

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, A.D.1916. 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Absent, Kearny.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Petition of P.Castello, for permit to open meat market, was read and referred to Board of Health.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements:

Lone Star Brewing Co., for permit to construct storm sewer.

For improvement of conditions at Virginia and Plum Streets.

Cirilo Puga, requesting that dirt be removed from the rear of his property.

F.F.Collins, re- to street improvements in Collins Gardens.

City Electrician, re to irregularity in House numbering

The Audit and Bond Company of America, by Mr John B.Mare, submitted the following communication, which together with the final report was adopted and ordered filed:

November 20, 1916.

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

Gentlemen:

We have completed our Audit and examination of the affairs of your City, for the period from January 1, 1913 to September 30, 1916, and submit herewith our report. We find that all monies accruing to the City have been accounted for, and that all expenditures have been in accordance with properly approved claims.

In general, we find that the affairs of the City have been ably and judiciously administered, and that the permanent public improvements completed during the period, reflect credit to the City and its administration.

We hereby certify, that the following report with its Exhibits and Schedules, sets forth a true and correct statement of the transactions during the period of this examination, and of the financial condition of the City, as of September 30, 1916, subject to the comments in connection therewith.

Respectfully submitted
AUDIT AND BOND COMPANY OF AMERICA
by John B.Mare, Vice-President.

The following communication from Mayor Brown was read and ordered entered upon the minutes:

San Antonio, Texas, November 20th, 1916.

To The Board of Commissioners
And The Citizens of the City of San Antonio.

Gentlemen:

Today there has been filed with the Board of Commissioners the audit and report of the Audit and Bond Company of America, covering the financial transactions of the Administration and all of the expenditures under the big bond issue from January 1st, 1913, to September 30th, 1916. You will recall that this auditing Company was not selected by the City, but was chosen by a Committee of impartial Citizens representing six of the business organizations of San Antonio. I am very much pleased that this report is favorable.

Now that the improvements under the bond issues have been practically finished, most of the bond issue money has been expended and is here accounted for in this auditor's report, I feel, although I will be Mayor a few months longer, that my main work is about over, and I want the people to know that I am not going to run for Mayor again, and I want to take this occasion to thank the people of San Antonio for the faith they have had in me in electing me twice as Mayor, and to assure them that the memory of the confidence they have shown in me will be a great pleasure to me as long as I live.

I am not going to make a review of my administration or go into any details, but there are one or two things about which I have been criticised that I would like to mention.

I believe the West Texas Bank matter, and the part the administration took in the organization of the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company, was one of the best things I ever did for the people of this town, and I believe I have been criticised more for it than for anything else I have done. This criticism, I think, arose because the people did not understand the matter. I take pleasure in attaching to this letter a

communication from Mr. Harry Landa, President of the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company, successor to the West Texas Bank and Trust Company, which shows that this administration is entitled to praise and not abuse for its action in the whole West Texas Bank matter.

The other thing I want to mention is that I deny the allegation often made that I have been a political boss who desired to dominate everybody and perpetuate myself in office. I have but few comments to make on this. What I here say is the truth, and I hope you will believe it.

You will remember that the first time I ran for Mayor I did not seek or solicit the nomination, but I was very proud of the nomination and election, and thought I would like to go in as Mayor and try and assist in getting good improvements under the bond issues. The second time I ran, I did seek the election because I wanted to finish the work I had started out to do.

I have not been an office-seeker who planned to keep himself in office, because since my last election I have had no thought of running again, and I refer to Mr. Ray Lambert, Mr. George R. Gillette and Judge J.R. Davis to prove that this statement is correct, for I have told them all along that I was not going to run again. I have told a good many people who asked me that I thought I would run again, because I was not ready to announce I was not going to run. I have thought all along that it would be nice to announce it when the auditors report came in.

If I do say it myself, I think most of this talk about my wanting to dominate everybody and say who shall be elected to this place and to that place has been started by people who found they could not dominate me.

In the School Board Election, the election for the school bonds, and the Fair Bond Election, not a human being has ever known how I was going to vote. I have had mighty little to do with elections of congressmen. I have never yet tried to get a man on or off the County Ticket.

In the last County primary there were several instances where two of my political friends were running for the same places, and not a soul even knew how I was going to vote. There were five instances in the last County primary where my political friends, who I thought were good, faithful and competent officials, were opposed by men who had fought me. I supported these five friends with everything I had, and am mighty sorry one of them was defeated by a few votes. In the recent general election I did everything I could for the straight democratic ticket, from President down, and am glad the whole ticket was elected.

I will admit that both in my second election, and in the election of Police and Fire Commissioner, after Mr. Steves resigned, I used whatever strength I had to try to get men into the Board of Commissioners who would be good officials and would work in harmony.

It is my notion that the man who is going to serve as Mayor has just as much business to take a hand in who shall be Commissioners as any newspaper or any other ~~publication~~ politician or citizen in town. I believe he is as much interested in it as any one.

I supported Phil Wright because I thought he would make a fine commissioner in that department, and because I wanted harmony and not a perpetual turmoil and friction. I did not support him; as was alleged, so I could perpetuate myself in office, for I did not want the office again.

I have enjoyed being the Mayor of good old San Antonio, and am glad that I will retire from public life with the conviction that, if the people will interest and inform themselves enough to understand a matter, they will always decide what is best. I am more of an optimist in regard to the ultimate success of democracy as a form of government than ever before, but the best will not come out until we have real, thorough compulsory education for a generation, coupled with compulsory voting.

I want to thank the members of the former City Council, the members of the Board of Commissioners, the Heads of Departments, and all the City employees for the loyal support and faithful service they have rendered while I have happened to be with them as Mayor.

I want to thank the people of the City again for the great honor they have done me and the faith they have shown in me in electing me Mayor, and my sincere hope is that the improvements, the sewers, the streets, the bridges, the park improvements and other things will last a long time and will be a permanent source of pleasure, comfort and welfare to the people of San Antonio.

I especially want to thank my political friends who have stood by me and fought my fights, and all those hardy, faithful precinct managers and the boys on the firing line who have won my battles for me.

In judging of this administration I hope the people will take in consideration the fact that we have not had the support of any daily newspaper.

There are several important things the City should do. There should be a sewer bond issue sufficient to finish putting in all the sanitary sewer laterals, for this work cannot well be done out of the general fund. The maintenance work on the street pavements, both before and after the expiration of the maintenance periods, should be carefully and promptly attended to. The plan recently outlined for retiring the old bonds should be followed out.

While I have a few more months to serve, it seems natural for me to write this at this time, for with the filing of this auditors report, it appears, as I said before, that my labors as Mayor are about over.

I would like to have this letter, and the letter from Mr. Landa, attached hereto, filed as an official document and spread on the minutes, and request both the daily papers to publish this letter in full over my signature, together with a copy of Mr. Landa's letter, and that a number of copies of the auditors report be printed for circulation among the Citizens and taxpayers.

Very Respectfully,
Clinton G. Brown.

San Antonio, Texas, Oct 18, 1916.

Hon. Clinton G. Brown,
Mayor City of San Antonio.
San Antonio, Texas.

My dear Mr Brown:

I have received a copy of a resolution dated October 16, 1916, which was passed by the Board of Commissioners thanking the Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company for the manner in which we have handled the City accounts since the close of the West Texas Bank and Trust Company, and I desire to sincerely thank you and the Board of Commissioners for the resolution and assure you that the same is highly appreciated.

I desire to say that I was familiar with all the reorganization plans of

the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company, having been interested in the West Texas Bank and Trust Company and also in the Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company, and I was familiar with the manner in which the City of San Antonio handled the proposition between the closing of the West Texas Bank & Trust Company and the opening of the new bank, and I want to say that I appreciate the fact that the City was of great aid in organizing the new bank, for if the City had demanded all of its money at once, probably the new bank would not have been opened, and there would have been a loss both to the tax payers, represented by the City accounts, and to a great many of the depositors. I think that the people interested in the West Texas Bank & Trust Company, and the depositors of the West Texas Bank and Trust Company, and the tax payers in general, should feel very grateful for the manner in which the City administration handled in the ~~xxxx~~ entire matter, and I take pleasure in so expressing my views to you.

With very best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,
Harry Landa

President Commonwealth Bank & Trust Company.

On motion of Commissioner Lambert, duly seconded and carried, the City purchasing agent was directed to ascertain at what price from 500 to 1000 copies of the report of the Audit and Bond Company of America could be printed in pamphlet form.

On motion of Commissioner Garland, duly seconded and carried, the Mayor was authorized to employ an assistant in the Auditors Office, to continue the audit of the City's account as brought down by the Audit and Bond Company, from month to month, the compensation of said Assistant to be \$100.00 per month.

On motion of Commissioner Lambert, duly seconded and carried, the hearing of property owners interested in the widening of W. Commerce Street, from Main Plaza to Santa Rosa Avenue, heretofore continued from time to time, was again opened and concluded.

