

October 13, 1954

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE CITY MANAGERS OFFICE IN THE CITY
HALL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1954 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, RUDELOFF, DILLASHAW, RUSSELL, WHITE, EASLEY, LESTER

ABSENT: GONZALEZ

The Clerk read the call of the meeting as follows:

October 12, 1954

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

Dear Sir:

Under authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of San Antonio, I hereby request that you call a Special Meeting of the City Council to convene at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 13, 1954 in the City Hall, for the good of the City.

Yours very truly,

/s/ R. L. Lester

Mayor

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

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to a written request filed by Mayor R. L. Lester you are hereby called into a special session of the City Council to be held in the City Hall at 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 13, 1954, for the good of the City.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher

City Clerk

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

/s/ H. L. Dillashaw
/s/ Raymond R. Russell, Jr.
/s/ Emil O. Scherlen
/s/ Thelma Stevens

/s/ Ralph V. Easley
/s/ R. N. White, Jr.
/s/ Walter Rudeloff
/s/ R. L. Lester

The Mayor asked the City Attorney if he had an opinion as to the status of Mr. Rudeloff and Mr. Dillashaw as members of the City Council.

Mr. Cadena stated that in his opinion both gentlemen were duly elected.

Mr. Russell and Mr. Scherlen both disputed the correctness of the opinion and asked the City Attorney questions for clarification of his opinion. The Mayor called on the City Attorney, Mr. Cadena, to read his opinion in full.

Mr. Scherlen then stated that he wanted the record to show that "I do not agree with Cadena; I think he changed his opinion for convenience; It is not substantiated by law; Dillashaw and Rudeloff are not members of the Council".

The Chair then called upon the Clerk to read the following letter:

October 12, 1954

To the Mayor and Council of the City of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

Heretofore, on the 20th day of August, 1954, you and I entered into a contract of employment for a term not to exceed six months, with the proviso that same could be terminated at the will of either party upon giving five days' notice in writing.

I hereby tender my resignation and surrender and terminate said contract and ask that you waive the five days' notice required by the contract and accept such termination now.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ John Oliver

After the reading, Mr. White moved the acceptance; seconded by Easley. The resignation was accepted by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Stevens, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, White, Easley, Lester; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Gonzalez; NOT VOTING, Russell.

The Clerk then read the following letter:

October 13, 1954

Mayor and City Council
City of San Antonio

Gentlemen:

It is with deep regret that I tender my resignation as a Councilwoman to the City Council.

I regret most of all my inability to bring harmony among the members of this Council, which I so diligently tried to do all during the administration. It seems now that any further attempt to serve the City is met with futility.

My every prayer is for a miracle in San Antonio self-government--that men and women of stature will arise to the challenge of that government--that the whole citizenry will awaken to their great responsibility and bring order out of the present chaos.

I hold no malice or ill-will to anyone because of the ghostly forces, which I never fully understood, operated to undermine the forward program we so earnestly promised the people. Time will prove that my stands on the various issues were correct and in the best interest of the city.

I sincerely appreciate the honor bestowed on me and the confidence that I have enjoyed among the many friends that I have made during my tenure of office.

It is my desire to continue in every way to help establish a great and good government for a great and growing city of which we may be justly proud. I shall continue to offer myself, my talents and my energies in any service that I may be in the many civic affairs and charities that I have engaged in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thelma Stevens

After the reading of the letter, Mr. Rudeloff moved that Mr. John Oliver be elected to fill the place on the council being vacated by Mrs. Stevens. Seconded by Easley, Mr. Oliver was elected by the following vote: AYES, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Easley, Lester; NAYS, Scherlen; ABSENT, Gonzalez; NOT VOTING, Stevens.

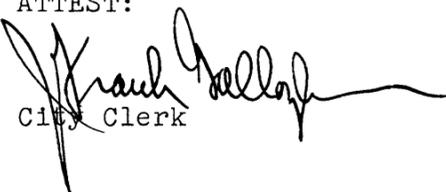
Mr. White moved to adjourn and the motion was unanimously adopted.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk