

March 25, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
OF THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1954
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, LESTER, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: SHEARER, A. C. WHITE, EASLEY

Mayor Pro-tem Russell presiding.

Invocation by Mr. Scherlen.

On motion of Mrs. Stevens seconded by Mr. Lester the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,053

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS
BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON
THE PETITION OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE MCCOLLUM AT 130
ROLLING GREEN DRIVE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 564)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,054

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS
BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON
THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK AT 908 CANTERBURY

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 564)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,055

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A
CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION
OF J. K. STARK AT 921 IVY LANE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 565)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,056

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A
CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF J. K. STARK AT 616 RITTIMAN ROAD

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 566)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,057

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MR. AND MRS. ALBERT STEIFER, JR. AT 817 CANTERBURY HILL

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 566)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,058

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MARVIS S. BASSETT AT 932 MORNINGSDR. DR.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 567)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,059

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF LEON W. LUKSA AT 126 ROLLING GREEN

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 568)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,060

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF A.A.A. REALTY CO. AT 3455 AND 3457 W. WOODLAWN

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 568)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,061

CHANGING THE NAME OF LINN STREET WHICH RUNS FROM FREDERICKSBURG ROAD IN AN EASTERLY AND NORTHERLY DIRECTION TO MOBERLY STREET, AND RE-NAMING SAID STREET AVERY STREET

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 569)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Shearer, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,062

CHANGING THE NAME OF CASPAR STREET, FORMERLY WYOMING STREET, RUNNING WEST FROM ARANSAS STREET, AND RE-NAMING SAID STREET BUNDY STREET

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 569)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Shearer, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,063

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-STATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF CITY AND SCHOOL TAXES AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF HANDY-ANDY, INC. TO FURNISH FACILITIES THEREFOR, AT A RATE OF \$375.00 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$1500.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 570)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Shearer, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,064

AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-STATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION OF CITY AND SCHOOL TAXES AND ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF H. E. BUTT FOOD STORES TO FURNISH FACILITIES THEREFOR, AT A RATE OF \$325.00 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$1300.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 570)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Shearer, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,065

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF ARMORED MOTOR SERVICE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH ARMORED CAR SERVICE IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF FUNDS AND VALUABLES, AT A RATE OF \$600.00 PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR MONTHS, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$2400.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 571)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White, Shearer, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,066

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO A SEWER CONTRACT WITH LINE CONSTRUCTION INC., DATED DECEMBER 18, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 571)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,067

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GROUP HOSPITAL SERVICE, INCORPORATED AND GROUP MEDICAL & SURGICAL SERVICE FOR GROUP INSURANCE FOR MEMBERS OF CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 572)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,068

APPROPRIATING \$325.22 OUT OF 1953 GENERAL FUND, PARK DEPARTMENT, IN PAYMENT TO PETTY & PETTY FOR ADDITIONAL MATERIALS AND LABOR NECESSARY FOR REMOVAL AND REPAIR OF ROOF OF SAN PEDRO PARK BATH HOUSE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 573)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,069

ACCEPTING DEED OF SAM HOUSTON POST NO. 76, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, CONVEYING A PORTION OF LOT 12, NEW CITY BLOCK 456, FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR SAN ANTONIO RIVER FLOOD PREVENTION PROGRAM; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,047.60 OUT OF FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL RIGHT OF WAY TRUST FUND, PAYABLE TO ALAMO TITLE COMPANY, IN PAYMENT FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 573)

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF A HEARING ON APRIL 22, 1954, OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS, ETC., PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1938, FOR RE-ZONING OF: CASE 362, PROPERTY BOUNDED BY ARANSAS AVENUE, NEBRASKA STREET, CITY LIMITS AND MK&T RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, FROM TEMPORARY "B" RESIDENCE TO PERMANENT "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,070

ACCEPTING GRANT OF AN EASEMENT EXECUTED BY E. J. FRAZER, MARY M. KIRBY, J. C. KIRBY, JR., TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVEYING TO THE CITY AN EASEMENT UPON A TRIANGULAR STRIP OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NO. 2, BLOCK 2017, FULLY DESCRIBED IN SAID CONVEYANCE AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) OUT OF 1953 GENERAL FUND 09-02-01, SANITARY AND STORM SEWERS, TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 573)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley;

AN ORDINANCE 20,071

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM R. C. METTING AND BERTHA METTING, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO A PORTION OF LOT 8, BLOCK 29, N.C.B. 10330, GRANDVIEW ADDITION, SECTION 5, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) OUT OF 1953 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER 59-01-05 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 574)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley;

AN ORDINANCE 20,072

ACCEPTING CHECKS IN THE AMOUNTS OF: \$29.40 FROM JACK BENNETT & CO.; \$241.65 FROM F.F. LUDOLPH; \$2.67 FROM ARTHUR G. RANDOL; \$1.94 FROM INSURANCE PLACEMENT BOARD, ALL CHECKS REFUNDS OF INSURANCE AND BOND PREMIUMS. AND, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$773.96 OUT OF THE 1953 GENERAL FUND UNPLEDGED INSURANCE ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL PREMIUMS AS SHOWN BELOW

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 574)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley;

AN ORDINANCE 20,073

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A DISTRICT COURT JUDGMENT FOR PERSONAL INJURIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1680.00 TO SAMUEL E. HERNDON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 574)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. white, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,074

TRANSFERRING \$550.00 OUT OF THE 1953 GENERAL FUND UNPLEDGED TO WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 6 SINKING FUND, TO PAY INTEREST ON MATURITIES \$410.00 AND \$140.00 BOARD EXPENSES, DUE APRIL 1, 1954

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 575)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. white, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,075

APPROPRIATING \$140.00 OUT OF WATER IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT #6 PAYABLE TO WATERIMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
#6 BOARD TO PAY BOARD EXPENSES

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 575)

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 then referred to Mr. Ralph H. Winton, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 3-17-54 Petition of Mr. Charles Ranschuber requesting refund of \$7.00 paid for Building Permit No. 9386.
3-22-54 Petition of Church of Christ requesting tax exemption of Lots 1 and 2, NCB 10236.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

The Mayor now stated that Mr. Harvey McDonald^{was} in the Chamber and he wished to be heard on a very important matter. Mr. McDonald stated that he was asking the Council to call an election to vote on a Bond Issue of approximately \$15,000,000. for the purchase of rights of way for freeways. He stated that he thought the time for such a vote was past due and essentially and suggested that it be arranged for and held during the last week in May or first week in June. He introduced Mr. W. L. Jones and Mr. Leslie Neal of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Neal as Chairman of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce handling such matters stated that he had not had the opportunity to call his committee together to recommend a definite amount but speaking for himself alone he thought that \$15,000,000. should be voted on as early as possible.

Mr. Lester asked the opinion of the Legal Department as to the validity of such an election and was informed that as an Improvement District^{which is} already defined it could be done.

Mr. Scherlen asked Mr. McDonald if he would include a sum for the enlargement of the sewage disposal plant in such an election call.

Mr. McDonald objected to this, first because the \$800,000.00 contemplated for this work is insufficient and it would probably cause others to want to include other items, he would prefer to confine it strictly to Freeway right of way.

Mr. Gonzalez suggested that the Mayor appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility and possibilities of such an election. The Mayor considered this a good suggestion and he appointed Mr. R. N. White, Mr. Lester, and Mr. Scherlen to such a committee to report back all aspects of the matter of an election at this time.

Mr. Charles Carroll, who was in the audience, addressed the council in opposition to an election. He said that he will go along for a needed bond issue when the city limits line is settled but not on an Improvement District basis. He thinks an overall issue much more than contemplated here should be considered but not as an Improvement District.

Hearing was next held on Zoning Case 361 to rezone property on 3100 block of Nebraska Street. The Zoning and Planning Commission had voted to deny the petition to change this

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area from Temporary "B" Residential to "F" Local Retail but instead voted to change it to Permanent "B" Residential. On motion of R. N. White, the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission was unanimously adopted.

Hearing was now called on the Bailey Avenue Bus Line.

Mr. Donald King, an attorney for certain residents on Bailey Avenue, made a preliminary statement regarding the contentions of his clients. They think that the Transit Company should continue the Steves Avenue line but also maintain a line on or near Bailey Avenue. He called upon numerous residents to state the hardships they were encountering by failure to keep the line on Bailey Avenue. Among those who testified were Mrs. Blackard 2013 Avant Avenue, Mrs. Coplin, 1031 Bailey, Father Kastoriz, Mr. Spicer, Mr. Ansley Jordan, 577 Bailey, Mr. Ralph Eager, Mr. Meier, Mr. Wm. Hooe, Frank C. Held, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Wagner, and Lloyd Awberry. Some discussion was held at this stage as to the length of time needed for a hearing and necessity for repetitions.

Mr. King then presented a petition said to contain 1625 names asking for a bus service to Bailey Avenue. The petition read as follows:

Petition for Adequate Bus Service

The undersigned, all of school age or above, and all bus riders, hereby respectfully request the City Council and/or San Antonio Transit Company to restore bus service to us, such service being no longer reasonably and conveniently available since the re-routing of the Highlands bus line from Bailey Avenue to Steves Avenue, and request that regular bus service be restored to us by one of the following means: (1) Alternate or split service, one bus to go out Bailey or an adjoining street and the other to go out Steves or an adjoining street; (2) A Loop be provided whereby one bus goes out Steves or an adjoining street and back down Bailey or an adjoining street, the next bus to reverse this route; or (3) The City Council grant a franchise to some other bus company that may be willing to furnish reasonable and adequate bus service to the undersigned.

He was questioned about the proposal to encourage another bus line and Mr. Russell asked if he had a probable applicant for such a franchise and was told yes.

Mr. Gonzalez at this time questioned Mr. Castle of the Transit Company as to what steps and notices were taken and given before the recent change after which the Chair called for the opponents of any change.

Mr. J. E. Floore, 906 Steves, presented a petition signed by 1723 people asking that the bus as now operating be not disturbed. He called on C. W. Strong, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Dreiss, Mr. Stone and Mr. Uhl.

The Mayor then called on the Transit Company to be heard. Mr. Castle explained the reasons for putting bus lines 1/2 mile apart. He stated his belief that the present plan is far best for the community as a whole and he called on Mr. Felix Tapp to explain the objections to a loop route. Mr. Tapp showed schedules as at present and if a loop were in and said a loop would please no one.

Mr. Castle then gave data on the revenue from the affected lines before and after the change and they show some reduction of the loss which was occurring.

At this time the council recessed for five minutes.

After the recess Mr. Gonzalez asked Mr. Castle the feasibility of putting a shuttle line on Bailey Avenue. Mr. Castle said it would not be feasible or economical and could not be supported.

Mr. Engle, Attorney for the Bailey people, then addressed the council and his colleague Mr. King summed up.

They suggested the re-routing of the Brooks Field bus to go through the Highlands; then suggested:

- (1) A Shuttle
- (2) A Loop
- (3) A split end service
- (4) Get out of business
- (5) Let another company come in.

Mr. Castle summed up the difficulties of the Transit Company caused by auto transportation

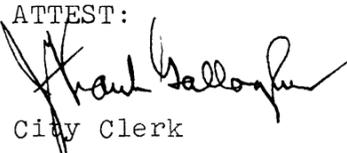
Mr. Scherlen then read three excerpts from an opinion by the City Attorney on the rights of the City to suggest changes and improvements. He stated that in view of the opinion he thinks that the Steves Avenue change was made for the betterment of service and could not be disturbed but that much testimony proves that service to Bailey Avenue can be improved. He moved that the Transit Company be given notice that the council wants another line established. That after this notice is given, the Transit Company be allowed thirty days and a hearing be given them to show cause why they could not comply.

The motion did not receive the necessary majority vote of the entire council and was therefore lost. The vote was as follows: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, Lester; Nays, R. N. White and Gonzalez; Absent, A. C. White, Easley, Shearer.

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

APPROVED:

 MAYOR

ATTEST:

 City Clerk

ADDENDUM

At the pre-council session before the council met, the City Manager called on Mr. Wells of the Sewage Plant for a report on the rumors that the City Sewage disposal plant is violating an injunction. After the report was made, the City Attorney gave his opinion that the injunction is not being violated.

Mr. Reynolds Andricks and Mrs. McGimsey of the Fiesta Association were heard. They were told that certain grandstands would be built for them and that the City would cooperate in every way. An agreement was reached that parking areas in the City Hall grounds would be given up Fiesta week, the Fiesta Association furnishing parking space on S. Flores Street.

A committee from Northridge Park area headed by Mrs. Robert Maverick, Jr. called on the council for money to build rest rooms and facilities for the park in Northridge, the council gave its OK to the plan as outlined and told the City Manager to proceed.

Mr. O. P. Schnabel then asked the council for \$5,000 or \$6,000 for labor during clean-up week. He was told the City would investigate and advise him later.

A Mr. Reed complained about the chicken ordinance and the matter of probable amendment of the Livestock ordinance was referred to Mr. Lester.

A letter from the S. A. Independent School District was read in which the Board of Education agrees to pay \$1500. toward the expense for installation of the Radar Weather Indicating system being installed.
