

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, A. D. 1925, 4 P. M.

PRESENT: Honorable John W. Tobin, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners, Bushick, Lambert, Steffler, Wright.

Minutes of the previous meeting were ordered approved.

---MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS---

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The City Purchasing Agent recommended acceptance of the proposal of Standard Underground Cable Co. to furnish lead covered cables for repairs to Fire Alarm System at a cost of \$3986.98. Adopted.

The following petitions, were read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Imps. Woodlawn Lumber Co. for permission to build a Spur track.

Travis F. Jones, for permit to build a Sanitary Sewer in Ruths Place.

Petition for the improvement of Calvert Street between Johnson and Sherdian Sts.

The following petitions, were read and referred to the Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Magnolia Petroleum Co. for permit to replace gasoline equipment at 505 Roosevelt Ave.

Kahn Oil Co. for permit to install gasoline equipment at 427 Garden Street.

Kahn Oil Co., for permit to install gasoline equipment at 511 Soledad Street.

Yahn Oil Co., for permit to erect drive-in-filling Station at Roosevelt and Schley Ave.

Chalkley Brothers for permit to install Oil Burner Equipment in Commercial National Bank St. Marys' & Travis Sts.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for Morris Stern, 228 W. Agarita Ave.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for F. L. Hillyer, 111 E. Craig Place.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for J. E. Jarratt, 238 W. Craig Place.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for Incarnate Word College.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Fuel Oil Burning Equipment for Mrs. Mary Stowers, Linwood & Howard Streets.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for J. H. Lapham, 250 Braham Blvd.

Chalkley Bros. for permit to install Oil Burning Equipment for S. A. Country Club.

M. F. Schuler, for permit to erect electric sign for Rose Marie Slipper Shop 404 E. Houston St.

Junior Chamber of Commerce, requesting that a test be made of handling traffic under Boulevard System

Commissioner Lambert, reporting on the petition for the extension of Crockett Street through Alamo Plaza, made the following recommendation which was lost on roll call by the following vote to-wit; Ayes, Lambert, Nays, Tobin, Bushick, Steffler, Wright.

San Antonio, Texas. Jan. 31, 1925.

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,
Gentlemen:-

I return herewith petition of property owners for the opening of Crockett Street through Alamo Plaza Park, with the recommendation that it be NOT granted.

In view of the importance of the question involved, and in courtesy to the taxpayers whose names the petition bears, I feel that my recommendation should carry with it my reasons.

First and foremost, I feel that the park is indissolubly linked with the Historic Alamo, that hallowed shrine of Texas Liberty. It is a part of San Antonio's magic charm. To desecrate the park, by cutting a roadway through it, in my opinion, would be to desecrate the Alamo, I believe those who love San Antonio as I do will agree with me

on that point.

I am not unmindful of the requirements and the sacrifices demanded in the name of progress. But in this instance I can't see that progress demands the marring of one of our greatest civic assets, where civic beauty and commercialism are opposed, you will invariably find me championing the former. My conscience would not allow me to do otherwise.

I respect the rights of the taxpayers but if we are to retain the fame of San Antonio as a city of romance and beauty, we must guard jealously the things that brought us that fame.

I must therefore recommend that the petition be NOT granted.
Ray Lambert,
Park Commissioner.

Commissioner Lambert, made the following recommendation, which was read and adopted.

Petition of Sociedad Hijos De Mexico, for use of Market House Sept. 16th, 1925. Granted.

Commissioner Wright, made the following report of Citizens requesting trial of Boulevard System of handling traffic. Not Granted.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 8th, 1925.

To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,
City of San Antonio.
Gentlemen:

At our meeting the attached petition of citizens, asking for a Boulevard System, was referred to me and I beg leave to report as follows:
The Boulevard System requires all drivers on the cross streets to come to a full stop before crossing the boulevard, while the drivers on the boulevard are permitted to run at top speed, without restraint of responsibility.

With all responsibility resting on their shoulders, the drivers on the cross streets, must cross the race-track or so-called Boulevard, very carefully and cautiously, or some car on the boulevard will knock them sky-high. The driver of every motor vehicle should exercise due caution and be held equally responsible under the law. The Boulevard System, to my mind, is so manifestly unfair that it should not be installed unless the traffic on any street has become so congested that nothing else can be done.

In handling the traffic problem, every city should be guided by its own local conditions, and in my judgment, no drastic regulations should be adopted without good and sufficient reasons therefor. Our traffic is not centralized but well distributed over numerous thoroughfares as the data compiled and hereto attached, clearly shows.

Before reaching my conclusion in this matter, I requested Chief T. C. Miller and Captain Gus Klockenkemper of the Police Department, to make a thorough survey of traffic conditions along the streets suggested as boulevards. They checked the number of cars passing per hour on each of the proposed boulevards and also made test drives for two or three miles out from the business center. These tests were made during the peak hours, viz: 4:30 to 6:30 in the afternoon.

On Broadway the number of cars per hour ran to 1108, West Commerce 865, North Flores 847, South Flores 838, East Commerce 825, South Presa 801, Garden 776, Main Ave. 633, San Pedro 610, West Houston 356 and East Houston 327.

This tabulation would indicate that the volume of traffic is not heavy and observation shows only slight congestion at times, due to vehicles unable to pass street cars, but does not show any congestion due to the volume of traffic. The driving tests showed the loss of time due to interference from cross street traffic amounted to only 18 seconds per hour of travel.

Some time ago our Traffic Captain was sent to the various Texas cities to study the Boulevard System. He found, by actual check, that 65% of the motor vehicles in Houston violated the Boulevard Law, while the violations in Dallas were even greater.

Latest available statistics shows that all cities of Texas of over 100,000 population who have installed the Boulevard System, have a greater automobile death rate than those who have not adopted the system. The report of the United States Government issued through the Department of Commerce, shows that San Antonio stands next to the lowest in death rate due to automobile accidents and I believe that this good showing is largely due to the fact that San Antonio has never inaugurated the Boulevard System.

To install the Boulevard System in a satisfactory manner along the various streets mentioned in the petition two traffic markers would be required at each intersection at a cost of approximately \$10.00 per marker, and the total cost of such installation would amount to nearly \$7,000.00. Additional Police Officers would also be necessary in our efforts to enforce these regulations.

The only justification for inaugurating the Boulevard System is when the incoming and outgoing traffic on any particular street, has become so congested that extreme measures are required to relieve conditions, and inasmuch as this condition does not exist at this time, on any of our thoroughfares, I recommend that the petition be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Wright,
Commissioner of Police & Fire.

Commissioner Wright, made the following recommendations, which were read and adopted.

J. O. Maxwell, for permit to replace 3-5 gal. pumps and 3 gas. tanks in Drive-in-filling Station at Dewey and Main Ave. Granted.

Grayburg Oil Co., to replace 23 gasoline pump at loactions listed inside petition. Granted.

E. W. Appadole, for permit to erect an electric sign at 212 E. Pecan Street. Granted.

Lester C. Beals, to install gas tank and pump at 620 S. Presa St. Granted.

Talcott Electric Co. for permit to erect a sign for Arthur Morse at 408-410 St. Mary St. Granted.

Stapleton Music Company, for permit to erect electric sign. Granted.

Commissioner Bushick, made the following recommendations, which were read and adopted.

Volunteers of America, for cancellation of Taxes. Not Granted.

Winefred E. Colesworthy, for refund of Taxes. Not Granted.

Commissioner Steffler, introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote, on roll call, to-wit, Ayes, Tobin, Bushick, Lambert, Steffler, Wright.

AN ORDINANCE

MG-129 DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER, FOR FLOOD PROTECTION, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, BELONGING TO WINEFIELD AND COCKE.

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

1: The imminent danger of floods in the City of San Antonio from the surplus water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, creates the necessary for appropriating the following described property for the use of the City, to provide for the safety, and the protection of private, and public property, from damages likely to accrue by the action of the elements in the form of flood waters, by detaining the surplus surface water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, behind a dam to be constructed below the land herein described, and inundating the said land; to widen and deepen the channel of said river; and, to establish a park on said land.

2: Said property is situated in the County of Bexar and State of Texas, and is more particularly described as follows:-

3: Lot No. Four (4), Block No. One Hundred and Fourteen (114), on Shaw Avenue, in Alamo Heights Subdivision, recorded in the Plat Records of Bexar County, Vol. 105, page 290.

4: Said property is owned by I. M. Weinfield, whose residence is San Antonio, Texas; and one Will Cocke, of San Antonio, Texas, is claiming this property, and is a necessary party to the condemnation.

5: A plot of said property is herewith filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of San Antonio and marked Exhibit "A" for identification.

6: Said property shall be condemned for the use of the City for the purposes hereinabove expressed; and the City Attorney is directed to file the necessary proceedings for the condemnation thereof; all as provided by the Charter of the City of San Antonio.

AN ORDINANCE

-130 DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER, FOR FLOOD PROTECTION, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, BELONGING TO CORA S. OGDEN.

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

1:- The imminent danger of floods in the City of San Antonio from the surplus water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, creates the necessity for appropriating the following described property for the use of the City, to provide for the safety, and the protection of private, and of public property, from damages likely to accrue by the action of the elements in the form of flood waters, by detaining the surplus surface water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, behind a dam to be constructed below the land herein described, and inundating the said land: to widen and deepen the channel of said river; and, to established a park on said land.

2:- Said property is situated in the County of Bexar and State of Texas, and more particularly described as follows:-

3:- Being out of Old City Lot No. Thirty-nine (39), Range One (1), District Two (2), and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a 2" pipe in the east line of old City Lot No. 39, 341.0 feet south of the northeast corner and at elevation 728 feet above sea level;

Thence along elevation 728 feet as follows: N 75° 53' West 150.8 feet, N. 59° 44' West 141.9 feet, N 48° 21' West 110.0 feet, N. 25° 10' West 312.9 feet, and N 71° 28' West 77.7 feet to a 2" pipe in the west line of Old City Lot No. 39, a distance of 273.3 feet from the northwest corner of said Lot No. 39;

Thence South 935 feet with the west line of Lot No. 39 to a point in the center of Olmos Creek;

Thence with the meanders of Olmos Creek South about 340 feet and East about 320 feet to a point for the northwest corner of a 1.4 acre tract conveyed out of Old City Lot No. 39 to Harvey L. Page.

Thence S 89° 30' East 235 feet to a point in the east line of said Lot No. 39;

Thence North 860.5 feet with the east line of Old City Lot No. 39 and the west line of Alamo Heights to the point of beginning, and containing 13.2 acres more or less.

4:- Said property is owned by Cora S. Ogden, a feme sole, whose reside in San Antonio, Texas.

5:- A plot of said property is herewith filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of San Antonio and marked Exhibit "A" for identification.

6:- Said property shall be condemned for the use of the City for the purposes hereinabove expressed; and the City Attorney is directed to file the necessary proceedings for the condemnation thereof; all as provided by the Charter of the City of San Antonio.

AN ORDINANCE

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER, FOR FLOOD PROTECTION, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, BELONGING TO OTTILIE VOSS.

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

1:- The imminent danger of floods in the City of San Antonio from the surplus water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, creates the necessity for appropriating the following described property for the use of the City, to provide for the safety, and the protection of private, and of public property, from damages likely to accrue by the action of the elements in the form of flood waters, by detaining the surface water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, behind a dam to be constructed below the land herein described, and inundating the said land; to widen and deepen the channel of said river; and, to established a park on said land.

2:- Said property is situated in the County of Bexar and State of Texas, and is more particularly described as follows:-

3:- Lot No. Five (5), Block No. One Hundred and Fourteen (114), in Alamo Heights, according to Plat Records of Bexar County.

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4:- The said property is owned by Otilie Voss, whose residence is Dallas, Texas, G. A. Moody, of Bexar County, Texas, Breeden-Runge Co., a corporation, of Bexar County; Caroline E. Johnson, of Bexar County; Kirby R. Martens, whose residence is unknown; Bernice Hyatt Martens, of Bexar County; and the Clifton George Company, a corporation, of Bexar County; have each some claim to or interest in said property, and are necessary parties to the condemnation.

5:- A plot of said property is herewith filed in the office of the City Clerk of San Antonio and marked Exhibit "A" for identification.

6:- Said property shall be condemned for the use of the City for the purposes hereinabove expressed; and the City Attorney is directed to file the necessary proceedings for the condemnation thereof; all as provided by the Charter of the City of San Antonio.

AN ORDINANCE

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY ON THE HEAD WATERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER, FOR FLOOD PROTECTION, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, BELONGING TO NORMA PHILLIPS.

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

1:- The imminent danger of floods in the City of San Antonio from the surplus water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, creates the necessity for appropriating the following described property for the use of the City, to provide for the safety, and the protection of private, and of public property, from damages likely to accrue by the action of the elements in the form of flood waters, by detaining the surplus surface water falling on the watershed of the San Antonio River, behind a dam to be constructed below the land herein described, and inundating the said land; to widen and deepen the channel of said river; and, to establish a park on said land.

2:- Said property is situated in the County of Bexar and State of Texas, and is more particularly described as follows:-

3:- Lot No. Twenty-nine (29), Block No. One Hundred and Twenty-nine (129), in the town of Alamo Heights, abutting on Abiso Avenue.

4:- The said property is owned by Norma Phillips, a feme sole, whose residence is Alamo Heights, Texas; and J. P. O'Toole, whose residence is Alamo Heights, Texas, has a lien on said property, and is necessary party to the condemnation.

5:- A plot of said property is herewith filed in the office of the City Clerk of the City of San Antonio and marked Exhibit "A" for identification.

6:- Said property shall be condemned for the use of the City for the purposes hereinabove expressed; and the City Attorney is directed to file the necessary proceedings for the condemnation thereof; all as provided by the Charter of the City of San Antonio.

AN ORDINANCE

Ordering the extension of Crockett Street through Alamo Plaza.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the extension of Crockett Street from its western end at Alamo Plaza, through Alamo Plaza to its eastern end at Alamo Plaza be and is hereby ordered, and that the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements be and he is hereby ordered to immediately carry such extension into effect, all in accordance with grades and lines established by the City Engineer.

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No. 153

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$350.00 to make final payment on extension of W. Commerce St. Bridge over Alazan Creek.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$350.00 is hereby appropriated from the Flood Prevention Fund of 1924, (Creeks) to make final payment on extension of W. Commerce St. Bridge over Alazan Creek.

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No. 154

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$152.27 to pay Alamo Paving Co. for paving in front of Lot 1, C. B. L. 792 on Maple St. in consideration of land deeded to the City.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$152.27 is hereby appropriated from Street Paving & Marker 1924 Fund to pay Alamo Paving Co. for paving in front of Lot 1 C. B. L. 792 in consideration for land deeded to the City.

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No. 155

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$1783.00 to John L. Little for drilling churn drill holes.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$1783.00 or as much therefore as needed be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Flood Prevention Fund, 1924, San Antonio River- Olmos Dam to pay J. L. Little for drilling churn holes at the Olmos Creek Dention Dam.

Commissioner Bushick, introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit; Ayes, Tobin, Bushick, Lambert, Steffler, Wright.

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No. 156

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating \$3300.00 for lowering grade on Blanco Road for drainage.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred & no/100 (\$3300.00) Dollars, or as much thereof as is necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1924 Storm Sewer Fund, for the purpose of lowering grade on Blanco Road for the purpose of drainage.

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No. 157

AN ORDINANCE

Transferring \$190,000.00 Flood Prevention Fund of 1924 from Alamo National Bank to City National Bank.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the Commissioner of Taxation, as ex-officio City Treasurer, and the City Auditor, be and they are hereby ordered and directed to transfer or cause to be transferred to, and deposited in the City National Bank of San Antonio, Texas, the sum of One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) of Flood Prevention Fund of 1924, said amount to be transferred from the Alamo National Bank of San Antonio, Texas.

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No. 158

AN ORDINANCE

Appropriating money out of various Funds to meet payrolls.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the following sum be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the hereinafter named Funds to meet payrolls for the month of September 1925.

Trench Fund -----	3,000.00
Storm Sewer Fd, 1924 -----	8,000.00
Sanitary Sewer Fd. 1924 -----	4,000.00
St. Pav. & Marker Fd. 1924 -----	4,000.00
Flood Prevention Fd. 1924 -----	30,000.00
Police & Firemen's Pen Fd. -----	2,000.00
Market House Fund -----	2,500.00
Golf Course Fd.-----	2,000.00
Zoo Fund -----	1,000.00
Bridge Fund -----	250.00
Total	<u>\$56,750.00</u>

 Commissioner Lambert, introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit; Ayes, Tobin, Bushick, Lambert, Steffler, Wright.

AN ORDINANCE

amending Section 1 of an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance providing a method of inspecting animals intended for slaughter and sale in the markets of San Antonio, and fixing penalties for the violation thereof", passed October 8th, 1906, recorded in Book "D" pages 147 et seq. of the ordinance records of the City of San Antonio, so as to enlarge the limits fixed for the establishment of slaughtering pens.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "G" page 278).

 AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 14, 1906, ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MARKETS FOR THE SALE OF MEAT WITHIN SIX BLOCKS OF THE CITY MARKET HOUSE".

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "G" page 279).

 REPORT OF CITY ENGINEER AND ROLL OF PROPERTY OWNERS ON Giraud STREET, ORDERED TO BE IMPROVED AND THEIR PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

(For full text of this report see Street Improvements Records Vol. 14, page 561).

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

RESOLUTION

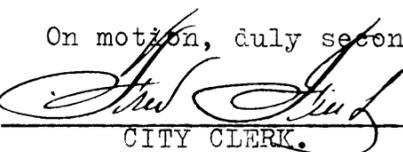
APPROVING REPORT FILED BY CITY ENGINEER WITH REFERENCE TO IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON Giraud STREET WITH ATTACHED DOCUMENTS.

(For full text of this resolution see Street Improvement Records, Vol. 14, page 562).

 Hearings were given the owners of property interested in the paving of E. Woodlawn Avenue between McCullough Ave. and Joes Ave. (See Record of Hearing page 125). Augusta St. between Tavarro St and S. A. River (See Record of Hearing Page 123). Doloresa St. from Main to Military Plaza (See Record of Hearings page 131).

 On motion, duly seconded and carried the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


 CITY CLERK.

APPROVED


 MAYOR.