

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 1915,
AT FOUR O'CLOCK, P.M.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were ordered approved.

- - - - - MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS. - - - - -

City Health Officer King recommended that the petition of Jose Bononcini, for permit to conduct tenement house, be granted. Adopted.

City Health Officer King recommended that the petition of S. Ramirez, for permit to conduct corral, be granted. Adopted.

City Health Officer King recommended that the petition of J.R. Lambert, for permit to conduct corral, be granted. Adopted.

The petition of Maud Campbell, for electric sign at 219½ South Santa Rosa Avenue was read and referred to the Commissioner of Fire & Police, Steves.

The petition of property owners for relief from storm waters in section bounded by Labor Street, Barrera Street, Hoefgen Avenue and Leigh Street, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements, Kearny.

The petition of G.J. Starnes, for correction of assessment, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Taxation, Garland.

The petition of L. Gonzales, for refund of part of auto license, was read and referred to the Commissioner of Taxation, Garland.

The statement of the Standard Roofing Company of omissions desired on Ruiz Street, was read and referred to the City Attorney.

The Communication from Harvey C. Stiles, relating to dates grown in San Antonio, was read and ordered filed. On motion of Commissioner Lambert a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Stiles for the interest displayed by him in the matter.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

A RESOLUTION.

Ordering a public hearing of property owners and others interested in street Improvements ordered to be constructed on Military Plaza, on the North and South sides thereof, approving plat and statement of the City Engineer and ordering that special assessments be made and levied and for other purposes. For full text of this resolution See Record Book #4, Page 586.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

A RESOLUTION.

Ordering a public hearing of property owners and others interested in street improvements ordered to be constructed on Main Plaza, approving plat and statement of City Engineer, and ordering that special assessments be made and levied, and for other purposes. For full text of this resolution see Record Book #4, Page, 590.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call. to-wit; Ayes, Brown, Garland, Kearny, Lambert and Steves. Nays, none.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

AN ORDINANCE.

MA-246

Levying special assessments and taxes on account at the cost of the improvement of North Flores Street, (from San Pedro Creek to Woodlawn Avenue) and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes. For full text of this ordinance, see Record Book #4, Page, 562.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

AN ORDINANCE.

MA-247

Levying special assessments and taxes on account of the cost of the improvement of East Josephine Street, (from San Antonio River to River Avenue) and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes. For full text of this ordinance, see Record Book #4, Page, 570.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

AN ORDINANCE.

MA-248

Levying special assessments and taxes on account of the cost of the improvement of El Paso Street (from Laredo Street to Brazos Street) and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes. For full text of this ordinance see Record Book #4, Page 572.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

AN ORDINANCE.

MA-249

Levying special assessments and taxes on account of the cost of the im-

Improvement of New Braunfels Avenue, (from Van Ness Street to Grayson Street) and to provide for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes. For full text of this ordinance, see Record Book #4, Page 554.

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

MA-250 AN ORDINANCE.

Ordering the laying of sidewalks, etc., on various streets, under the penalties for failure to comply with said order.

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

WHEREAS, The City Commissioners in the exercise of the Police Power, finds and hereby declares a public necessity exists for the laying of sidewalks, etc., as hereinafter ordered, and,

WHEREAS by an ordinance heretofore on the 10th day of August, A.D., 1914, passed and approved this City Commissioners provided for such cases; said ordinance being entitled, "An Ordinance prescribing specifications for sidewalks and curbing for public streets and places, and providing measures to compel the laying, construction and repair of the same by owners of abutting property; requiring the cost thereof to be paid by the owners of such property and declaring such cost a personal liability of such owners, and a first and prior lien and charge against such property; and prescribing the manner of ordering and compelling the construction of such work, and the punishment for failure to comply with such orders", and proceeding hereupon in accordance with said previous ordinance, which is made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

Section One. That the construction of cement sidewalks be and the same is hereby ordered along or in front of the entire extent of each parcel of the property and premises hereinafter described, and that the owners of such premises proceed immediately to construct said improvements, or to cause same to be constructed at their cost and expense, on the streets and public places hereinafter named; the respective premises herein referred to, the owner or owners thereof to whom this order is addressed and each such respective street or public place being as follows, to-wit:

OWNER	ADDRESS	LOT NO.	N.C.B.	LOCATION.
J. Meyer, Est.,	McNeese, Agt.,	A-11 & 1	162	South Street
Mrs. D.W. Mackey,	257 South St.,	Prt.11	162	South Street
Alf. & Annie Weyrich,	310 E. Commerce St.,	Prt.12	171	South Street
W.Z. Dunlap,	416 Dallas St.,	18	171	South Street
Oscar Dochblin,	323 Water St.,	19	171	South Street
R.P. Brocht,	606 Ave E,	8	906	South Street
L.M. Winfield,	Richey & Casey, Agt.,	1-2	845	Euclid Avenue
H.W. & Lee Peters,	C.H. Jackson, Agt., Gunter Bldg.,		2936	Magnolia Avenue
J.G. Dullnig,	122 Claudia St.,	13	2021	N. San Jacinto St.
E. Alsberry,		12	2021	N. San Jacinto St.
D.P. & A. Remling,	653 Lombardo, St.,	21	2020	San Jacinto St.

Nita Cameron,		1	2020	N. San Jacinto St.
A.B. Pursch,	3202 W. Houston St.,	1	3165	Cincinnati Aven.
G.A. Aldrich,	327 E. Park Avenue,	2-3-4-5-6-7	3165	Cincinnati Aven.
E.W. Eaton,	Moore Bldg.,	8	3165	Cincinnati Aven.
C.W. Biering,	1017 Gladstone Ave.,	46	164	Bowie Street
S.C. Eldridge,	215 W. Commerce St.,	1/4 of 44	m 164	Bowie Street
Emma Beltzer,	138 W. Carolina St.,	1/4 of 44	164	Bowie Street
Lena & Rudolph Gastring,	924 E. Houston St.,	43	164	Bowie Street
Carl Narse,		42	164	Bowie Street
S. Berliner,	Gunter Hotel,	1/4 of 42	164	Bowie Street
Fritz C. Rose,	228 E. Commerce St.,	- Prt. 17	169	E. Commerce St.
Van A. Petty,	10 - 10th St.,	18	1837	Main Avenue
Caroline Kampmann,	211 Macogdoches St.,	12	108	Market Street
O. Herrmann,	512 E. Crockett St.,	16	606	
Andrew Dullnig,	127 South St.,	10-11-12--	906	South Street
G. J. Haller,	316 Water St.,	33	905	South Street
C. Garza,	Leonard Garza, Agt., Prudential Bldg.,	16	144	South Street
Geneve Groon,	134 South St.,	18	144	South Street
Henry Woodland,	128 South St.,	17	144	South Street
Henry Wagenfehr,	142 Goliad St.,	19		South Street
Sam Stein,	142 South St.,	20-21	144	South Street

Section Two. That said improvements shall be constructed promptly in accordance with the specifications and other provisions contained in said ordinance, of August 10th, 1914, and that said work shall be commenced within thirty days after the service of this order, and that said notices shall be given and all other things shall be done as therein provided; and that for failure to comply with or violation of this order, any person, association of persons, or corporation found guilty of such offense shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, all under and as in said ordinance of August 10th, 1914, provided.

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

MA-251 AN ORDINANCE.

Appropriating \$1,000.00 to make final payment to O.C. Chapin.

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

That the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Paving Fund to make final payment to O.C. Chapin, for the paving of Durango Street, from Brazos Street to Trinity Street.

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

Kearny and Steves. Nays, None.

MA-252 AN ORDINANCE.

For the purchase of One Burrough's Adding Machine.

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

That the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1915 General Fund for the purchase of a Burrough's Adding Machine, for use in the office of the Back-Tax Collector.

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

MA-253 AN ORDINANCE.

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

That there be and thereis hereby appropriated out of the 1915 General Fund, the following sum of money for the hereinafter designated purpose: Nine Dollars and Forty Cents (\$9.40) (The school portion being \$3.00) warrant for which is to be made payable to R. M. Middlebrook, on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1914, from Annie S. Middlebrook on improvements on Lots Numbers Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in N.C.B. No. 3081, on valuation of \$770.00.

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

MA-254 AN ORDINANCE.

Ordering removal of telephone polls, etc. et.c.,

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

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore on May 18th, 1914, by resolution ordered the removal of poles of the San Antonio Telephone Company located in and between Cameron and North Laredo Streets, and said resolution has not been complied with; and

WHEREAS, said poles are so located as to interfere with and obstruct public improvements now being effected by the City, and are otherwise in a dangerous and dilapidated condition;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, That all poles of said San Antonio Telephone Company located on streets and public property in and between said Cameron and North Laredo Streets from Houston Street to the Fredericksburg Road, be and the same are hereby declared a public nuisance, and that said Company be and it is hereby ordered to remove immediately said poles and all wires, cables and appliances thereto attached, and to begin said work within forty-eight hours after a certified copy of this ordinance is delivered at the office of the San Antonio Manager of said Company by the City Electrician, and thereafter to prosecute said work diligently and with sufficient force to remove all of said poles within two weeks from the date of this ordinance, and in case said Company shall fail or refuse to begin or prosecute said work as aforesaid, then the City Electrician shall employ a sufficient number of men and proceed promptly and remove and cut down at once all such poles, with all wires, cables and appliances attached to the same, and said Company

shall pay to the City the full cost of abating such nuisances and removing said poles, etc., and the City shall thereupon deliver to said Company all materials, etc., so removed from said streets and public property.

On motion of Commissioner Lambert, Thursday September 30th, 1915, was designated as "Clean Up Day", and the Mayor requested to issue his proclamation to that effect.

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

AN ORDINANCE.

For the licensing and regulation of "Automobiles for Hire", and providing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

Section One. DEFINITIONS. Unless otherwise indicated by the context the following terms as used in this ordinance shall be held to have the meaning as herein defined, to-wit: The word "street" shall include all streets, alleys, plazas and other public places in the City of San Antonio. The word "person" shall include person, persons, firm or corporation and their agents, servants or employes, engaged in the conduct of any such business or operation as herein defined, or any part thereof. Words in the singular number shall include the plural; and pronouns in the masculine gender shall include the corresponding words in the feminine or neuter. The words "automobile for hire" or "automobile" shall include every automobile, taxicab, omnibus and other similar motor driven vehicle which is used or operated ^{in the business or practice of carrying passengers for hire} on the streets of this City; and shall include every automobile employed in any business or practice of using said streets for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire from within said City to any point or points outside of said City, provided however, that said terms shall not include any vehicle which at the time is licensed and being operated as a "motor bus" as defined in a certain ordinance of this City passed and approved on March 8th, 1915, and entitled "an ordinance for the purpose of regulating local street transportation of persons, by Street cars, "jitneys", motorbusses and other vehicles".

Section Two. GENERAL REQUIREMENT. It shall be unlawful for any person, to keep, use or operate on any street any automobile for hire unless a written license for such automobile as herein required shall have been first obtained by the person owning or controlling the same and unless such license shall be in effect at such time.

Section Three. LICENSE FEE. For each automobile so owned, controlled or operated in carrying passengers for hire, there shall be paid to the Commissioner of Taxation for the use of the City an annual license fee of Twenty-Five (\$25.00) Dollars. The amounts received by the City as such license fees shall be deposited and kept in the "Street Maintenance Fund"; and all costs of traffic supervision and other expenses incident to said regulation license and inspection shall be paid by the City out of the General fund; provided However, that in case any person having any automobile not employed in such business at the beginning of any fiscal year, shall during such year desire license

for such vehicle then such license shall issue for the remaining part of such fiscal year and the license fee therefor shall be prorated according to time; but such payment shall not in any such case be less than one-half the license fee for the full year, and provided further that all such license for the current fiscal year shall be so prorated.

Section Four. LICENSES AND TAGS. Said Commissioner of Taxation shall deliver to the person making such payment a written license, issued to the person owning such automobile, which license shall authorize such person to use and operate as an "automobile for hire", subject to the provisions of this ordinance, for and during the period of the City fiscal year current on the date of such license. Said license shall stand in lieu of the certificate of registration required by ordinance for vehicles in general, and shall be issued in the same manner and on the same conditions and subject to the same requirements except as herein otherwise provided; but such license shall not be held to authorize the operation of any automobile as a motor bus. The metal tag to be furnished by the City for each such automobile for hire in lieu of the tag in general use, shall, in addition to the fiscal year for which same is issued, show in like manner the words "FOR HIRE"; and such tag shall be of distinctive shape, but otherwise shall conform to the same requirements as metal tags for vehicles in general and shall be affixed to the automobile in the same manner.

Section Five. No person shall conduct such business or keep, use or operate any "automobile for hire" on any street otherwise than in conformity with the following rules: (1) Such automobile for hire shall have conspicuously posted therein a copy of the current license therefor together with a copy of the caption and sections five, six seven and eight of this ordinance.

(2) Such automobile shall be operated at all times in compliance with the requirements of the ordinances of this City, and in particular the ordinances regulating traffic and the use of the streets.

(3) Any person in charge of any automobile for hire in this City not otherwise employed, shall furnish such transportation between any points in this City at the rates herein fixed to any persons demanding such services.

(4) Not more than one passenger, or one passenger with child in arms under the age of ten years, shall be permitted to occupy the front seat of any automobile or any part of such automobile in front of said seat.

(5) No person shall permit any passenger to be or stand upon any running board, fender, hood or door of any such automobile while in motion; and no passenger shall ride sitting or standing on any such part of such automobile.

(6) Within the period following one-half hour after sunset and extending to one-half hour before sunrise at the interior of such automobile while being operated on any street shall be illuminated by a good light or lights placed sufficiently high to light effectively the full length and width of the seats contained in such vehicle; and each such light or lights to be of not less than six candle power.

(7) No person shall operate any such automobile unless he be more than eighteen years of age and hold a valid chauffeur's license regularly issued by authority of the City.

(8) The person in charge of such automobile shall maintain good order therein and shall not knowingly permit, but shall forbid and caution against, the use of

any loud, abusive, threatening or obscene language, or any violent, unlawful, or indecent conduct by any passenger or other person on such vehicle.

(9) No such automobile shall be operated on any street or streets, whether with or without passengers, carrying any sign exposed thereon, other than the metal tag herein required, stating that same is for hire, or a "service car" or other similar legend; and no person shall on any street solicit by word or signal any other person or persons to employ or become passengers on any such automobile; and no such automobile shall pass to and fro on the streets seeking employment.

(10) All automobiles for hire when engaged by any passenger may stop in any street in the Central District of this City, as defined by said ordinance of March 8th, 1915, in any place where vehicles in general are allowed to stop under the ordinances of this City, as long as may be necessary to take on, accommodate or discharge passengers who have engaged such vehicles, but no longer, and such stops shall not in any case exceed the time allowed at such place for vehicles in general; and all such automobiles, whether or not engaged, shall stop and stand in all cases in the same manner as other vehicles when so required by any ordinance, or in any case when so required by voice or signal by any police officer of this City.

(11) No person shall permit any such automobile unnecessarily to increase, delay or impede the traffic or use of the streets; and no automobile for hire while not engaged shall loiter or remain standing in any street in said Central District as defined by said ordinance of March 8th, 1915, elsewhere than at such stand or stands for unemployed automobiles for hire as may be designated by ordinance or as provided by this ordinance; but shall not stop and remain at any such stand unless there shall be reasonable space for such vehicle within the area set apart for such stand.

The following named public places shall be authorized stands for automobiles for hire, to-wit:

Alamo Plaza: Along park curbing north of the intersection of Crockett Street.

Military Plaza; Along Park Curbing north side City Hall;

Main Plaza: Along curbing on east side of park;

Travis Square: Along curbing on west side of square;

Railroad Stations: The Chief of Police by and with the advice and consent of some authorized agent of each railroad Company, having in this City a station or stations for passengers or freight, shall, from time to time, by written order, approved by signature of such railroad agent, designate and assign at each such station, a stand or stands where hacks, carts, drays and wagons, omnibusses, automobiles, for hire, and other vehicles shall receive and discharge their freight or passengers and also a place or places where they or any of them shall stand while waiting for freight or passengers.

Section Six: CHARGES. It shall be unlawful for any person owning, controlling or operating any automobile for hire, to charge, demand or receive as compensation for such service any fare or payment in excess of the following rates:

HIRED BY THE HOUR:--- For Five (5) passenger car, not exceeding four passengers, Three (\$3.00) Dollars per hour; For Seven Passenger Car, not exceeding five passengers, Three (\$3.50) Dollars and fifty cents per hour; Same six passengers, Four (\$4.00) per hour.

HIRED FOR THE TRIP:---- From any point within the City to any point within the City, for one or two passengers, One Dollar (\$1.00) for First Mile, and Fifty (50) cents for each additional mile; and if more than two passengers then Twenty-Five (25) cents additional per mile may be charged for each additional passenger.

CHILDREN AND HAND BAGGAGE. When children accompany adult passengers no charge shall be made for children under six (6) years of age, and only one-half of the fares above specified shall be charged for children over six (6) and under Twelve (12) years of age; and no charge shall be made for carrying the hand baggage of any passenger.

PAYMENT OF FARES. Any passenger or passengers refusing to pay the fares lawfully demanded, not exceeding the fares fixed by this ordinance, after being carried to their destination, if demanded without delay by the person in charge of such vehicle, shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct, and shall be punished as in this ordinance provided.

Section Seven: REVOCATION OF LICENSES. All such licenses shall be issued subject to revocation for cause; and whenever any licensee shall wilfully or persistently and negligently violate, or permit to be violated by any other person, any of the provisions of this ordinance, the Judge of the Corporation Court of said City shall be authorized to order said licensee, after three days written notice, to appear before him and show cause why such license should not be revoked; and said Judge shall at the time fixed by such notice, investigate and hear evidence concerning such violations, and if it shall appear that such violation or violations have occurred, shall have power to declare such license revoked and terminated, and after such revocation the licensee shall not again under said revoked license be authorized or permitted to operate as an automobile for hire the vehicle described in such license. And the badge, care or license of all chauffeurs of automobiles for hire shall also be revocable as provided by ordinance.

Section Eight. PENALTIES. Any person, or passenger violating or failing or refusing to comply with any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars; and each day during which such violation, failure or refusal shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense

Section Nine. REPEAL, CONSTRUCTION AND FURTHER REGULATION: All ordinances and parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith including the whole of any ordinances regulating automobiles for hire, are hereby repealed; but this ordinance shall not be held to repeal or affect in any manner that certain ordinance hereinbefore mentioned regulating local street transportation by motorbusses and street cars. And any person holding a motorbus license for any vehicle or automobile shall be authorized upon compliance herewith to procure also for such vehicle the automobile for hire license as herein provided, which shall authorize the operation of such vehicle as an automobile for hire during such time as the same may not be required to be operated as a motorbus; provided however, that in all cases when any vehicle is licensed to operate both as a motor bus and as an automobile for hire, such vehicle shall not be operated as an automobile for hire during any part of the time required for its schedules as a motorbus; and outstanding licenses for automobiles for hire shall continue in effect subject to the regulations herein contained. In case any part, provision or application of this ordinance shall be held to be for any reason unenforceable, such defect shall be restricted to the identical

part or provision and the application thereof so considered, and such defect shall not affect or render invalid any other part of provision of this ordinance or any other application of the same part or provision, And all parts of this ordinance, and the terms and conditions of all such business and licenses shall remain subject to all changes, amendments and further regulation which the Commissioners may by ordinance provide.

Section Ten. URGENCY This ordinance being of urgent importance by reason of congested traffic conditions on the streets and because of the absence of effective provisions regulating automobiles for hire, the same shall take effect immediately on its passage and publication.

On motion duly seconded and carried, meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:


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