

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH, A. D. 1939, 10:00 A. M.

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PRESENT: Honorable C. K. Quin, Mayor, presiding and Commissioners Plummer, Rubiola, Steffler, Wright.

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The Clerk read the following call, to-wit:

San Antonio, Texas
March 14, 1939

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Gentlemen:

Under the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of San Antonio, I hereby call you into Special Session this 14th day of March, 1939, to convene at 10:00 A. M. for the purpose of submitting for your consideration the following:

"BIDS FOR BINDING TAX RECEIPTS FOR THE CITY".

"AN ORDINANCE LIMITING STAFF OF PIONEER AND TRAIL DRIVERS BUILDING".

"AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE PLAZA COMPANY TO BREAK THE SIDEWALK ON SOUTH ST. MARY'S STREET".

"PETITION OF WOODLAWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO".

"PETITION OF DISCALCED CARMELITE FATHERS FOR EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION".

"PETITION OF TRUSTEES MEXICANA BENEFICIENCIA FOR EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION".

Respectfully,

C. K. Quin
Mayor

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Bids for binding tax receipts for the City, were opened and read and referred to the City Purchasing Agent.

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Mayor Quin introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Quin, Plummer, Rubiola, Steffler, Wright.

AN ORDINANCE

PERMITTING THE PLAZA COMPANY TO BREAK THE SIDEWALK ON SOUTH ST. MARY'S STREET
(For full text of this ordinance, see Ordinance Book "I", Page 346)

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Commissioner Plummer introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Plummer, Rubiola, Steffler, Nays, Quin, Wright.

AN ORDINANCE

LIMITING STAFF OF PIONEER AND TRAIL DRIVERS BUILDING
(For full text of this ordinance, see Ordinance Book "I", Page 347)

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This is a two story building, two rooms furnished downstairs, one unfurnished and unused, and a ball room upstairs, dedicated exclusively to the use and control of the Trail Drivers and Pioneer Societies and to the Rangers should they choose to join in control. All are worthy patriotic societies and the building is for their exclusive use. None of these societies want to impose needless expense upon the City.

The regular payroll is \$4080 per year for a custodian, watchman and janitor, plus

extras.

The custodianship involves little work and is, in fact, a pension as shown by the fact that the last one was eighty seven years old and was incapable of work for the \$1800 per year paid him. He had never lived in this County. In violation of the Charter, which requires that all City employees be citizens of San Antonio, this eighty seven year old gentleman was imported from Hayes County Solely, for the purpose of being paid a pension of \$1800 per year.

It is now proposed to go to Comanche County to import another aged man for the puprose of continuing this \$1800 pension to a non-resident.

The "watchman" gets \$1200 per year and the job is of about the same type as he apparently does very little. He does not live on the premises and apparently has no duties but to sit around eight hours from three to eleven P. M. and draw \$1200 a year. Why is a watchman needed from 3:00 to 11:00 P. M. and not during the quiet hours of the night or the remaining sixteen hours of the day? The building is heavily barred and practically burglar proof and fire proof and contains little of commercial value. The watchman at the Witte Museum adjoining makes regular rounds and punches a clock and can include this building without cost. The office is, therefore, merely a pension and a useless tax burden.

Mrs. Leo Lesser, whose work and devotion to the Pioneers is second to none and whose talents and capacity exceed that of any one yet considered, offers to take the custodianship and, in addition, be hostess for \$75.00 per month or \$900 per year and she states that no other office except that of janitor is necessary.

At least \$2100 per year is being thrown away and can be saved by abolishing useless offices or pensions and real work can be had instead of sit-down jobs.

Commissioner of Taxation

Commissioner Rubiola placed in nominations the name of Mrs. Leo Lesser to be hostess at the Pioneer Building in Brackenridge Park at a salary of \$75.00 per month, which nomination was confirmed by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Plummer, Rubiola, Steffler, Wright. Nays Quin.

Mayor Quin stated that his opposition was not to Mrs. Lesser's appointment, but was to the fact that the advisory board, representing the Pioneers, the Old Trail Drivers and Rangers Associations had recommended Major Black.

The Petition of the Woodlawn Christian Church of San Antonio for tax exemption was granted upon the recommendation of the Commissioner of Taxation.

Commissioner Plummer recommended that the petition of Discalced Carmelite Fathers for exemption from taxation of Lots 1, 2, 3, New City Block 2052, be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Plummer recommended that the petition of the Trustees Mexicana Beneficiencia for exemption from taxation of W. 50 feet of E. 112 feet of Lot 1, Block 6, New City Block 313, be granted. Adopted.

On motion duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED _____

C. J. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk