

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1952
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT

LOZANO, SCHMIDT, KELLER, TUCKER, ROPER, CASSIDY, GREEMAN, STEVES

ABSENT: WHITE

Invocation by Father Lopez - San Fernando Cathedral

Mayor Steves presiding.

On motion of Mr. Lozano seconded by Mr. Keller the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following ordinances and resolutions were presented and were passed and approved by unanimous vote.

APPRO. NO. 1739

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,440

APPROPRIATING \$18,212.42 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND, TO PAY PAYROLL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 484)

APPRO. NO. 1740

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,441

APPROPRIATING \$800.00 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND TO PAY PER DIEM PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 484)

APPRO. NO. 1741

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,442

APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND TO PAY PAYROLL FOR WILLOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 484)

APPRO. NO. 1742

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,443

APPROPRIATING \$32.19 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO PAY VARIOUS FIRMS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 485)

APPRO. NO. 1743

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,444

APPROPRIATING \$144.62 OUT OF THE PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND TO PAY VARIOUS MERCHANTS FOR MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 485)

APPRO. NO. 1744

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,445

APPROPRIATING \$2,065.00 OUT OF THE IMPOUNDED CAR FUND TO PAY U. K. GARAGE FOR TOWING AND STORAGE CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE NEW PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THE PERIOD OF MARCH 6TH, 1952 TO MARCH 19TH, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 485)

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✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,446

ACCEPTING REFUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21.50 FROM COMMERCIAL ABSTRACT & TITLE CO., HAVING BEEN PAID UNDER APPROPRIATION NO. 1222, OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND, ORDINANCE NO. 8969 DATED FEBRUARY 24, 1949, FOR CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY JOSE ARASCO AND WIFE, ADELA JAVAS ARASCO

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 485)

APPRO. NO. 1745

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,447

APPROPRIATING \$1,246.17 OUT OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OPENING AND WIDENING SOUTH ALAMO AT PROBANDT FUND, TO GUARDIAN ABSTRACT & TITLE CO., IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY C. H. GUENTHER & SON, INC., A CORPORATION, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS DULY AUTHORIZED PRESIDENT, ADOLPH G. BECKMANN, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FOR SOUTH SIDE ARTERY

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 486)

APPRO. NO. 1746

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,448

APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID HIGHWAY BONDS A-49 FUND TO GUARDIAN ABSTRACT & TITLE CO., IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY LIZZIE L. KIRKPATRICK, A FEME SOLE, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 486)

APPRO. NO. 1747

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,449

APPROPRIATING \$1,040.00 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID HIGHWAY BONDS A-49 FUND, TO ALAMO TITLE COMPANY IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY HELEN QUARLES A WIDOW, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SOLE LEGATEE UNDER THE WILL OF F. W. QUARLES, DECEASED, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FOR INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY (SOUTH SIDE ARTERY)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 486)

APPRO. NO. 1748

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,450

AMENDING APPROPRIATION NO. 1052 DATED NOVEMBER 8, 1951, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,267.79 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND, SO THAT THE SUM OF \$546.00 WHICH HAS NOT BEEN USED BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATED.

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 487)

APPRO. NO. 1749

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,451

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 16838 OUT OF THE 1951 GENERAL FUND-KELLY AIR FORCE BASE SEWER LINE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,605.00 SO THAT \$11,317.50 IS WITHDRAWN FROM ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION NO. 1347, DATED DECEMBER 20, 1951

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 487)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,452

ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM BERRY PACKING COMPANY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER, C. D. BERRY, PRESIDENT, FOR PUBLIC DRAIN ACROSS LOT NO. 13, IN NCB 2811, IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 487)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,453

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CAGE BROS (BY T. C. CAGE)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 488)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,454

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF HOWARD H. CHRISTENSEN JR. AND MRS. HOWARD H. CHRISTENSEN, JR.

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 488)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,455

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF W. H. MOORE & SON (BY EUGENE MOORE)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 488)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,456

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDEMN CERTAIN PROPERTY OF J. J. DE WITT, ET UX, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 489)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending the passage of the following four ordinances and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,457

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1921, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING LOCAL STREET TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS BY JITNEYS, MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES, AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF JITNEYS MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR SUCH TRANSPORTATION ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, EXCEPT AS HEREIN PROVIDED FOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING PARAGRAPH 2 THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 489)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,458

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 1949, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT COMPANY A PERMIT TO OPERATE TERRELL HEIGHTS SHUTTLE BUS LINE" AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING PARAGRAPH 1 THEREOF

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AN ORDINANCE 17,459

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1921, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING LOCAL STREET TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS BY JITNEYS, MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES, AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF JITNEYS, MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR SUCH TRANSPORTATION ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, EXCEPT AS HEREIN PROVIDED FOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES", AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING PARAGRAPH 13 THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 490)

