

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 1953, AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SHEARER, R. N. WHITE, JR., EASLEY, GONZALEZ.
CITY ATTORNEY JACK DAVIS AND CITY CLERK J. FRANK GALLAGHER

ABSENT: A. C. WHITE, RUSSELL, LESTER

The Clerk read the call of the meeting as follows:

Mr. J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk
City of San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Under authority vested in me by the Charter of the City, I hereby request that you call a Special Meeting of the City Council, required for the good of the City of San Antonio to convene at 9:00 A.M., October 27, 1953, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of San Antonio.

Yours very truly,

/s/ A. C. White, Mayor

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a written request filed by Mayor A. C. White you are hereby called into a Special Session of the City Council to be held in the City Council Chamber in the City Hall at 9:00 A.M. on the 27th day of October 1953 for the good of the City.

Respectfully,

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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

/s/ Henry B. Gonzalez
/s/ Ralph V. Easley
/s/ H. J. Shearer
/s/ Thelma Stevens

/s/ Raymond R. Russell, Jr.
/s/ R. N. "Dick" White, Jr.
/s/ Emil O. Scherlen
/s/ R. L. Lester

The following ordinance was presented and was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, R. N. White, Easley, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Russell, Lester.

AN ORDINANCE 19,708

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16,814 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 8TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1921, AS AMENDED, BY REPEALING RULE 92A, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW RULE 92A, the purpose of which is to DESIGNATE LOCATIONS AT WHICH FULL STOPS ARE REQUIRED OF ALL VEHICLES, MOTOR VEHICLES AND ANIMALS, AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY IN VIOLATION THEREOF BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$100.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1951", BY ESTABLISHING OFFICIAL STOP SIGN TRAFFIC CONTROL LOCATIONS, REGULATING THE MOVEMENT OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT "STOP SIGN" LOCATIONS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED A FINE OF \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page

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AN ORDINANCE 19,709
 APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE WITTE MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD
 (Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page

A hearing having been set for this time on the matter of placing insurance for the city, the Mayor Pro-tem announced that Mr. Park Street, representing certain Insurance Companies and agencies would be allowed to present the complaints against the present method.

Mr. Street made a preliminary statement in which he stated he hoped that what he and those following him had to say would be educational and would be helpful to the council in arriving at decisions in the future. He introduced Honorable Robert Lee Bobbitt to make some legal points.

Judge Bobbitt thanked the council for the opportunity given him and went into a discussion of the legality of purchasing insurance without advertising for bids. He cited the City Charter and certain State laws. He also referred to good business practice. He was questioned by Mr. Scherlen as to whether or not one sharing dividends of Insurance Companies was not also liable to share in the losses. Mr. Bobbitt differed on this point and he was further questioned by Mr. Shearer on what happens when a company goes broke.

After Mr. Bobbitt left the rostrum, Mr. Street again took the floor.

He was questioned by Mr. Shearer, Mr. Scherlen, and Mr. Easley.

Mr. Street then stated that he wanted to call in a number of insurance men to make statements with regard to a number of claims regarding what a dividend company or companies could save the city.

He stated that the City was unnecessarily carrying insurance on garbage trucks but Mr. Jack Davis, the City Attorney, told him he had advised this type of insurance for very good reasons,

The agents in turn called up by Mr. Street were, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ricketts, Mr. Williams, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Roten, Mr. Beaulien, Mr. Vair, Mr. Abbe Strunk, Mr. Frank Roberts. Mr. Roberts, as General Agent was asked for statistics from Bests Manual and also from "Insurance Field". He was also asked to explain the so called "in and out" rule.

Mr. Scherlen asked Mr. Roberts and others the length of timeⁱⁿ which they have done business in Texas.

Mr. Roten was asked to tell what he knew about the insurance business of the Housing Authority. He stated they saved \$20,000.00 in one year by taking competitive bids.

He was then asked who saved the city about \$9000.00 this year by a discovery of 37% discount due and he claimed credit. He claimed the automobile fleet policy should have been written at 37% less and showed pictures of correspondence on the subject. He claimed the insurance placement board had notice of the 37% rebate due.

Mr. Roberts was then questioned about assets of various companies offering 15% dividends and named several with large assets and "A" plus ratings.

After Mr. Street completed his evidence and retired, Mr. Harold Stannard, Attorney for the members of the Insurance Advisory Commission was called on.

He made a statement clarifying the legal status in his mind of all proceedings held in connection with City insurance. He can see nothing illegal and does not believe

that Section 101 of the Charter pertains to insurance. He also stated that the Placement Board has been trying for many months to get the 37% experience discount for the city and when it was successful they notified the city and asked if it should be credited on the next policy premium payment. No answer was received until June and then as soon as checks could be obtained a check was made to the city for the approximate \$9000.00 refund. He gave instances of savings effected by the work done by the Advisory Commission members over a four to five year period..

Mr. Arthur Randol, Chairman of the Insurance Placement Board, then traced the history of his Board, their work and savings to the city.

Mrs. Stevens then moved for a five minute recess and the council rested.

Upon resumption of proceedings, Mr. Street called on Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Roberts for further statements.

Mr. Stannard and Mr. Randol declined the invitation of the Mayor to respond.

Mr. Scherlen then made a statement as to his belief in the matter and did not agree with Mr. Street, Mr. Bobbitt, or Mr. Roberts as to the matter of participants of dividend policies not being liable for losses.

Mr. Scherlen then moved that the City continue to handle the insurance business with the advice of the Insurance Advisory Commission as heretofore; Mr. Shearer seconded.

Mr. Gonzalez moved to table the motion for two weeks but received no second. The Council then voted on the motion of Mr. Scherlen which was carried as follows: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, R. N. White, Easley; Nays, Gonzalez; Absent, A. C. White, Russell, Lester.

Mrs. Stevens then presented the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted.

A RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22ND THROUGH NOVEMBER 29TH, 1953, AS "AMERICAN HOME WEEK"

WHEREAS, it is desirable to create and foster more interest in our homes and retain our American heritage, by worshipping together, attending church together and conducting family devotionals in our homes; and,

and, WHEREAS, the observance of religious devotionals creates and maintains such interest;

and, WHEREAS, the national organization of the Federation of Women's Clubs has requested that the Woman's Club of San Antonio request the Mayor to proclaim "AMERICAN HOME WEEK" in San Antonio; NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the Mayor does hereby proclaim the week of November 22nd through November 29th 1953 as "AMERICAN HOME WEEK" in the City of San Antonio, and urges and requests the assistance of all churches and schools in the observance thereof.

That all families are urged and requested to worship together by attending church together on Sunday, November 29th, and to conduct devotionals in their homes throughout the week.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of October A. D. 1953.

R. N. White, Jr.
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:
J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

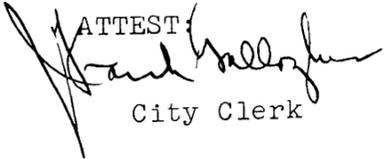
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On motion of Mrs. Stevens seconded by Mr. Easley, the meeting adjourned. Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, R. N. White, Easley, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Russell, R. L. Lester.

APPROVED:



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ATTEST:

City Clerk

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