

The Mayor asked that an opportunity be given him to read Commissioner Davis' Resolution and study its contents before a vote is taken. This permission being refused he asked to be recorded as not voting. Under the rules of the Council he is therefore recorded as present not voting- Nay.

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This resolution was passed by the following vote on roll call , to-wit: Ayes; Davis, Knight and South; Nays, White , present N.V. and Hein-absent. *amend*

This resolution was not signed by the Mayor, but is in effect and force through operation of <sup>Paragraph 1,</sup> Section 26 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio.

J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

On a motion by Commissioner Knight seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by a roll call vote, to-wit; Ayes, Davis, Knight and South; Nays, White, present and Hein-absent. *the council adjourned*

APPROVED

*[Signature]*  
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
City Clerk

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th.,  
AT 10:00 A. M.

PRESENT:

White, Davis, Knight and South: Hein absent: Mayor White presiding.

The City Clerk read the call as follows:

September 19, 1949

TO THE COMMISSIONERS of the City of San Antonio:-

Gentlemen:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of San Antonio, I hereby call you in Special Session, to be held 10:00 o'clock, A.M. on Tuesday, September 20th, 1949 in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of San Antonio, Texas, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the adequacy of the petition filed by the Peoples Petition Committee, Council Manager Association, for the holding of an election for changes in the City Charter.

It is requested that all city employees that were engaged in the checking of the petition for the Committee as a Whole, be present at this meeting.

/s/ A. C. White  
M A Y O R

Receipt of notice of above Special Meeting of the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio is hereby acknowledged.

/s/ C. Ray Davis  
Commissioner of Taxation'

/s/ James W. Knight  
Commissioner of Sts. and Pub. Improv.

/s/ Raymond South  
Commissioner of Fire & Police

Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks  
and Public Property.

Mayor White then called upon Mr. Barney Matteson to address the Commissioners on the subject of the Peoples Petition Committee Council Manager Associations petition for a charter Amendments.

Commissioner Davis called attention to Rule 26 of Council procedure which prohibits outsiders from taking part in the meetings of the Council.

Mayor White ruled that as a petitioner Mr. Matteson had the right to be heard.

Mr. Matteson then spoke on the subject of the petition and the sufficiency of the count and presented the following petition.

WHEREAS, a petition signed by more than ten per cent of the qualified voters of the City of San Antonio proposing thirteen amendments to the Charter of the City was filed with the City Commissioners on September 8, 1949, and such petition has been duly examined and checked by a Committee appointed by the Mayor and Commissioners for such purpose, and said Committee has found and reported that it has examined and checked said petition and found it to contain the signatures of the requisite number of qualified voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners have hitherto failed to act upon a motion to accept and approve the report of their Committee and have not found as a matter of record that such petition was signed by the requisite number of voters provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Peoples Charter Committee respectfully requests that the Mayor and Commissioners by motion, resolution or ordinance or by other appropriate action entered of record on their minutes, accept and approve the report of the examining Committee and declare said petition to have been signed according to law by the number of qualified voters required by law.

Mayor White, introduced a resolution as follows:-

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,  
AND DECLARING THE SUFFICIENCY OF SIGNATURES TO  
PETITION OF PEOPLES' CHARTER COMMITTEE, SUB-  
MITTED SEPTEMBER 8, 1949.

and asked for discussion by Commissioners. Commissioner Davis made a statement and read a copy of the statement made on yesterday by him, and Commissioner Knight and Commissioner South.

Commissioner Knight moved to table the Mayor's resolution seconded by Commissioner Davis.

The Mayor then called upon Mr. Matteson again to address the Council but, a point of order that the motion to table is not debatable and that none but Commissioners could take part in the meeting was made by Commissioner Davis.

Assistant City Attorney Gordon Davis interpreted the rules of order to exclude outsiders from the discussion but permitted the Mayor to talk on his resolution. After a short discussion by the Mayor the following resulted on the motion to table the resolution and the resolution was tabled. Ayes; Davis, Knight and South; Nays White, present and Hein-absent.

The Mayor then again asked the petitioners be allowed to speak but the motion to adjourn was made and debate closed.

On a motion by Commissioner Knight seconded by Commissioner Davis and carried by a roll call vote, to-wit; Ayes, Davis, Knight and South; Nays White, present and Hein-absent.

ATTEST:

APPROVED

*John G. Gallego*  
City Clerk

*Barney Matteson*  
MAYOR

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