AN ORDINANCE 17,460

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT COMPANY A PERMIT TO OPERATE CINCINNATI SHUTTLE BUS LINE

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 491)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,461

MANIFESTING A BILL OF SALE OF A HOUSE OWNED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TO MR. HENRY V. SATCHER FOR THE SUM OF \$2001.00 SAID HOUSE BEING LOCATED AT 422 WILMINGTON STREET OR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AND PROVIDING FOR A PERFORMANCE BOND OF \$200.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 492)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,462

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF 135 LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR TAXICABS FROM THE YELLOW CAB COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO, A CORPORATION, TO THE YELLOW CAB COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO, A PARTNERSHIP CONSISTING OF LOUIS L. SUGAR, FRANCES J. SUGAR, BRIAN A. SUGAR, ROBERT SUGAR, AND MAX J. PENNER

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 492)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,463

CLOSING THE 100 BLOCK OF COOPER STREET

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 493)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,464

GRANTING THE PETITION OF FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT 29, EXCEPT EAST 50 FEET, BLOCK 21, NEW CITY BLOCK 9241, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND REPEALING AN ORDINANCE NO. 11,579, PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 23RD DAY OF MARCH, A. D. 1950

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 493)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,465

ACCEPTING THE BID OF M. MAIZEL FOR SALVAGE RIGHTS AT THE CITY DUMPS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EFFECTUATING SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 493)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the above ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST J. A. LANDER

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST MRS. WILLIE CARR

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST GREAT WESTERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A RELEASE IN CONSIDERATION OF THE RECEIPT OF \$2,000.00 BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR UNSERVICEABLE FIRE HOSE AND COUPLINGS

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK
TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PRIVILEGE
OF OPERATING A CIGAR STAND IN THE CLUB HOUSE
AT BRACKENRIDGE PARK

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE
FOR BIDS ON A CONTRACT TO MOVE A BUILDING FROM
722 EAST ELMIRA STREET TO A LOCATION IMMEDIATELY
ACROSS FROM 722 EAST ELMIRA STREET AND ALSO ABUTTING
ON EAST ELMIRA STREET

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending approval of petition of The Texas Company for installation of pumps at 1501 S. Flores Street and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending approval of petition of The Texas Company for installation of pumps at S. Zarzamora and Merida Streets and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the petition of Mrs. Virginia Scott requesting payment of damages be denied and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the petition of T. J. Colebank requesting removal of garage built on street line of Burton Avenue be denied and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following members be appointed to the San Antonio River Commission and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ Mrs. John M. Bennett, Jr.

✓ J. W. Beretta

✓ George Friedrich

✓ Hugh Halfi

✓ Lewis Kayton

✓ William C. King

✓ Ray Lanham

✓ Wilbur B. Matthews

✓ Mrs. Lane Taylor

✓ Term to expire April 30, 1953.

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A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following members be appointed to the Municipal Advertising Commission and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

William B. Arnold
 Raoul Cortez
 ✓ Jerome K. Harris
 Mrs. Clair Jones
 Robert Kingston
 Aubrey Kline
 Walter W. McAllister
 Mrs. Henry Moeller
 Waldo Reininger
 ✓ Harold Vagtborg

Term to expire April 30, 1953.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following members be appointed to the La Villita Advisory Board and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

C. Stanley Banks, Sr.
 ✓ Walter W. McAllister
 ✓ Dr. F. Oppenheimer
 ✓ Andres Rivera
 Harvey P. Smith
 Stella S. Walker
 ✓ Charles B. Weimer
 ✓ Maury Maverick
 ✓ E. E. Arnaud

Term to expire April 30, 1953

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,466

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A
 MONTHLY CONTRACT TO FURNISH RADIO DISPATCH SERVICE
 AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR TO THE TOWN OF BALCONES HEIGHTS

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 495)

A letter from the City Manager recommending and submitting the calendar for the interim budget and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager recommending that the sum of \$13,537.00 be transferred from the Operating Reserve to budget of the Sewer Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager recommending that the sum of \$200.84 be paid to various firms for services to United Nations Veterans from Korea and for which the City agreed to pay expenses and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the sum of \$8500.00 be appropriated from the Operating Reserve to purchase furniture and equipment for the Personnel Department and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the plat of North Ridge Subdivision be approved subject to engineering corrections being made as recommended by the Director of Planning and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,467

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE PORTION OF U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 81 IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FROM APPROX. 550 FT. E. OF MEADOW LANE TO TERRELL HILLS CITY LIMITS HERELINABOVE REFERRED TO AS "THE STREET PROJECT" AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY SECRETARY TO AFFIX THE CORPORATE SEAL AND ATTEST THE SAME, A CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, EXISTENCE AND USE OF THE SAID STREET PROJECT; FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, BY THE CITY, AGAINST ALL DAMAGES TO ADJOINING, ABUTTING AND OTHER PROPERTY, AND FOR EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM OR SUIT THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS PASSAGE

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page. 496)

A letter from the San Antonio Safety Council with regard to grade crossings was read and then referred to the City Manager for his attention.

THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WERE READ AND REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION.

- The petition of A. M. McNeel for permit to install tanks at 315 Rivas Street.
- The petition of Gilbert H. Gonzales, et al, for repairs to Merida Street.
- The petition of John Ramsey, et al, protesting against used car lot and garage in 3500 block of Broadway.
- The petition of Walter A. Gipprich, et al, requesting paving of Dokes Street.
- The petition of Petty Geophysical Engineering Co. protesting against annexation of 530 acres of land.
- The petition of Bennett H. Heap against annexation of 200 acre tract.
- The petitions filed by Walter Tynan in behalf of the Belgian Farm Area protesting annexation of their lands.

Mr. Cassidy introduced the following resolution and it was passed by unanimous vote.

A RESOLUTION

REFERRING THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION ORDINANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 120 SQUARE MILES BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Keller then read the following statement regarding the proposed annexation, its reasons, motives, etc. after which the Council went into the matter of hearing protests of citizens against the annexation program.

"Many people still do not understand why it was absolutely necessary for the Council to pass the annexation ordinance on first reading in the hasty manner in which it was done, or include so much territory.

It was however, absolutely essential ^{to} do both in order to protect the future of greater San Antonio, for the following reasons:

1. The first move which is made toward annexation on the one hand or incorporation on the other establishes the rights of the parties involved for all eternity. That is the law.

2. Every authority on both sides of the question will acknowledge that these small incorporated suburbs destroy the growth and progress of any community, and are a bad thing for all concerned.

3. San Antonio was already afflicted with five such parasite incorporated towns, three of which have existed for years, and it was known that many more were on the verge of seeking incorporation, which would have completely circled San Antonio.

4. One such incorporation petition was filed at 7:30 A.M. on the day immediately following the day on which the Council passed the first reading at 5:00 P.M. If the Council had waited till 10:00 A.M. Thursday, this and several other incorporation petitions would have been filed ahead of the Council meeting, and under the law these areas could never have been annexed. The number of those seeking incorporation has now reached seven or more, and together with the pre-existing cities would have given us a full dozen or more parasite cities which would have lived off San Antonio for perpetuity without contributing a thing to its growth.

5. The annexation ordinance which was passed March 12th was merely a first reading and did not annex anybody. This ordinance can and will be amended and some territory can and will be cut out. No one can yet justly complain that they have been taken in. But as I have explained before, if this first reading had not been passed, San Antonio right now would find itself unable to grow in any direction for all time to come."

Mayor Steves excused himself from the meeting because of necessity of attending a funeral, and Mayor Pro-tem Cassidy took the chair as presiding officer.

Mr. E. A. Perkins representing Gemblar Road, Salado Road, and W. W. White Road read prepared statement which was filed with the Clerk for reference to the City Manager. He was followed by Mr. John Orvis.

Mrs. Ruby Miller representing Houston Terrace read and filed a protest petition. She was followed by Frank A. Fournier representing area south to east of Pleasanton Road who filed a written protest.

W. H. Shelly representing The Texas Company read and filed protest from his company and he was followed by Mr. Nicol from the Humble Oil & Refining Co. with a written protest.

Otis West representing Patton Heights, Mayfield Park, Bergs Mill congratulated the Council on its decision to refer the annexation matter back to the Planning Commission.

Written protest was filed by Mr. V. E. (Red) Berry who addressed the Council and presented maps of the area in which he is interested.

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✓ Letters of protest were filed by Mr. A. Podehl, F. M. Edwards, T. L. Vann, T. W. Ackermann, Karel de Cleene, G. L. Kurth.

✓ After the hearings on the annexation were finished Mr. Kristjan Bredvad then asked to address the Council on another matter.

He asked the Council to adopt laws and take steps to protect the children of the City from the danger of automobiles, either enforce the 10 mile law at schools or repeal it or raise the limit a bit and enforce it. See to the painting of school buses as required by law. He left with the members of the Council copies of a handbill which he has had printed at his own expense and of which he has distributed 150,000 copies. His talk was received with thanks.

On motion of Mr. Roper seconded by Mr. Cassidy and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Lozano, Schmidt, Keller, Tucker, Roper, Cassidy, Greeman; nays, White, Steves, absent. the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

James Bill Steves
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Gallogher
City Clerk

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