

June 1, 1950

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1950, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

WHITE, DAVIS, HEIN, KNIGHT AND SOUTH: Mayor White presiding.

Invocation by Rev. A. H. Bates, pastor of the First Cumberland Presbyterian.

On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hein, the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with; motion carried by a roll call vote to-wit; Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays; none.

THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WERE PRESENTED:

Commissioner of Taxation:

The petition of the Texas Mexican District Church of the Nazarene, requesting that the 5.121 feet of Lots 12-A and 12-B of Block 5, NCB 2200, at Corner Spring & Perez Streets be exempt from taxation.

The petition of the Los Angeles Heights Community Presbyterian Church requesting that Lot 6, NCB 8477, at 2008 Olmos Drive, be exempt from taxation.

The petition of Catholic Life Insurance Union, requesting that property located at 112 Lexington Avenue, used as their home office building, be exempt from taxation.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements:

The petition of F. Wahrmond, requesting payment for property being W. 1/2 of lot 43 and all of Lot 44, NCB 9653, which was encroached on by the city, when a concrete strip was put in in an attempt to correct the drainage problem in that area.

The petition of E. L. Kirby & J. C. Kirby, Jr., requesting approval of vacating and resubdivision plats in NCB 3686.

The petition filed by Richard Jacques, requesting plat approval of the south 140' of tracts 243 to 247, NCB 8088.

The petition filed by Mrs. L. Feingold & Mr. I. Harvin, requesting approval of vacating and resubdivision plats in NCB 2530.

The petition filed by Alamo Lumber Company, requesting approval of vacating and resubdivision plats of lots 17 & 18 in NCB 7360.

The petition filed by Frank Robertson, requesting approval of vacating and resubdivision plats in NCB 9648.

The following Ordinances were introduced by the Mayor and various Commissioners and passed and approved by a roll call vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight & South, Nays, none.

COMM. KNIGHT APPRO. NO. 1

AN ORDINANCE 11,964

APPROPRIATING \$928.00 OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND, TO PAY ELMO DANIELS, FRANK A FRITH, AND JOSE TREVINO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACTS.

(Full text in Ordinance Book U. page. 137

APPRO. NO. 2.

AN ORDINANCE 11,965

APPROPRIATING \$1,087.51 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND TO PAY PER DIEM PAYROLL

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APPRO. NO. 3,

AN ORDINANCE 11,966

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUND.

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APPRO. NO. 4

AN ORDINANCE 11,967

APPROPRIATING \$1,181.05 OUT OF THE STREET
& BRIDGE C-45 FUND TO PAY PER DIEM PAYROLL

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APPRO. NO. 5

AN ORDINANCE 11,968

APPROPRIATING \$10,350.00 OUT OF STATE OR
STATE-AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO
STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY, IN PAYMENT
FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY MARIE KENNEY
MCGINNIS, ET VIR, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (INTER-
REGIONAL HIGHWAY).

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APPRO. NO. 6

AN ORDINANCE 11,969

APPROPRIATING \$ 6,142.14 OUT OF STATE OR
STATE-AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO PAY
JOHN E. ZELLER, CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY NEGOTIATOR
THREE PER CENT FEE ON LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS
PURCHASED FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (INTERREGIONAL
HIGHWAY).

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APPRO. NO. 7

AN ORDINANCE 11,970

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF HOWARD STICH CONTRACTOR,
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS
ON VARIOUS STREETS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
EXECUTE CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$29,462.65
OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47
FUND.

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APPRO. NO. 8

AN ORDINANCE 11,971

APPROPRIATING \$221.14 OUT OF THE 1949 GENERAL
FUND-PARKING METER ACCOUNT PAYABLE TO THE
AMERICAN-LA FRANCE-FOAMITE CORPORATION TO
COVER INSTALLMENT NO. 12, BEING THE FINAL
PAYMENT DUE ON 100 TWIN PARKING METERS, CON-
TRACT NO. 4.

