

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 1952
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: LOZANO, SCHMIDT, KELLER, TUCKER, ROPER, CASSIDY, GREEMAN, STEVES

ABSENT: WHITE

Mayor Steves presiding.

✓ Invocation by Rabbi Jacobs.

On motion of Mr. Lozano seconded by Mr. Keller the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following ordinances and resolutions were presented and were passed and approved by unanimous vote:

APPRO. NO. 1772

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,523

APPROPRIATING \$15.30 OUT OF THE PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND TO PAY SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 522)

APPRO. NO. 1773

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,524

APPROPRIATING \$87.88 OUT OF THE STATE OR STATE-AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO PAY VARIOUS MERCHANTS FOR SERVICES

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 522)

APPRO. NO. 1774

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,525

APPROPRIATING \$237.70 OUT OF THE PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND TO PAY VARIOUS MERCHANTS FOR SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 522)

APPRO. NO. 1775

AN ORDINANCE 17,526

✓ APPROPRIATING \$108.31 OUT OF THE COMMERCE BUILDING FUND TO PAY STEPHENS OIL CO. FOR FUEL OIL FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 522)

APPRO. NO. 1776

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,527

APPROPRIATING \$3,725.00 OUT OF THE 1950 GENERAL FUND-PROCEEDS OF NOTES-MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM TO PAY SAMUEL DEAN COMPANY FOR REPAIR OF ROOF AT THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 523)

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APPRO. NO. 1777

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,528

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12,928 DATED SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1950 TO READ \$3,500.00 OUT OF THE 1950 GENERAL FUND-PROCEEDS OF NOTES-LA VILLITA PAYABLE TO JOHN H. ROTH & CO. FOR COMMEMORATIVE PLATES AND BROCHURES

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 523)

APPRO. NO. 1778

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,529

APPROPRIATING \$446.95 OUT OF THE "SPECIAL STREET PAVING FUND" TO REFUND INDIVIDUALS LISTED HEREIN DUE TO CITY'S INABILITY TO COMPLY WITH AGREEMENT TO PAVE ALLEY ABUTTING ON VARIOUS LOTS IN NCB 9815

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 523)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,530

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MR. EARL AWALT AND MINNIE AWALT

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 524)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,531

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF T. J. BLACK AND MRS. HAZEL BLACK

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 525)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,532

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. S. COOPER

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 525)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,533

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. S. COOPER AND CORINE COOPER 1317 LAREDO HWY.

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 525)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,534

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE W. CALHOUN

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 525)

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,535

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF H. A. WEDDINGTON AND PEARL W. WEDDINGTON

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 525)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

APPROVING RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND VACATIONS FOR CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES ADOPTED BY THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON APRIL 18, 1952

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1779

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,536

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF J. C. TRUEHEART, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS ON VARIOUS STREETS AS LISTED THEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$17,347.85 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 526)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1780

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,537

APPROPRIATING \$16,000.00 OUT OF STATE OR STATE AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY BEATRICE M. GRASS, ET AL, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 526)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

APPRO. NO. 1781

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,538

APPROPRIATING \$11,000.00 OUT OF STATE OR STATE AID HIGHWAYS BONDS A-49 FUND TO STEWART TITLE GUARANTY COMPANY IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY NETTIE LIPNER, A FEME SOLE, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR URBAN EXPRESSWAY (INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 526)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,539

REFUNDING \$25.00 TO THE 40 AND 8 CLUB OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DUE TO CANCELLATION OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT ALAMO STADIUM, JULY 4, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 527)

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✓ A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to railroad grade crossings and stating the report of the Public Works.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinances be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,540

ACCEPTING THE BID OF W. C. ABBEY FOR 200 FEET OF UNSERVICEABLE FIRE HOSE AND MAKING BILL OF SALE THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 527)

AN ORDINANCE 17,540-A

ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE CROCKETT HOTEL FOR 1500 FEET OF UNSERVICEABLE FIRE HOSE AND MAKING A BILL OF SALE THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 528)

At this point a motion was made by Mr. Lozano to give the City Manager authority to sell any additional amount of the unserviceable fire hose which was advertised for sale to anyone who is willing to meet the price paid by the highest bidder heretofore, namely 8¢ per foot. The motion was carried by the following vote: Ayes, Lozano, Keller, Tucker, Roper, Greeman, Steves; Nays, Schmidt, Cassidy;

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petition of Mr. Gilbert H. Gonzales for reconstruction of Merida Street. It was reported that the Maintenance Engineer has been instructed to reshape the existing gravel on the streets and keep them in a reasonably passable condition until such time finances will permit the desired construction.

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the bids for moving the house at 722 E. Elmira for use by the State Welfare Department be rejected and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,541

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH THE PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FOR CERTAIN BUILDINGS AT STINSON HOMES, AND APPROPRIATING \$6216.00 OUT OF THE 1951 GENERAL FUND, STINSON HOMES, IN PAYMENT THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 528)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST MRS. MARY GOLDFEIN

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST PAULINE DAVES BEAUTY SALON

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST MRS. PEARL VANCE

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST RAY RUSSELL MARINE EQUIPMENT

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST DEGEN HARDWARE COMPANY

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST FRANK CAMP

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST BERRY PACKING CO.

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A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BIND THE CITY
BY AN AGREED JUDGMENT FOR DELINQUENT PERSONAL
PROPERTY TAXES AGAINST DR. AMOS MAVERICK GRAVES

with
A letter from the City Manager was read, regard to petition filed by Mrs. Juanita G. Dominguez requesting construction of sanitary sewers between Nogalitos and Zarzamora Streets. It was reported by the Public Works Department that as soon as the finances will permit the requested sewer service will be provided.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A BUILDING PERMIT
FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238.50 TO CONGREGATION
AGUDAS ACHIM

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,542

AMENDING SEC. 5-20, SEC. 5-21, SEC. 5-23,
AND SEC. 5-25 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE, SO
AS TO TRANSFER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RABIES
CONTROL DIVISION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF FIRE
AND POLICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 529)

Mr. Cassidy here called upon Dr. Hill, Health Director, to give any information he might have with regard to deaths in San Antonio from rabies and to give a general picture of the rabies situation here. Dr. Hill responded and gave all information at hand. He was further questioned with regard to the general health situation in San Antonio and more particularly about tuberculosis and infant diarrhea. Asked by the City Manager as to the adequacy of funds allotted him he indicated the normal requirement would be about double the amount he is getting or about \$800,000., however he said he could do a pretty good job for \$600,000.

After Dr. Hill gave his information he was followed by Police Chief R. D. Allen and Police Captain George Bichsel who gave detailed reports and read statements made to them about the two recent rabies deaths.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the bid of Remington Rand for Robot Kardex record keeping system machine for the Personnel Department be accepted and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution and ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,543

AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PAY PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO", PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 27, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 530)

✓ A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY MANAGER'S NOMINATION OF PHILIP S. DONNELL AS SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE SALE OF A DEAD-END ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 8716, BIDS TO BE OPENED MAY 5, 1952

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petitions for sewers on certain streets in Pasadena Heights. It stated that the total cost of these mains approximates \$76,000 which under the present circumstances is out of reach financially.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the license fee for auctioneers be amended to \$5.00 and the bond requirement be \$5,000.00. The following ordinance was presented and was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,544

AMENDING SEC. 6-9 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 530)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be approved and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,545

ESTABLISHING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON U. S. HIGHWAY 81, NORTH (WITHIN CITY LIMITS)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 530)

A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petition of Mr. Jack Singleton for a refund of \$19.00 on a building permit. It was recommended that the refund be denied and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,546

ACCEPTING BID OF LEO E. HAHN TO PURCHASE IMPROVEMENTS ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON WILMINGTON STREET; MAKING BILL OF SALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 531)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SAN ANTONIO FLOOD CONTROL AND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT TO SURVEY AND ESTABLISH PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF THE VARIOUS WATERWAYS WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF SAN ANTONIO

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution and ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR, JUNE 1, 1952 - JULY 31, 1952 AND TO PUBLISH PROPOSED APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE THEREWITH

The following ordinance was filed with the City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE 17,547

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1952, AND ENDING JULY 31, 1952 AND APPROPRIATING AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL AND OTHER REVENUES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND FOR THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 531)

The following petitions were presented and were referred to the City Manager for his recommendation.

The petition of Jewett Moltz, et al, for rerouting of Iowa Bus Line.

The petition of Alex Munson, et al, asking for repairs to Locust, Lewis and Maverick Streets.

The petition of Pat Vasquez, et al, for sanitary sewer line on 100 block of Dartmouth Street.

The petition of Emerson Jr. High School P.T.A. for extra policemen for crossings at all schools.

The petition of C. G. Cabrera, et al, for street light at Fite Street and Elvira Alley.

The petition of Laura Steele Parent-Teachers Association for additional crossing policemen.

The petition of Villita Advisory Board and Villita Corp. for improvements to be made.

After the general business on the docket was completed, Councilman Tucker read into the record the following statement about automobile taxes.

"I had intended at this time to introduce a resolution calling for cancellation of the automobile tax. I have heard, however, that some question has been raised as to the legality of such a move. Rather than involve the City in any legal controversy on the matter, I now make instead a personal statement of policy, with which I understand a majority of the members of the Council concur.

The automobile tax has proven to be uncollectable over a period of many years. A vast majority of our citizens do not want this type of tax. Most Texas cities have long since dropped private automobiles from their rolls. Here in San Antonio, previous administrations have kept up the pretense of collecting this tax, but have not done so. Whether we can legally cancel this tax or not, I and the other members of this Council believe that we should now honestly inform the people of San Antonio of our intentions in this regard, and tell them that we either will or will not attempt to collect this tax.

After deliberation, we have decided that the tax cannot be collected here on a practical basis. We, therefore, wish to make it clear that we do not believe that the Administrative Service of the City should dissipate its energies in the collection of the tax on private automobiles on the unrendered roll. Those who wish to pay the tax are free to do so. As to those who have paid, but now wish a refund, no definite promise can be made, but this Council will give such people any relief that can be legally afforded.

But to sum up, we do think that private passenger automobiles should be eliminated from the unrendered tax rolls as soon as legally possible, and placed in the same category as other private personal property, such as furniture and clothes."

Mr. Schmidt announced that he was not in accord with Mr. Tucker and that the above statement does not reflect his opinion.

He stated he was also opposed to the auto tax but he did not believe it could be handled this way.

Mrs. G. C. Schmeltzer asked the council to consider eliminating certain property owned by her from the area to be annexed.

Mrs. Jewett Moltz addressed the council on the rerouting of the Iowa Bus line and she was told the City Manager would consider her complaint.

On motion of Mr. Tucker seconded by Mr. Lozano and carried by the following vote: Ayes, Lozano, Schmidt, Keller, Tucker, Roper, Cassidy, Greeman, Steves; Nays, None; White, absent, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

Samuel Steves
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Galloghly
City Clerk