

December 9, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER  
9, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order with the following members being present:

Oliver  
Rudeloff  
Dillashaw  
Russell  
R. N. White  
Lacy  
Barrett  
Gonzalez  
J. Frank Gallagher, City Clerk  
Carlos Cadeja, City Attorney

Absent: Scherlen

Mayor R. N. White presiding.

On motion of Mr. Rudeloff, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

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At the request of the City Manager, because of the urgency of getting the contract to Washington, the following ordinance was taken up after first being introduced by Mr. Barrett and seconded by Mr. Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 20,793

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH  
SAN ANTONIO WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 413)

Mr. Russell asked about the full effect of this ordinance and what it means. Southwest Endowment Corporation of which the Mr. J. V. McGoodwin, President of the San Antonio Water Supply Corporation is an offshoot, explained the effect and purpose of the ordinance. Mr. Gonzalez protested that he was not satisfied that the ordinance was one of benefit to San Antonio and he would vote "NO".

The roll call disclosed the following: AYES, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett; NAYS, Gonzalez; ABSENT, Scherlen.

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The following ordinances and resolutions were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Scherlen.

AN ORDINANCE 20,794

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF KAUFMANS, INC. TO  
FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL CROSSING  
GUARDS WITH UNIFORMS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,345.00

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 415)

AN ORDINANCE 20,795

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF TURNER GRAVEL  
COMPANY AND SERVATEX MATERIALS TO FURNISH THE CITY  
OF SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH CERTAIN  
ITEMS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAYS FOR A TOTAL OF  
\$2140.64

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 415)

## AN ORDINANCE 20,796

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH ONE ONE-HALF TON PICKUP TRUCK LESS TRADE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,196.68

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 416)

## AN ORDINANCE 20,797

GRANTING THE PETITION OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF SOUTH SAN ANTONIO FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON THE N. 90 FEET OF LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 19, NCB 8915, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 416)

## AN ORDINANCE 20,798

GRANTING THE PETITION OF HOUSE OF PRAYER, SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, INC., FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT TRI. "D", BLOCK 90, NCB 3682, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 416)

## A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A TOPOGRAPHIC MAP FOR SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page

## AN ORDINANCE 20,799

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION FOR PARTICIPATING FUNDS TO BE USED IN "AIRPORT RUNWAY SPECIAL PROJECT" AND APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 417)

## A RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE REPAIR OF HANGAR NO. 3 AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED BY 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1954

## A RESOLUTION

GRANTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORITY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE LAWSUITS FILED IN THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURTS PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

( Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 417)

Mr. Oliver introduced the following resolution which was unanimously passed.

## A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ADOPTION OF A REVISED SET OF PERSONNEL RULES FOR MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

The following letter from the City Clerk was read:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council  
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and referred to Dr. George W. Rice, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 11-30-54 Petition of Concordia Lutheran Church requesting the repair of 1800 block of Basse Road.
- 12-1-54 Petition of First Assembly of God Church requesting tax exemption of Lot A23 except S. 50 ft. of E. 150 ft., 215 Pleasanton Road.
- 12-1-54 Petition of Joe Guerrero, Sr., et al, requesting correction of bad drainage condition at the intersection of Frio City Road and Brady Street.
- 12-1-54 Petition of V. M. Fuery requesting a refund of \$22.00 on Building Permit No. 14781.

Yours very truly,  
J. Frank Gallagher  
City Clerk

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The Clerk then announced a hearing was set at this time on Zoning Case #388 to rezone a 2 1/2 acre tract being New City Block 10101 at San Pedro and Jackson Keller Road and Grotto Blvd. from B res. to H Local Retail which was sent to the council on the request of the petitioner Norman M. Lowery after its approval had been denied by the Planning Commission. Mr. Calvin Wesch, Attorney for Mr. Lowery, explained the proposed use of the tract for the erection of an eight story Apartment Hotel to cost about \$3,000,000.00. He explained that the growth of the City in that direction, the heavy traffic on San Pedro Avenue and the need for improvements such as proposed, all tended to make this tract no longer satisfactory for "B" Residence purposes but on the other hand made its use for such as proposed logical and of public necessity. He was questioned by council members as to the approximate time a building would be built and also as to deed restrictions on the property.

Mr. L. M. Bickett, Attorney for residents within 200 ft. of the property, vigorously protested for them against encroachment of business in the area and also on breaking of deed restrictions which he contends exist.

Mr. T. W. Hardy, Attorney for the Shearer Hills Improvement League, also spoke against the change and illustrated his remarks with pictures.

A Miss Kenny and Mrs. Hawkins also appeared against the change.

After closing arguments by Mr. Wesch, Councilman Russell moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition be approved. A Roll Call showed the motion be lost by the following vote: AYES, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, White, Lacy, Barrett; ABSENT, Scherlen.

Mr. Dillashaw then moved that the petition of Mr. Lowery asking for the change from "B" to "H" Local Retail be granted with the insertion of a proviso that if work did not begin within eight or ten months that the council reserved the right to cancel the change and let the zoning revert to its present status. Roll Call showed the following. AYES, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, White, Lacy, Barrett; NAYS, Russell, Gonzalez. Since under the State Statute and the zoning ordinance of the City, a change not recommended by the Planning Commission requires 3/4 vote and six being insufficient, the motion failed of passage. Also a petition of over 20% of the residents within 200 ft. of the property was filed which in itself would force a 3/4 vote.

Case #402 was next called for a hearing on rezoning Lots 6 and 7, New City Block 10110 from "B" Res. to "F" Local Retail on petition of Richard Villasana.

The petitioner explained that he had asked for a "J" Commercial classification but since the Commission decided that "F" Local Retail would be better he would be satisfied. He gave as reason that he wished to expand his business and the necessity existed for the change.

Only one resident appeared to protest but members of the Shearer Hills Improvement Association who were in the chamber on other matters, stated they did not approve though they were not immediately effected.

On motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission by Rudeloff, seconded by Oliver, the following vote was recorded; AYES, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez and the change ordered.

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Mr. Bob Hollingsworth, representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce then appeared before the council and addressed them on the subject of a tennis center, the need for a great amount of work to be done to arrange for a National Junior Tennis Tournament next August. He asked the Clerk to read a letter which had been written to the City Manager on the subject and which was signed by Bob Hollingsworth, President of the San Antonio Jaycees, Ed Braswell, Chairman National Junior Tennis Tournament and Ogden Pease, President San Antonio Tennis Association. The plea was made for courts improvement, water and toilet facilities and dressing rooms to cost about \$40,000.00 by next summer.

Mr. Dillashaw, seconded by Mr. Gonzalez moved that the City Manager make necessary arrangements to carry out the plans of courts and other improvements and submit ordinances to cover. The motion was unanimously carried.

On motion of Mr. Rudeloff, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

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ADDENDUM

Before the Council was called to order, Mr. Dillashaw addressed the council on a misleading article which had appeared in a local paper regarding a supposed rift between the City Manager and a segment of the council. He called on Dr. Rice, the City Manager, to give the facts of the matter which was garbled by the press and Dr. Rice in turn called on Mr. Cadena, the City Attorney, to explain the facts in the matter. It was the consensus of opinion that some loose reporting had been done.

Mr. Ely Bergman, Chairman of the Police and Firemen's Civil Service Commission, then addressed the council on the situation in the police department which is suffering from a top heavy detective staff and the necessity for some changes to be made to rectify it. A letter was read to the Council as follows:

Honorable City Council of the City of San Antonio:

Recognizing the present problem in the San Antonio Police Department revolving around the surplus of Detectives and realizing the effect this has on the morale of the men in the Department as well as the organizational problem, the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission hereby presents to the City Council and the City Manager for their study and consideration, the following three proposals as possible solutions to the above problem:

Plan A - Eliminate the Detective classification and create an additional thirty-six (36) Sergeants. This will allow

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all Patrolmen, including those Detectives who reverted to the position of Patrolmen who have two (2) or more years of service, exclusive of probationary time, to take a promotional examination for the position of Sergeant. This will involve no additional cost to the City.

Plan B. - Eliminate the Detective classification and make the base salary of Patrolmen \$320. per month. This will involve a cost of approximately \$60,000 per year to the City, exclusive of the cost to raise the Firemen to a similar base salary.

Plan C - Eliminate the Detective classification and create a position of Corporal somewhere in between Patrolmen and Sergeants. Spread the duties of the Corporal to cover traffic, patrol, plain clothes assignments, etc., and give them supervisory power which the present Detectives do not have.

The Commission also elected to recommend to the City Council that steps be taken to have the Police Department set up a table of organization in that Department showing the chain of authority.

/s/ Ely Bergman  
Chairman, Fire and Police Civil  
Service Commission

After discussion by the Chief of Police, the City Manager, and council members it was decided, on motion of Dillashaw, seconded by Oliver, to have a special meeting on the subject and invite all sides to be heard.

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