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COMM. SOUTH

APPRO. NO. 9

AN ORDINANCE 11,972

APPROPRIATING \$1,062.50 OUT OF THE PARK REVENUE
BOND 1945 FUND TO PAY PAYROLL

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APPRO. NO. 10

AN ORDINANCE 11,973

APPROPRIATING \$15,155.06 OUT OF THE POLICE &
FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND TO PAY PAYROLL.

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COMM. KNIGHT

APPRO. NO. 11

AN ORDINANCE 11,974

APPROPRIATING \$654.00 OUT OF THE INTERREGIONAL
HEIGHWAY A-45 FUND, TO PAY CLAIM OF LOUIS PALETTA
FOR ENCROACHMENTS ON NORTH SANTA ROSA AVENUE IN
CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENT FOR THE URBAN EXPRESSWAY

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MAYOR WHITE:
APPRO. NO. 12

AN ORDINANCE 11,975

APPROPRIATING \$56.77 OUT OF THE COMMERCE BUILDING FUND TO PAY STEPHENS FUEL OIL COMPANY FOR FUEL OIL FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1950.

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COMM. DAVIS:

AN ORDINANCE 11,976

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE AND DESIGNATING IT AS GENERAL DEPOSITORY AND SPECIAL DEPOSITORY OF THE CITY AND AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY AND CREATING THE CONTRACT WITH SAID BANK TO FINANCE THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1950

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COMM. HEIN.

AN ORDINANCE 11,977

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID PROPOSAL AND MAKING CONTRACT WITH SAN ANTONIO DEALERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ZOO DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF HORSE MEET FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1950 AND TERMINATING MAY 31, 1951.

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COMM. KNIGHT

AN ORDINANCE (No number, 1st., reading, ordered published

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY, SAID AREA BEING KNOWN AS SOUTH HIGHLANDS UNIT ONE, A SUBDIVISION OF 15.22 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF TRACT 14, CB.5131, AND BEING IN THE M.G. DE ALANES O.S. NO. 20 BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

AN ORDINANCE 11,978

TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MAYER AND JONES.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,979

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF BILLIE & BETTY ANN GIMBLE.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,980

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF ACME LUMBER CO.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,981

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF WILLIAM F. SPERBER.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,982

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDEMN CERTAIN PROPERTY OF JOSE RIVERO & WIFE PAULINE G. REVIERO AND OTHERS, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,983

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL AND MAKING CONTRACT WITH BELFAST SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO STREET DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF EMULSIFIED ASPHALT COLAS FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 31, 1950, AND TERMINATING MAY 31, 1951.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,984

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID PROPOSAL AND MAKING CONTRACT WITH SAN ANTONIO MACHINE AND SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO STREET DEPARTMENT WITH ONE LOT OF STEEL TO BE USED ON TWO LIFT STATIONS FOR THE SUM OF \$2,641.58 AND MAKING PAYMENT FOR SAM OUT OF SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND.

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COMM. SOUTH

AN ORDINANCE 11,985

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 8, 1921, AS AMENDED, BY ADDITIONS TO RULE 93.

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MAYOR WHITE.

AN ORDINANCE 11,986

AMENDING PARAGRAPH 3 OF ORDINANCE 5953 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE MAKING A LEASE WITH SCOBAY FIREPROOF STORAGE COMPANY FOR PROPERTY AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE", SO AS TO CORRECT AND AMEND THE FIELD NOTES OF THE PROPERTY; AND FURTHER AMENDING SAID ORDINANCE 5953 BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH TERE TO BE KNOWN AS PARAGRAPH 3a GRANTING TO SCOBAY FIREPROOF STORAGE COMPANY A PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A SPUR RAILROAD TRACT AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AND DEFINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID PERMIT.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,987

ORDERING AND INSTRUCTING THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO FORTHWITH CANCEL WATER WORKS GOLD BONDS IN THE SUM OF \$700,000.00, OWNED, PURCHASED AND NOW HELD BY SAID BOARD; AND INSTRUCTING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE ST. LOUIS UNION TRUST COMPANY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THIS ACTION BY FORWARDING TO THEM BY REGISTERED MAIL A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED AGAINST SAID BOARD UNDER THE TERMS OF ARTICLE 1, PARAGRAPH 39 OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE DEED OF TRUST OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS TO ST. LOUIS UNION TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEES, DATED MAY 1, 1925, IN THE EVENT SAID BOARD SHOULD FAIL AND REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,988

"AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO MAKE A SPECIAL PURCHASE OF MATERIAL AND LABOR FOR REPAIR OF DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MATERIAL TO INCLUDE TWO EACH TANKS AND EXPANSION VALVES FOR \$156.52 AND LABOR AND INSTALLATION TO COST \$30.00, PAYMENT TO BE MADE OUT OF THE 1949 GENERAL FUND, STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT".

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AN ORDINANCE 11,989

AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF THE 16MM. FILM "HASH-SLINGING TO FOODHANDLING" FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR SAME IN THE ACCOUNT OF \$150.00 GENERAL FUND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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COMM. HEIN.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR sealed BIDS IN TRIPLICATE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH ONE mimeograph machine. BIDS TO BE OPENED JUNE 15,1950.

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COMM. KNIGHT

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS IN TRIPLICATE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT UNDER SUPERVISION OF STREET COMMISSIONER WITH ONE LOT OF LUMBER TO BE USED ON TWO LIFE STATIONS. BIDS TO BE OPENED JUNE 15, 1950.

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COMM.SOUTH

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF 6,000 FEET OF TWO-INCH BLACK IRON PIPE, (USED) SAME BEING AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, FROM MISSION PIPE & SUPPLY COMPANY THIS PIPE TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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MAYOR WHITE

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS IN TRIPLICATE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM WITH ONE PORTABLE STAIRWAY TYPE ALUMINUM SCAFFOLD. BIDS TO BE OPENED JUNE 15, 1950.

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A committee of members of the Insurance Exchange reported and presented a plan for handling the Insurance and Bonding for the City as a whole. Mr. Arthur Randol explained the aims and purposes after which it was voted, by roll call vote as follows: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, none, to adopt the plan as presented and outlined in the following proposal;

INSURANCE PLACEMENT BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO
219 Gunter Building.
San Antonio, Texas. 5-29-50

To the Honorable Mayor and the City Commissioners of San Antonio,
City Hall,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Upon request that a survey be made of the insurance carried by the City of San Antonio, a committee acting for the local agents has been engaged in such a survey, and while we have almost completed the fire insurance portion, there are several of the larger city owned properties on which we are still awaiting appraisals by the Architects and Contractors. We have made some recommendations from time to time which have been carried out, - others are still pending in some of the Departments.

We have with the cooperation of Commissioner Hein, and other authorities of the city and Mr. Masterson of the Water Board and Col. Gunstream of the Airports succeeded in securing a 33 1/3% reduction in fire insurance rates at Stinson Airport and Stinson Homes, On one group of buildings at Stinson Airport on \$164,000. insurance there will be a saving of \$1200.00 over 3 years, \$400.00 a year.

We are of the opinion that a SAVING of at least 25% in premiums paid by the City will result if our Committee (and this is essential in order to make an intelligent comprehensive recommendation) be in a position to authoritatively confer and discuss, with legal representatives of the City, the legal liability of the City, and this definite authority for our sub-committee is necessary to secure credit modifications and experience credits from the Texas Insurance Department, with which Department these casualty and

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and automobile coverages should be handled by our sub committee as a whole to obtain the greater benefit for the City.

As to Surety-fidelity bonds, - a Blanket Position bond for each Department instead of individual bonds as now written will give broader automatic coverage at a saving of approximately one third of the premiums now paid. This might be inaugurated at the beginning of this fiscal year June 1st., 1950. As an illustration, we wrote last June 1st., a Blanket Position bond on Corporation Court employees, covering more employees, with broader coverage, for a premium of \$312.00 as against a premium of \$430.00 for individual bonds, a saving of \$127.09 a year on this one item alone.

In many cities and jurisdictions it has been found desirable and most satisfactory and the fairest medium for the handling of public business to have such a committee handle all municipal and other public insurance.

THEREFORE, this Committee respectfully recommends that ALL insurance of the City of San Antonio be handled through the Insurance Placement Board of San Antonio, on behalf of all recognized agents, and that ALL earned commissions be divided among such agents. For the purpose of determining recognized agents we recommend that members of the San Antonio Insurance Exchange be regarded as recognized agents so far as the division of commissions is concerned. Membership roster enclosed.

Our Insurance Placement Board is now ably serving other public bodies in the handling of insurance. This committee only handles public insurance.

The agents comprising this survey and insurance placement Board are members of the San Antonio Insurance Exchange, and were able assisted by other professional men: The San Antonio Builders Exchange appointed a committee consisting of Mr. Lee A. Christy, AGC, Mr. Raymond Phelps, AIA, and Mr. Willard Simpson, SPE, who have rendered a real public service in their able service in their able cooperation and advice to our committee, and we also had on our committee insurance company engineers, rate experts, and adjusters.

We respectfully request the approval of the plan as above outlined.

Lee J. Stivers
Carol Doss
Gordon Friedrich
Bob Duncan
Osias Wolf

Very truly Yours

Insurance Placement Board

Arthur G. Randol, Chairman
Luther C. Beery, Vice-Chairman
Fred W. Riley
F. F. Ludolph, Secretary,
By/s/ Arthur G. Randol, Chairman.

Mr. Paul West, District Manager of The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, presented and read a letter asking for increased telephone rates for San Antonio. To this letter were attached an application for the rate increases desired and Exhibits A, B, C. & D, covering statistical information.

Commissioner Davis said he believed a Commission should be appointed to look into the matter of telephone rates and perhaps an engineer should be employed. He expressed the hope that the Telephone Company would pay the cost of such an engineer.

After a short discussion by the Mayor and Commissioners the matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Commissioner Hein took exception to published articles relating the refinancing of the Gas and Electric 27,000,000.00 Revenue Bonds.

He called attention to the millions of dollars being saved the Board by its immunity from taxation, local, state and national and asked that the matter be correctly reported.

Commissioner Hein suggested that an engineer be employed to consult with the City Engineer in tabulating and evaluating the bids heretofore received for construction of an Incinerator.

There being no local engineer experienced in this particular field it was suggested that the local association of the Society of Engineers be contracted for information as to whom to consult.

The matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Hearing on recommendations of the Zoning Commission:

Prop. (A) Basse Road, no objections voiced, recommendations of the Zoning Commission were approved by the following vote: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South.

Prop. (B) Basse Road, no objections voiced, recommendations of the Zoning Commission were approved by the following vote: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South.

Prop. (C) W. Commerce & Stephenson Road, no objections voiced, recommendations of the Zoning Commission approved by the following vote: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South.

Prop. (D) Military Highway, no objections voiced, recommendations of the Zoning Commission approved by the following vote: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South.

The following bids were opened and read aloud and referred to the City Purchasing Agent for tabulation:

TYPEWRITERS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Roayl Typewriter Company, Inc., Underwood Corporation.

TWO CALCULATORS FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE:

Friden, Calculating Machine Agency, Monroe Calculating Machine Co., Inc.,

BANK DEPOSITORY

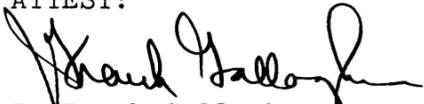
National Bank of Commerce, Frost National Bank.

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On a motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by a roll call vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, none, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


J. Frank Gallagher,
City Clerk


A. C. White, Mayor.

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