

San Antonio, Texas  
May 1, 1953

All members elect of the City Council gathered in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 9:30 A.M., May 1, 1953. Honorable C. K. Quim, Judge of the 57th District Court of Bexar County, Texas then administered the oath of office to each after which all signed the oath.

The City Clerk then read the following written request for the calling of a Special Meeting, and his call based upon the request.

WRITTEN REQUEST AND CALL OF SPECIAL  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

BE IT KNOWN that the undersigned, constituting three or more of the members of the Council of the City of San Antonio, do hereby, pursuant to Article II, Section 11, of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, make written request that a special meeting of said Council be called by the City Clerk to be held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Friday, May 1, 1953, beginning at ten o'clock A.M.

WITNESS our hands this first day of May, 1953.

/s/ Emil O. Scherlen	/s/ R. N. "Dick" White, Jr.
/s/ A. C. Jack White	/s/ Ralph V. Easley
/s/ R. L. Lester	/s/ Mrs. Thelma Stevens
/s/ Raymond Russell, Jr.	/s/ H. J. Shearer
	/s/ Henry B. Gonzalez

I, the undersigned J. Frank Gallagher, the duly chosen, qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of San Antonio, do hereby, pursuant to the foregoing written request, call a special meeting of the City Council of said City of San Antonio to be held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Friday, May 1, 1953, beginning at ten o'clock A.M.

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of the City of San Antonio, this first day of May, 1953.

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

May 1, 1953

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD AT  
10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1953

The City Clerk called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M., the following members of Council being present:

SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SHEARER, <sup>A.C.</sup>WHITE, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, EASLEY, LESTER,  
GONZALEZ

The Clerk then called upon Dr. T. V. Neal for the Invocation.

After the Invocation the City Clerk then stated that if there was no objection the next order of business would be the designation of a presiding officer who shall have the title of Mayor, and asked the pleasure of the council.

Mr. Scherlen then presented the following resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Stevens. The Resolution was unanimously adopted. Mr. A. C. White abstaining from voting.

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING A. C. WHITE AS THE PRESIDING  
OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SAN ANTONIO AND CONFERRING UPON HIM  
THE TITLE OF MAYOR AND PROVIDING THAT HE  
SHALL SERVE AS SUCH DURING THE PLEASURE  
OF THE SAID CITY COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That A. C. White is hereby designated as the presiding officer of the City Council of the City of San Antonio.
2. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, the title of Mayor is hereby conferred on said A. C. White.
3. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, said A. C. White shall serve as presiding officer of the City Council and as Mayor during the pleasure of the City Council.
4. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of May, A. D. 1953.

A. C. White  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

The Clerk then administered the Oath as Mayor to Mr. White and turned the gavel over to him.

Mr. White made a few appropriate remarks expressing his desire to serve the public and to administer his office for the best interests of the entire city and all its people.

He then asked the Clerk if there were any bids to be opened, or any old business to be considered; there being none he called upon the Council for new business.

Mr. R. N. White, seconded by Mr. Scherlen, introduced the following Resolution which was unanimously adopted. Mr. Gonzalez abstaining from voting.

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING HENRY B. GONZALEZ AS MAYOR  
PRO-TEM OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO  
SERVE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That Henry B. Gonzalez is hereby designated as the Mayor Pro-tem of the City of San Antonio.

2. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, said Henry B. Gonzalez shall serve as Mayor Pro-tem of the said City during the pleasure of the City Council of the said City.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of May, A. D. 1953.

A. C. White  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

Mr. Gonzalez made a brief statement thanking the Council and the public for the honors he had received and giving assurance of every effort on his part for the good of the City.

Mr. Russell then introduced the following ordinance, which after a second by Mrs. Stevens, was unanimously adopted.

AN ORDINANCE 19,007

FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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

1. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 45, of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, the compensation of the City Manager of the City of San Antonio is hereby fixed at a salary of one dollar (\$1.00) a month, payable monthly. Said rate of compensation shall be effective immediately.

2. All ordinances and resolutions heretofore adopted relating to compensation of the City Manager are hereby repealed.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of May A. D. 1953.

A. C. White  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

Mr. Lester then introduced the following resolution which after a second by Mr. Scherlen was unanimously adopted.

A RESOLUTION

STATING THE INTENTION TO REMOVE C. A. HARRELL AS CITY MANAGER AND THE REASONS THEREFOR

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That the City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby states its intention to remove C. A. Harrell as City Manager of the City of San Antonio.

2. That the reasons therefor are that said C. A. Harrell has failed to merit and has lost the confidence of the majority of the people and qualified voters of the City of San Antonio; that it is against the public interest for the said C. A. Harrell to continue any longer as the City Manager of the City of San Antonio; and that said C. A. Harrell cannot be of any value as City Manager of the City of San Antonio because the majority of the people and qualified voters of said city do not have confidence in him.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of May, 1953.

A. C. White  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

May 1, 1953

Mr. R. N. White then introduced the following resolution which was seconded by Mrs. Stevens and unanimously adopted.

## A RESOLUTION

SUSPENDING C. A. HARRELL FROM DUTY AS  
CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That C. A. Harrell be and he is hereby immediately suspended from duty as City Manager of the City of San Antonio.
2. PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of May, A. D. 1953.

A. C. White  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

Judge Matthews, Assistant City Attorney, then asked the Council to take some steps regarding the appointment of an Acting Finance Director in order that the business of the department could be continued without interruption and banking matters could be handled properly. He was told that a recess meeting would be held at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, May 2nd and at that time the matter could be discussed and steps taken.

Mrs. Eric Harker then arose in the audience and raised objection to the Oath of Office taken by the Councilmen which did not obligate the Council, in her opinion, to uphold the City Charter. Mr. Scherlen informed her that the Oath was sufficient in compelling the Council members to carry out their duties.

Mr. Joe Menchaca and Mrs. Pearl Mason made short talks on the subject of the Oath.

On motion of Mrs. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Council recessed until 10:00 A.M., May 2, 1953.

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RECESSED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1953 AT 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order and the following members were present:

SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SHEARER, WHITE, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, LESTER, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: EASLEY

Councilman Shearer introduced the following resolution, which was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, White, Russell, R. N. White, ~~L~~ESTER, Gonzalez; Nays, <sup>none;</sup> Easley, absent.

## A RESOLUTION

CHOOSING J. FRANK GALLAGHER AS THE CITY CLERK  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO SERVE DURING THE  
PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN  
ANTONIO

May 2, 1953

Councilman Gonzalez introduced the following resolution, seconded by R. N. White, which was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, White, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, <sup>none;</sup> Easley, absent.

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING WALTER C. GUNSTREAM, DIRECTOR OF THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

Councilman Scherlen introduced the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Stevens, which was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, White, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, <sup>none;</sup> Easley, absent.

A RESOLUTION

FIXING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

On motion of Mrs. Stevens seconded by Mr. Russell, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

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