

JANUARY 9, 1947

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, AT TEN O'CLOCK,  
A. M., ON THURSDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1947.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.  
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The Clerk read the minutes of the Recessed Meeting of December 31, 1946, and the Regular Meeting of January 2, 1947, which were approved, as read, on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Aves, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.  
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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Comm. of Taxation:

St. Mary Magdalen's Church, for exemption from taxation on Lots 1 to 7 inclusive and Lots 9 to 20 inclusive, Block 96, NCB 8826.

Brooks Memorial Methodist Church, 2 petitions, for exemption from taxation on property at 500 Wilcox and 111 Ellswood St.

Christian Science Society, for exemption from taxation on property at 3523 S. Presa St.  
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REFERRED to Comm. of Streets:

Mrs. M. W. Toland, and others, asking that the name of Donehue St. be changed to East Park Ave.

John W. Bundy, for repairs to street in 2100 block Burnet St.  
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REFERRED to Comm. of Fire and Police:

Texas Co., 2 petitions, for permit for drive-in filling station at 503 Highland Blvd., and for gasoline installation permit at 4631 W. Commerce St.

Jack Neal, Inc., for gasoline installation permit at 2949 E. Houston St.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., for gasoline installation permit at Cupples Rd. and West Kirk.

Paul E. Suddath, for permit to install boiler at 208 Bonham St.  
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Petition of I. A. Goolsby, and others, for re-zoning on West Ave. from Fredericksburg Rd. to City Limits (presented by Comm. Callaghan), referred to Zoning Commission.  
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Oscar S. Brown, protest against the sale of part of Ramona St. to Better Homes Development Co. (on August 1, 1946), referred to City Attorney for an examination of the record. City Engr. Coghill stated he believed Brown had bought his property after the closing and sale of part of Ramona St. had been completed.  
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Dr. F. S. Wilkinson, stating that despite previous action of the City Council in waiving the plumbing code for this project the plumbing work was still not being done at Camp Cushing, asked that the Council take further steps to expedite completion of the Camp Cushing housing units for negro veterans.

Questioned by Mayor Mauermann, Mr. E. H. Haaker, FPHA representative, said he understood the plumbers union was refusing to accept the waiver of the City Plumbing Code until a change could be made in the union by-laws.

Following further discussion, the Mayor stated he would like to have a motion asking the plumbers' union to please cooperate with the City and let the work go on to provide these housing units for war veterans.

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Comm. Anderson moved that the City of San Antonio, acting through the Mayor, send a letter to the Plumbers' Union as a body, asking that they cooperate to the fullest extent in expediting the work on these "G.I." homes, particularly at Camp Cushing. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

The Mayor asked Comm. Anderson to have his Chief Plumbing Inspector attend the Council meetings.

Later in the meeting, Chief Plumbing Inspector Haenig came before the Council and was asked for an explanation of the delay at Camp Cushing. Haenig stated the plumbing contractor who was to do the work at Camp Cushing was from out of town and was required by state law to get a City license in San Antonio before he, Haenig, could issue him a permit to do the work.

The Mayor and Dr. Wilkinson said this was an entirely new disclosure in the discussions of the Camp Cushing delay.

Mr. Haaker said he had heard it before, but had been told it had been cleared up. He said he understood the plumbing contractor had obtained a license but the plumbers had refused to man the job.

Mr. Haenig said the plumbing contractor had not yet applied for a license.

Comm. Anderson instructed Haenig to go with Haaker and get complete information on the exact status of the matter at this time.

Reporting back to the Council later in the meeting, Mr. Haaker said he had learned that the plumbers' union had advised the plumbing contractor that they would not accept the City's waiver of the plumbing code, therefore, the plumbing contractor was waiting until that matter was settled before making application for his San Antonio license.

Following further discussion, Comm. Anderson said Haenig had told the plumbing contractor he would hold a special meeting of the Plumbing Examining Board to expedite the granting of the license as soon as the contractor applied for it. He said he felt the City had done everything it could and was not responsible in any way for the delay at Camp Cushing.

Mr. Haaker stated he had not said the City was responsible, and, in fact, wanted to thank the City for the help already given.

In reply to a question from Mayor Mauermann, Mr. Haaker said the Camp Cushing plumbing contractor had been contacted by telephone and had said he would be in San Antonio this date to apply for his license.

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Pursuant to motion and recommendation of Comm. Callaghan, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the petition of V. A. Cooke for refund on taxes overpaid on Lots 19 and 20, Block 13, NCB 6052, and ordered the ordinance drawn.

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Comm. Callaghan introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRC. NO. 584

AN ORDINANCE (4442)

APPROPRIATING \$92,625 OUT OF VARIOUS SINKING FUNDS TO PAY  
FEBRUARY 1, 1947, BOND AND INTEREST COUPON MATURITIES.

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APPRO. NO. 585

AN ORDINANCE (4443)

APPROPRIATING \$16,050.40 OUT OF U. S. GOV'T TAX ACCOUNT TO PAY  
WITHHOLDING TAXES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1946.

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AN ORDINANCE (4444)

GRANTING PETITION OF ST. PAULS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, ON SO.  
120 FT. of City BLK. A-29, AT CORNER TOPEKA BLVD. & S. NEW BRAUNFELS AVE.

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## AN ORDINANCE (4445)

GRANTING PETITION OF THE LITTLE CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON NORTH 84.22 FEET OF EAST 27.8 FEET OF LOT 2 AND NORTH 84.22 FEET OF WEST 7.2 FEET OF LOT 3, NEW CITY BLOCK 413.

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AN ORDINANCE (4446)

GRANTING PETITION OF MASONIC CENTER CO. FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1946 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON NORTH 170 FEET OF LOT 1 OR ARB A 1, BLOCK 31, NCB 802, AT 123 LEXINGTON AVENUE.

Comm. Hein introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 586

## AN ORDINANCE (4447)

APPROPRIATING \$827.10 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, SEWAGE PLANT DEPT., IN PAYMENT OF 15 DRUMS OF LIQUID CHLORINE AND FREIGHT CHARGES.

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A RESOLUTION (4472)

INVITING PROPOSALS TO PURCHASE 1 JUNK ALLIS CHALMERS TRACTOR.

Pursuant to recommendation of City Engr. Coghill and motion of Comm. Steffler, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the petition of Hall P. Street for permission to make connection charge for sewer from eastern end of alley between Rigsby and Hammond Aves., eastward 284 feet, and ordered the necessary ordinance drawn.

Comm. Steffler introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

## AN ORDINANCE (4448)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF JONES & GARRETT TO CONSTRUCT AN 8 INCH SANITARY SEWER MAIN ON SOUTH FLORES ST. BETWEEN COMPTON AVE. AND STONEWALL ST.; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.

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AN ORDINANCE (4449)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF JONES & GARRETT TO CONSTRUCT A 60 INCH STORM SEWER MAIN TO BE LOCATED FROM BIGFOOT AND SOUTH FLORES ST. TO SAN PEDRO CREEK; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT.

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AN ORDINANCE (4450)

AUTHORIZING G. S. McCRELESS TO CONSTRUCT SANITARY SEWER ON WARD AVENUE AND TO MAKE CONNECTION CHARGES THERETO.

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AN ORDINANCE (4451)

PERMITTING T&NORRICO TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A SPUR TRACK IN, UPON AND ALONG SOUTH WALNUT STREET AND UPON AND ACROSS INDIANA STREET.

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AN ORDINANCE (4452)

AUTHORIZING MERIE STARNES TO BUILD SEWER OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND PERMISSION TO CONNECT WITH THE CITY SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM, AND ACCEPTING SEWERS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THIS PERMIT.

APPRO. NO. 587

## AN ORDINANCE (4453)

APPROPRIATING \$115 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

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APPRO. NO. 588

AN ORDINANCE (4454)

APPROPRIATING \$10,774.08 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, EMERGENCY STREET AND BRIDGE DEPT., TO PAY SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR REPAVING BIG FOOT STREET.

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APPRO. NO. 589

AN ORDINANCE (4455)

APPROPRIATING \$2,410.28 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, EMERGENCY STREET AND BRIDGE DEPT., TO PAY SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR REPAVING EDWARDS ST.

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APPRO. NO. 590

AN ORDINANCE (4456)

APPROPRIATING \$7.95 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY THURMAN BARRETT FOR 159 CUBIC YARDS OF GRAVEL.

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APPRO. NO. 591

AN ORDINANCE (4457)

APPROPRIATING \$37.35 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY MRS. MARY SCHUH FOR 747 CUBIC YARDS OF GRAVEL.

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APPRO. NO. 592

AN ORDINANCE (4458)

APPROPRIATING \$335.70 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY H. B. ZACHRY CO. FOR 6714 CUBIC YARDS OF GRAVEL.

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APPRO. NO. 593

AN ORDINANCE (4459)

APPROPRIATING \$604.34 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, EMERGENCY ST. & BRIDGE DEPT., PAYABLE TO SOUTHERN CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR REPAVING SALDANO ST.

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Pursuant to motion of Comm. Steffler, duly seconded and carried, the Council authorized Comm. Steffler to advertise for bids for construction of a bridge across Apache Creek on South Laredo St. Comm. Steffler stated he was merely getting prepared for such time as the money becomes available to build this bridge.

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Comm. Anderson presented, for reconsideration, the Petition of Texas and New Orleans R.R. Co., requesting right, privilege and permission to construct, maintain and operate a spur track in, upon and along Perez St. and upon and across Colorado St., which petition was denied by the City Council January 2, 1947. Comm. Anderson said that upon re-examination of this petition by the Traffic Bureau and a Committee from the Chamber of Commerce, the Police Dept. had withdrawn its objection. In reply to a question from the Mayor, Comm. Steffler said there had been no objection from his department.

Pursuant to motion of Comm. Anderson, duly seconded and carried, the Council ordered that the vote of January 2, 1947, be reconsidered.

Pursuant to motion of Comm. Anderson, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the reconsidered petition, and ordered the necessary ordinance drawn.

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Pursuant to recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, in each case, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the following petitions for gasoline installations:

Golden West Lubricating Co., at 1802 Frio City Rd. (Sully's Lumber Yard).

The Texas Co., at cor. Highland and South Hackberry (Company Station).

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Comm. Anderson introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 594

AN ORDINANCE (4460)

APPROPRIATING \$107.24 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT., TO PAY P. L. ANDERSON FOR EXPENSES INCURRED ON TRIPS BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPT. ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FROM 11/29/46 to 12/31/46.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan.

APPRO. NO. 596 AN ORDINANCE (4462)

APPROPRIATING \$2,137.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, CONTINGENCIES DEPT., TO PAY THE CLEGG CO. FOR LITHOGRAPHING AND PRINTING 5,700 BONDS.

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Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 595 AN ORDINANCE (4461)

APPROPRIATING \$25 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, JUDGMENTS & SUITS DEPT., TO PAY ETHEL LANCASTER FOR PREPARATION OF ANSWER IN CAUSE NO. F-37,888, H. H. THEIS, ET AL, VS. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ET AL.

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APPRO. NO. 597 AN ORDINANCE (4463)

APPROPRIATING \$20 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., PAYABLE TO W. T. QUILLIN, CASHIER, HEALTH DEPT., FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 598 AN ORDINANCE (4464)

APPROPRIATING \$202.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1946, AT ROBT. B. GREEN HOSPITAL T. B. CLINIC.

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APPRO. NO. 599 AN ORDINANCE (4465)

APPROPRIATING \$679.85 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, TO PAY TAXES AND EXPENSES IN SALE OF N. 60 FT. OF S. 125 FT. OF LOT 11 AND N. 60 FT. OF S. 125 FT. OF W. 27.8 FT. OF LOT 12 (A-11) CITY BLOCK 491 TO C. A. WILSON.

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APPRO. NO. 600 AN ORDINANCE (4466)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH BURROUGHS ADDING MACHINE CO., TO FURNISH TWO ADDING MACHINES FOR SOUTH KELLY AND CAMP CUSHING HOUSING PROJECTS.

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APPRO. NO. 601 AN ORDINANCE (4467)

ACCEPTING ATTACHED PROPOSALS OF FRED B. NISBET TO FURNISH CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TWO MONEY CHESTS FOR SOUTH KELLY AND CAMP CUSHING HOUSING DEPARTMENTS, AND MAKING APPROPRIATION.

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AN ORDINANCE (4468)

EXTENDING FUEL OIL CONTRACT BETWEEN CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND STEPHENS FUEL OIL CO. FOR PERIOD FROM JAN. 16, 1947, to FEB. 15, 1947, INCLUSIVE.

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AN ORDINANCE (4469)

ACCEPTING, WITH REGRET, THE RESIGNATION OF T. D. COBBS, JR., AS CITY ATTORNEY, AND APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN S. MORRIS AS CITY ATTORNEY, AND FIXING SALARY.

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AN ORDINANCE (4470)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION FOR AIRPORT FACILITIES AT STINSON FIELD AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE (4471)

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION FOR AIRPORT FACILITIES AT ALAMO ARMY AIRPORT.

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The Council then proceeded to hold the public hearing, set for this date, on/property the proposed re-zoning of on Nogalitos St. and E. Commerce St. (see Resolution No. 4410, passed Dec. 19, 1946), which were recommended by the Zoning Commission.

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There were no protests. Mr. Ike Meader spoke in support of the Zoning Commission's recommendation.

Pursuant to motion of Comm. Steffler, duly seconded and carried, the Council concurred in the recommendation of the Zoning Commission and ordered the necessary ordinance drawn to re-zone the property in question.

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City Attorney Morris asked to be instructed by the Council to file an answer disclaiming any interest of the City in a "theoretical" alley extending through the eastern portion of Block 8, NCB 9107, Woodlawn Park, Third Unit, so the San Antonio Independent School District would be permitted to go ahead with condemnation proceedings for the purpose of securing grounds for public school buildings and appurtenances thereto. He said the only thing the City was concerned with is the alley, which exists only on paper, and added that the subdivider of the property had provided another alley to provide ingress and egress.

Pursuant to motion of Comm. Steffler, duly seconded and carried, the Council instructed the City Attorney to proceed with the action outlined by him.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Regular Meeting of the Council was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, January 14, 1947.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of January 9, 1947, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, January 14, 1947.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for gasoline installation permit at 119 E. Martin St. (UK Garage), referred to Comm. of Fire and Police.

Frank T. Drought, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of Steves Subdivision (vacating part of Lot C, Blk. 1, and part of Lots E and D, Blk. 4, NCB 6399, and subdivision of Lots 1-9 incl., NCB 6462, Lots 1-18, NCB 6463, Lots 1-6, incl., NCB 6464), referred to Comm. of Streets for investigation by City Engineer.

Mrs. Dora Scheide, for approval of plats vacating and subdividing Tracts 246 and 447, NCB 7850, referred to Comm. of Streets for investigation by City Engineer.

Albert Hirschfeld, for re-zoning of Lot 1, Block 11, NCB 6701, referred to Zoning Commission.

Willie H. Hardeman, Jr., asking to purchase from the City a 10-foot strip of property known as Wright Way (foot-path between Culebra Ave. and Lincoln Alley), referred to Committee of the Whole.

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R.W. Secretary,  
Mr. Helms, representing the Texas Old Age Security Assn. of Bexar County, addressed the Council and requested use of the Municipal Auditorium for a state convention of the Assn., to be held not later than February 27. Mayor Mauermann told him this was a departmental matter and would have to be taken up with the Auditorium Manager.

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