(See Record of Hearings, page 8)

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
~~STATE OF TEXAS~~

City of San Antonio

MB-223 AN ORDINANCE

LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES on account of the cost of the recent improvement of West Commerce Street by widening and straightening the same from Main Plaza to the City Market and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore, to-wit, on the 14th day of December A.D.1914, by ordinance ordered the improvement on the special assessment plan of that portion of West Commerce Street in said City of San Antonio between the intersections of said highway with Main Plaza and Santa Rosa Avenue by widening and straightening said street, and ordered that further proceedings should be had as in the procedure ordinance of this City provided; and

WHEREAS said improvement was effected and land taken or acquired and arrangements made therefor, not under any general contract; but under the orders and direction of the governing body of said City, as incorporated in the ordinance above mentioned together with other ordinances and resolutions relating to said matter; and

WHEREAS said improvements, and the special assessments to be levied therefor, and all proceedings, notices and instruments in connection therewith, are

governed as far as applicable by certain rules and regulations prescribed by said Council in a certain general ordinance known as the "Procedure Ordinance" passed and approved on December 18th, 1913, which together with all amendments thereto and Chapter Elevea of Title 22, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas for 1911, are made a part of this ordinance; and all such proceedings and other matters requisite to the passage of this ordinance have been regularly had and performed and are hereby ratified and confirmed; and any and all requirements as to what this ordinance shall contain, if not herein otherwise complied with, shall be deemed to have been complied with by this reference to said procedure ordinance and the adoption of its provisions herein; and

WHEREAS said work has now been fully completed and accepted, and is hereby accepted, in pursuance of the certificate of the City Engineer dated October 30, 1916 evidencing such completion and acceptance, and it is now incumbent on these Commissioners to provide for the assessment, payment and collection of those portions of the cost of said improvements payable by owners of abutting property, on said highway; and

WHEREAS, thereupon the Commissioners of said City by resolution duly passed and approved on the 7th day of September A.D.1916, duly approved and confirmed the plat and statement prepared and filed by the City Engineer for said improvements, which plat is hereto attached and made a part hereof, and ordered that the required hearing be had before said Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, thereupon notice of said hearing was duly given by publishing such notice three times in the San Antonio Light, a newspaper published in said City, viz., on the 9th, 10th and 11th days of September, A.D.1916 and additional and cumulative notice of said hearing was also duly given; and

WHEREAS a full and fair hearing was duly held at the time and place mentioned in said resolution and notices, to-wit, on the 25th day of September, A.D.1916, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of said City at 4 o'clock p.m., and said hearing having been adjourned from time to time, is now closed by the passage of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, at said hearing all persons desiring to contest said proposed assessment or personal liability, or the regularity of the proceedings with reference to the improvement, or in any manner to be heard concerning benefits of said improvements to their property or any other matter with reference thereto, were duly heard and their claims duly considered; and thereupon all errors, mistakes and other matters requiring rectification which were brought to the attention of said Commissioners having been ^{by} said Commissioners corrected; and said Commissioners having also fully heard, examined and considered the evidence concerning frontage and other considerations, including said plat and statement of the City Engineer and evidence concerning the benefits of said improvements to said property, and being of the opinion that the assessments herein below levied and the personal liabilities hereby declared are just and equitable, and that ^{said} no assessment is made herein in any case against any parcel of property in excess of the actual benefit to the owner thereof in the enhanced value of his property by means of such improvements; Now Therefore Be It Further Ordained;

Section One. That the aggregate amount hereinafter shown, being less than two thirds of the cost of said improvements, shall be and the same is hereby levied, charged, apportioned and assessed on the "front foot" plan against said abutting property hereinafter described, and each parcel thereof whether one lot or more, and against each of the several owners of said property below named, in the respective itemized amounts, and the total amount including same, set opposite the name or names of each such person or persons and the description of each such ~~parcel~~ or parcels of property.

SECTION TWO. Each such lot or parcel of property so assessed is located in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, abutting on said highway, or portion thereof so improved, and is hereunder described whenever practicable by the New City Block ("N.C.B.") number and by lot numbers in each such block; but each such parcel of property, if any, indicated hereunder in any such block by letters "A", "B", "C" etc.) in lieu of or in connection with the lot numbers, is the same property indicated by the corresponding letter in the corresponding block as shown on said plat for said improvement now on file in the offices of the City Clerk and said City Engineer, which plat is made a part hereof, and each of said lots and parcels of abutting property, and the frontage thereof on said highway as shown hereunder in feet in the column headed "Front Ft". and said letters, if any, indicating such parcels, and also all intersecting streets, are hereunder noted and set forth for each side of said highway and for each block in the same order down the following list as ⁴ same are found from West to East in said plat and on the ground; and each such description and assessment shall be held to extend back from said line abutting on said highway and to include the entire depth and area of each such respective parcel, lot or lots of abutting property as same may be owned and bounded at this date; and the abbreviations N., S., E. or W. or "No", "So", "Ea", and "We" when used before a lot number shall be taken to mean respectively the "Northerly", "Sourtherly", "Easterly", or "Westerly" parts of the lot or block before the number of which any of said abbreviations may be placed; and the names of said owners, such description of said property and said amounts respectively assessed against them and it, are as follows, to-wit:

Name of Owner	Lot or Tract	City Bl.	Front Ft.	Assessment.	Memo
NORTH SIDE					
Santa Rosa Avenue					
Alexander Joske	C	175	64.0	\$3096.96	Paid
Dr. W.M.Wolff & Dr. F.P.Herff	B	175	97.5	4718.03	Paid
Frank T.Walsh	A	175	50.0	2419.50	Paid
NORTH LAREDO STREET					
Lena McAllister & Bertha Stumberg	D	105	180.3	8724.72	Paid
P.A.Hill	C	105	27.0	1306.53	Paid
Carlos Guergin	B	105	27.0	1306.53	Paid
A.Guergin Holt	A	105	56.5	2734.04	Paid
SAN PEDRO CREEK					
T.W.Campbell Jack Locke and H.Cunningham	A	913	145.6	7045.58	Paid
Cameron Street					
St.Joseph's Orphanage	F	122	88.3	4272.84	Paid
Royal A.Ferris	E	122	57.3	2772.75	Paid
Frank T.Walsh	D	122	26.5	1282.34	Paid
Est. E.D.Steves	C	122	59.0	2855.00	Paid
Minnie Herff	B	122	40;3	1950.12	Paid
Dalkowitz Bros	A	122	79.5	3847.00	Paid
NORTH FLORES STREET					
H.D.Elliott	A-3	110	52.5	2540.47	Unpaid
Emilie Tips	B-3	110	48.2	2332.40	Unpaid
Wm. Fenstermaker	2	110	68.0	3290.52	Unpaid
Ada Waelder	1	110	34.9	1688.81	Unpaid

Name of Owner	Lot or Tract	City Bl.	Front Ft.	Assessment	Memo.
Main Avenue SOUTH SIDE Santa Rosa Avenue C.Villeman	1	138	49.3	\$2385.62	Unpaid
Joseph A. & Ella M. Burger	2-3-4	138	164.3	7950.48	Unpaid
South Laredo Street Francis Smith	1-2-3	254	293.2	14187.95	Unpaid
San Pedro Creek and Steves Street					
Louis Schwartz & Wm. Cohen	W-10	117	81.0	3919.59	Unpaid
Emma & Frank Simmang	E-10	117	81.5	3943.79	Unpaid
Military Plaza					
City of San Antonio			350.9	16980.05	Unpaid
Josephine Frost	A-11	123	203.5	9847.36	Paid

The aggregate amount remaining unpaid being \$59219.68

Note: The amount above mentioned as assessed against said City having been included in the amount appropriated, advanced and expended by the City for said improvement, the same is here assessed only for the purpose of complete statement and record of said matter.

SECTION THREE. That the several unpaid amounts above specified together with interest thereon payable annually at the rate of eight (8) per cent from October 30th, 1916 the date of the certificate of the City Engineer evidencing the completion of said work and the acceptance thereof by the City and together with the cost of collection of such sums including reasonable attorney's fees if incurred, are hereby declared and ordained to be good and lawful liens upon respective parcels of property and a personal liability of the respective owners thereof, to be paid and collected as provided by said procedure ordinance and amendments thereof as far as applicable thereto; and such assessments and liens shall be superior to all other liens and claims, except State, county and municipal taxes.

SECTION FOUR. That assignable assessment certificates evidencing said respective unpaid ^waccounts due from said persons above named, shall be issued in the name of the City and made payable to said City of San Antonio, to reimburse said City for the corresponding amount advanced by said City as the part of the cost of said improvements assessable to said respective persons, which assessment certificates shall be in such form as may have been adopted by ordinance, and shall contain an adequate description of said parcel of property assessed together with designation of the owners name, and all other prescribed terms, recitals and requisites.

Section Five. That by reason of the fact that the owners of all property, hereinbefore mentioned, save and except only said persons owing said ~~property~~ unpaid amounts hereinabove specified, and said property described as belonging to them, have respectively fully paid and satisfied their assessments by reduction in, and deductions from, the respective amounts payable to them by reason of property taken by the City for said improvement, all as evidenced by deeds, ordinances and other papers relating to said improvements and the court proceedings in the Dalkowitz matter; Now Therefore it is hereby ordered that, all deeds to the City of property and rights acquired for said purpose be ~~and agreement thereto on behalf of the City, together with the considerations and terms thereof~~ and the same are hereby formally accepted and the acceptance thereof are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed; and it is further hereby ordered that all other parcels of ^{Abutting} real property on said improvement, together with the persons owning the same, be and the same are, in accordance with the contracts of the City contained in the deeds of said persons, and for the full considerations therein expressed and paid, hereby wholly released.

and discharged from any and all liens and claims arising out of this or any previous proceedings in said matter, subject however to all rights or reassessment and correction; and no assessment certificate shall issue against any of said persons or property; ~~and~~ those having so paid and the description of the property so released being as follows, to-wit:

Alexander Joske	C	175	64.0	\$3096.96
Dr. W.M.Wolff & Dr. F.P.Herff	B	175	97.5	4718.03
Frank T.Walsh	A	175	50.0	2419.50
Lena McAllister & Bertha Stumberg	D	105	180.3	8724.72
P.A.Hill	C	105	27.0	1306.53
Carlos Guergin	B	105	27.0	1306.53
A.Guergin Holt	A	105	56.5	2734.04
T.W.Campbell Jack Locke and H.Cunningham	A	913	145.6	7045.58
St Josephs Orphanage	F	122	88.3	4272.84
Royal A.Ferris	E	122	57.3	2272.75
Frank T. Walsh	D	122	26.5	1282.34
Est. ED. Steves	C	122	59.0	2855.00
Minnie Herff	B	122	40.3	1950.12
Dalkowitz Bros	A	122	79.5	3847.00
Josephine Frost	A-11	123	203.5	9847.36

Section Six. That all other matters and proceedings shall be regulated and conducted as provided by law and by said procedure ordinance as far as applicable hereto and that full correction of any mistake or irregularity in any of said proceedings, and reassessment, if necessary, shall be made in case the Commissioners may deem the same necessary or proper; the Commissioners reserving the right to exercise all such powers as provided by the street improvement law and said procedure ordinance.

Section Seven. This ordinance, being of urgent importance because of the need of said City to collect and use said amounts due to said City, the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, and Uhr. Absent Kearny.

No. 184 **MB-224** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1734.80 to pay Audit and Bond Company.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, that, the sum of Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Four 80/100 (\$1734.80) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund to pay the Audit and Bond Company of America for auditing the books of the City to September 30, 1916.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and

Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

No. 185 **MB-225** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating Five Hundred Dollars to San Antonio Freight Traffic Bureau.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the general fund for the payment to the San Antonio Freight Bureau to assist them in their fight before the state and Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Courts to get more equitable freight rates into and out of San Antonio.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

No. 186 **- 226** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$6200.00 to pay Western Paving Company.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred (\$6200.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Paving Fund to pay the Western Paving Company final estimate for paving work done on Warwick Boulevard from Presa Street to Hackberry Street.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

No. 187 **- 227** AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the payment of wages to City Laborers for the week ending November 19, 1916, and making an appropriation therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending November 19th, 1916, and the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

General Fund of 1916	\$1782.80
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Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinances which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

-228 An ordinance granting permit to C.L.McGinnis to operate Car No. 11027 in Local Street Transportation.

-229 An ordinance granting permit to M.P.Gibson to operate Car No. 9596 in Local Street Transportation.

-230 An ordinance granting permit to L.W.Smity to operate Car No. 106760 in Local Street Transportation.

-231 An ordinance granting permit to W.J.Duncan to operate Car No. 11063 in Local Street Transportation.

MD-232
An ordinance granting permit to F.L.Murrell to operate Car No. 11049 in Local Street Transportation.

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An ordinance granting permit to E.Cisneros to operate Car No. 11026 in Local Street Transportation.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

AN ORDINANCE

Regulating the manufacture, Sale, and care of Ice Cream.
(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F", page 155)

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Absent, Kearny.

AN ORDINANCE

Regulating Ice Cream Parlors and Soda Fountains.
(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "F" page 154)

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

-236 AN ORDINANCE

Making preliminary provision for the purchase by the City of two tracts of land adjoining Brackenridge Park.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive and accept, for and on behalf of the City of San Antonio, a certain written option contract executed and tendered by George W. Brackenridge to the City of San Antonio, dated November ____ 1916, which contract is made a part hereof; said contract providing for the purchase by the City of San Antonio from said George W. Brackenridge during one year from the date of said contract of two (2) certain tracts of land in this City, as follows, to-wit:

First: Lots Nos. Six (6), and Seven (7), in New City Block No. A-1, said lots containing in the aggregate about 8-1/8 acres of land, situated on the Rock Quarry Road; and

Second; Lots Nos. One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), and Five (5), out of a subdivision of the so-called "Tannery" property, lying along the Rock Quarry Road, consisting of 27.36 acres of land, more or less; also .17 (17/100) acres of land, more or less, out of the East portion of Lot No. 19, contiguous to the property last described;

All of said tracts of land hereinabove mentioned being more fully described in said option contract and the deeds therein referred to, and being land expected to be acquired and used by the City for public purposes; and the City to have possession and use of the same during the period of said option.

And for the purpose of paying taxes which the City is by said option contract obligated to pay, and in consideration of the rights acquired by City under said option contract, the sum of _____ Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the General

Fund of the City for fiscal year 1916, for which let city warrant issue as such taxes are ascertained and payable.

On motion, duly seconded and carried, the Commissioners tendered a rising vote of thanks to Mr. George W. Brackenridge for his assistance in enabling the City to get possession of the above described property.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent Kearny. (VOID)

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

No. 188 **MB-237** AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$100.00 to pay A.C.Pancoast.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of One Hundred Dollars be and is hereby appropriated out of the City Hospital Fund to pay A.C. Pancoast the City of San Antonio's proportion for services rendered by said A.C.Pancoast, as superintendent of construction at the R.B.Green memorial Hospital during the month of September and October 1916.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Kearny.

No. 189. **-238** AN ORDINANCE

Transferring funds from the Zoo Fund to the 1916 General Fund.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Auditor and City Treasurer be and are hereby directed to transfer from the Zoo Fund to the 1916 General Fund, the sum of Four Hundred and Seventy Two 05/100 (\$472.05), that being the amount paid out of the 1916 General Fund by warrant No. 1017, to replace amount expended from Zoo fund prior to Sept, 15, 1916.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance, for reasons of ~~importance~~ public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Uhr presented the following resolution, which was read and adopted by ~~BE IT RESOLVED~~ by the City Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the San Antonio Gas and Electric Co. be and are hereby notified to take down the following Arc Lamps, and to erect a 150 Watt lamp with an ornamental hanger and globe at each of the following locations:

31 Market and Navarro Streets.

35 Navarro and Crockett

75 Losoya and Crockett

77 Alamo and North

229 Casino and Market

230 Corcoran and Market

231 Main Plaza and Market

#237 Main Plaza and Galan

272 College and St Mary St.

366 St Mary and Travis

397 Ave, C and Travis

488 Market and Presa

577 Crockett and St Mary

616 Losoya, between Commerce and Crockett

707 College and Alley (rear Woolworth)

720 College and Navarro

730 St Mary and Market

all the above lamps to be connected to the underground service.

Commissioner Uhr recommended that the following petitions be granted:

Ed Steves and Sons for permit to build a petition at 218 Avenue D

J.M.Nix, for permit to erect an electric sign at St Mary and Travis Sts.

J.M.Saunders, for permit to construct a shingle roof at 1003 Ripley Ave.

Commissioner Uhr made the following appointments to the ~~Police and~~ Fire Department which appointments were confirmed by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present:

R.E.Hood, W.E.Harles, F.Guerro, J.T.Mills, C.R.England and O.W.Short.

The following bids for furnishing 6000 feet of fire hose were opened and referred to City Purchasing Agent.

The Geo C. Hale Co., Pyrene Mfg. Co., Ahrens and Ott Co., S.A.Machine and Supply Co., J.C.Dielmann, Alamo Iron Works and Southern Structural Steel Co.

The following bids for electric wiring in Main Ave Fire Station were read and referred to the City Electrician:

A.H.Shafer, Sowell Electric Co., Wright Bros, J.C.Kinney Co., Braden, Hudson Co., and Graham and Collins.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK.

APPROVED


MAYOR