars. And each such act of fishing, seining or netting shall constitute a separate and distinct offense within the meaning of this ordinance.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

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Commissioner Uhr recommended that the petition of Vendicup Machine Company for permission to install Sanitary Drinking fountains in Parks and Plazas etc, be granted provided the tanks used do not interfere with pedestrians on sidewalk, the location of same to be approved by the Commissioner of Fire and Police, The said Vendicup Machine Co. to hold the City Harmless for any damages to person or property by reason of these fountains; and the City reserves the right to have them removed at any time on order of the Commissioners.

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AN ORDINANCE

Commissioner Uhr introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none.

No. 93

**-103** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$643.08 out of the 1916 General Fund to pay E. A. McIntosh for meals furnished city prisoners during the month of August 1916.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum

of six hundred, forty three and  $\frac{1}{100}$  Dollars, (\$643.08), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is, hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay Eva McIntosh for serving 5359 meals at 12 cents each to City prisoners during the month of August, 1916.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

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On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned to reconvene Saturday September 2nd, 1916, at 11 A.M.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR