

AUGUST 2, 1945

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, AUGUST 2, 1945.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of July 26, together with those of the recessed meetings of July 26 and 31, which minutes were approved as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

Petition of Guadalupe Altar Society asking exemption from taxation on property at 419 and 423 South Pinto St. was presented and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

Petition of Douglas Anderson asking approval of plat subdividing Tract 13, Block 4, Lakeview Gardens No. 2, County Block 5532, was presented and referred to City Engineer.

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

APPRO. NO. 133

AN ORDINANCE (2472)

APPROPRIATING \$11,390.94 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND FOR PAYROLL.

APPRO. NO. 134

AN ORDINANCE (2473)

APPROPRIATING \$1126.22 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

APPRO. NO. 135

AN ORDINANCE (2474)

APPROPRIATING \$93.02 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY INTEREST ON 1945 GENERAL FUND NOTES.

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

APPRO. NO. 136

AN ORDINANCE (2475)

APPROPRIATING \$303.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

APPRO. NO. 137

AN ORDINANCE (2476)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL: CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH H. W. LEWIS EQUIPMENT CO. TO FURNISH RIVERS & DITCHES DEPT. WITH POWER UNIT.

AN ORDINANCE (2477)

DIRECTING THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN N. C. B. 1713, AT THE INTERSECTION OF KINGS COURT, NORTH ST. MARYS STREET AND EAST WOODLAWN AVENUE.

AN ORDINANCE (2478)

CONVEYING CERTAIN TRUCKS AND LASALLE MOTOR FROM THE GARBAGE AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT TO V. JACKSON.

On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council concurred in the recommendation of the City Engineer and approved the plat of subdivision of Lot 34, Block 35,

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N. C. B. 3694, submitted by Mrs. C. DeWinne.

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

APPRO. NO. 138 AN ORDINANCE (2479)
APPROPRIATING \$279.45 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE,
PAYABLE TO B. H. BUCH FOR GRAVEL.

APPRO. NO. 139 AN ORDINANCE (2480)
APPROPRIATING \$45.00 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR
REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

AN ORDINANCE (2481)
MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH M. ORTIZ.

On recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council granted the petition of the Texas Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 716 San Pedro Ave.

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

APPRO. NO. 140 AN ORDINANCE (2482)
APPROPRIATING \$99.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, FIRE DEPT.,
PAYABLE TO P. M. WRIGHT & SON, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, FOR PLACING
SIDEWALK AROUND THE BUILDING OF FIRE STATION NO. 18.

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

APPRO. NO. 141 AN ORDINANCE (2483)
APPROPRIATING \$95.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT.,
PAYABLE TO J. C. LAMKIN, ATTORNEY, FOR OFFICE FURNITURE.

APPRO. NO. 142 AN ORDINANCE (2484)
APPROPRIATING \$531.50 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND, 1945 FUND,
FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS AT WILLOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE.

Mr. Alex R. Thomas, President, Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, submitted the following report, which was read by the Clerk:

"SAN ANTONIO POST-WAR PLANNING BOARD
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
August 2, 1945

To the
Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners
City of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to hand you herewith the recommendations of the Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County for proposed bond issues for the City of San Antonio.

The Board has made a careful study of the projects from an engineering and financial standpoint and feels that the recommendations submitted are essential for the development of San Antonio.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you our sincere appreciation for your cooperation in our studies of the proposed projects.

Respectfully yours,
s/ Alex R. Thomas, President

Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County

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SCHEDULE OF BOND RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY PLANNING
BOARD OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY, FOR THE CITY
OF
SAN ANTONIO

CITY:

Right-of-Way Interregional Highway		\$ 1,750,000
Airport Buildings		1,500,000
Witte Museum Addition		85,000
World War II Memorial Museum (Brackenridge Park)		80,000

FIRE and POLICE DEPARTMENT:

4 Fire Stations and Land		\$ 200,000
Traffic Signals		85,000
Police Radio		30,000
Fire Alarm Equipment		300,000
Fire Alarm Building		75,000
		690,000

AQUARIUM

75,000

STREET IMPROVEMENT

2,000,000

PARKS:

Latin-American Park, Land		98,000
Latin-American Park, Improvement		15,000
Caretakers' Houses in Various Parks		30,000
Rest Rooms in Various Parks		10,000
Purchase of land along San Antonio River for Park Serving Harlandale, Highlands & Hot Wells		55,000
Purchase of land for Park Servind South San Antonio		20,000
Los Angeles Heights Park Beautification		10,000
Riverside Golf Course, Purchase of Land and adding 9 holes		65,000
		303,000

GARBAGE DISPOSAL

300,000

RIVER BEAUTIFICATION

200,000

LIBRARY

150,000

Total for City of San Antonio:

\$7,133,000"

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Council receive this report and refer it to the Committee of the Whole. After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

In conjunction with this motion, Commissioner Anderson offered the following Resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The report and recommendations just filed with the City Council by Mr. Alex Thomas, Chairman of the Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas, (Incorporated), evidences many hours of study and research; and

WHEREAS, The report shows the Committee had in mind thought of employment for returning veterans; needs of the City of San Antonio: its requirements as to health, sanitation, recreation, public buildings, streets, safety and inter-regional highways; and

WHEREAS, We take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Committee, and especially those who, through liberal donations to the Committee, made it possible for well-coordinated plans to be in readiness and for studies and surveys to have been made of needed projects; and

WHEREAS, The plans and recommendations as presented apparently are well within the financial limits of the City; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio hereby express our official thanks for the work of the Planning Board thus far and look forward to the future success of the Board in its studies of other needed plans and recommendations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this second day of August, A. D. 1945.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann
Gus B. Mauermann, Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ Frank W. Brady
City Clerk

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Mayor Mauermann then thanked Mr. Thomas and the Board and called attention to the fact that the Resolution of Thanks had received the unanimous vote of the Council.

Mr. Thomas thanked the Council and stated the Board would continue to pledge its support to the program of the Mayor and Commissioners for needed improvement of San Antonio. He said the Planning Board had not concluded its work with this report but had much more to do. For example, he referred to plans for improvement of the City Market, remarking that "the farther we go into it, the better it looks." He promised a report and recommendations on this project in the near future.

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Commissioner Anderson introduced the following four annexation ordinances for first reading and publication. He stated they were intended to straighten to some degree the City boundary lines and eliminate irregularities resulting from previous annexations, as well as to take in those areas necessary to the safeguarding of health and future expansion of the City.

The motion to publish each ordinance was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein and Anderson; Nays, Callaghan and Steffler.

Commissioner Steffler stated he would vote "no" on all such ordinances, but would vote in favor of merging the entire county with the City.

Commissioner Anderson pointed out that some 20 sections of the State Constitution would have to be amended to make such consolidation possible. He said this had been tried in the past but the proposed amendments were impossible to carry. He explained that by continuing with the present program of annexing those areas essential to the protection of health and immediate expansion of San Antonio, the Council could achieve indirectly the consolidation found impossible of achievement by direct methods.

Mayor Mauermann added that as the City moves ahead with its annexation program, thereby reducing the expenses of the County government, County taxes should be reduced in proportion. The ordinances follow:

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (NO. 1 - SOUTH)

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AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (NO. 2 - SOUTH)

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AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (NO. 4 - WEST)

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AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (NO. 5 - NORTHWEST)

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Rev. P. S. Wilkinson addressed the Council and asked that consideration be given to the needs of the colored sections of the City for improvements, parks and water service. Mayor Mauermann assured him these matters would be taken up by the Committee of the Whole in the

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discussion of the Planning Board report. Commissioner Anderson invited him to meet with the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 o'clock, A. M., Friday, August 3, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of August 2, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A. M., on Friday, August 3, 1945.

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

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

APPRO. NO. 143

AN ORDINANCE (2485)

APPROPRIATING \$31,765.16 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinances, which were passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Anderson; Nay, Steffler (absent).

APPRO. NO. 144

AN ORDINANCE (2486)

APPROPRIATING \$10.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, PAYABLE TO AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR ONE YEAR.

APPRO. NO. 145

AN ORDINANCE (2487)

APPROPRIATING \$801.65 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, ANNEXATION ENGINEERING, PAYABLE TO FRANK T. DROUGHT, ENGINEER, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

On motion of Commissioner Hein in each case, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nay, Steffler (absent), the Council concurred in the recommendation of the City Engineer and approved two plats, submitted by Earle L. Benke, respectively vacating and re-subdividing Lots 7, 9 and 11, Block 2, N. C. B. 1007.

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

APPRO. NO. 146

AN ORDINANCE (2488)

APPROPRIATING \$2.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, BACK TAX ATTORNEY, PAYABLE TO TERRELL B. KELLOGG, COUNTY CLERK OF DIMMITT COUNTY, FOR CERTIFYING COPY OF ORDER PROBATING WILL OF GEORGE BEAL VERNOR.

AN ORDINANCE (2489)

SELLING AND CONVEYING LOT NO. 11 OF A RESUBDIVISION OF CITY BLOCK NO. 6172 TO H. E. BUTT GROCERY COMPANY.

Mayor Mauermann explained this ordinance referred to a Public Service Board matter which required Council approval. He said the Board had made a trade with the grocery company by which the transformer now located on Lot. No. 11 will be moved to a larger and more desirable location across the street, the H. E. Butt Co. paying all expenses of moving and conveying

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the new and larger lot to the Board.

Commissioner Anderson brought up the matter of several offers the City had received for some downtown property on the San Antonio River. Mayor Mauermann said he was opposed to selling any such property, stating: "I don't think the river is wide enough now."

On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Anderson; Nay, Steffler (absent), the meeting adjourned Friday, August 3, 1945.

APPROVED:

Wm Mauermann
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Brady
City Clerk.

(For full text of all ordinances passed at this meeting and recessed meeting, see Ordinance Book "M", pages 662 through 669.)

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