

OCTOBER 4, 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, OCTOBER 4, 1945.

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

The Clerk stated the minutes of the previous meeting had not been completed in time for reading at this meeting, due to the intervening activities of the Canvassing Board, engaged in the canvass of the returns of the City Special Bond Election held September 25, 1945.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the reading of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Petitions presented:

Referred to Commissioner of Taxation:

Jefferson Heights Baptist Church, asking exemption from taxation on property at 1634 W. Magnolia Ave.

Referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:

Jack D. Van Natta, and others, protesting the keeping of a horse at 414 W. Park Ave.

Referred to City Engineer:

Alamo Lumber Co. & H. B. Zachry Properties, Inc., asking approval of subdivision plat of 84 acres more or less out of O.C.L. 4, Range 3, District 4.

Alexander Brenner, asking approval of subdivision plat of Lot 239, Harlandale Acre Tracts No. 2, now N.C.B. 7848, into Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Albert Hirschfeld, three petitions, asking approval of three plats vacating Lots 24 & 26, C. B. 5813, Sky Way Subdivision, of Lots 1 to 6 inclusive and 25.0 Highline Right-of-Way in Block 7, C. B. 5763, Crownhill ACS Subdivision, and approval of Hirschfeld Subdivision.

Sam Lifschutz, asking approval of plat of subdivision of Tracts 25 and 26, Lady of the Lake Gardens.

Referred to Committee of the Whole:

Prospect Hill Improvement League, asking various community improvements.

Neisner Brothers, asking permission to build basement under sidewalk at Houston St. and Broadway.

Blue Bonnet Tire Co., and others, asking that Pecan St. be made a two-way street.

Capt. John Green, retired, addressed the Council in protest to the annexation of home- and property-owners, whom he said he represented, in the area bounded by Austin Highway, New Braunfels Ave. and Broadway, lying north and northwest of Alamo Heights.

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. 280

AN ORDINANCE (2656)

TRANSFERRING \$17,987.85 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

APPRO. NO. 281

AN ORDINANCE (2657)

APPROPRIATING \$25,002.88 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY ONE NOTE, No. 28, AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 282

AN ORDINANCE (2658)

APPROPRIATING \$353.86 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY INTEREST ON 1945 GENERAL FUND NOTES.

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AN ORDINANCE (2659)

APPRO. NO. 283

APPROPRIATING \$25,187.54 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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AN ORDINANCE (2660)

APPRO. NO. 284

APPROPRIATING \$99 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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AN ORDINANCE (2661)

APPRO. NO. 285

ACCEPTING PROPOSALS OF NATIONAL PRINTING & STATIONERY CO., THE CLEGG CO., AND STANDARD PRINTING CO. TO BIND 1945 TAX RECEIPTS INTO APPROXIMATELY 300 BOOKS AT \$5 PER BOOK.

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AN ORDINANCE (2662)

APPRO. NO. 286

ACCEPTING PROPOSALS OF PAUL ANDERSON CO., ALAMO PRINTING CO., AND MAVERICK-CLARKE LITHO. CO., TO BIND RENDERED AND UNRENDERED ASSESSMENT SHEETS INTO APPROXIMATELY 180 BOOKS @ \$8.25 PER BOOK.

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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. 287

AN ORDINANCE (2663)

APPROPRIATING \$2,188.38 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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AN ORDINANCE (2664)

APPRO. NO. 288

APPROPRIATING \$109 OUT OF BACK TAX GENERAL FUND, PAYABLE TO JACK H. CARNEY, MANAGER, RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE, FOR REFUND OF OVER-PAYMENT MADE TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DURING 1943 FISCAL YEAR.

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AN ORDINANCE (2665)

PERMITTING McCRARY-MOTHERAL FISH CO. TO TRANSFER THE SEAFOODS CONTRACT TO ALAMO FROZEN FOODS, INC.

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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. 289

AN ORDINANCE (2666)

APPROPRIATING \$415.20 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, TO PAY FOR DELIVERY OF GRAVEL FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1945.

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AN ORDINANCE (2667)

MAKING DEED TO G.A.C. HALFF FOR LAND IN NEW CITY BLOCK 3982.

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AN ORDINANCE (2668)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH ALEX F. MACIAS.

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AN ORDINANCE (2669)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH CLYDE G. RIDGEWAY.

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On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the petition of Gulf

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Oil Corp., asking permission to make gasoline installation at 319 Arbor Pl., was granted.

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

APPRO. NO. 290 AN ORDINANCE (2670)

APPROPRIATING \$104.31 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES IN POLICE DEPT.

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APPRO. NO. 291 AN ORDINANCE (2671)

APPROPRIATING \$11,694.16 OUT OF POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 292 AN ORDINANCE (2672)

AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF ONE FREQUENCY MONITOR FOR USE IN POLICE DEPT. AND APPROPRIATING \$290 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT., IN PAYMENT OF SAME TO DOCLITTLE RADIO, Inc., CHICAGO, ILL.

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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. 293 AN ORDINANCE (2673)

APPROPRIATING \$501.13 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 294 AN ORDINANCE (2674)

APPROPRIATING \$20 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., PAYABLE TO W. T. QUILLIN, CASHIER, HEALTH DEPT., FOR INCIDENTAL EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 295 AN ORDINANCE (2675)

APPROPRIATING \$100 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY RENT FOR U. S. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

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APPRO. NO. 296 AN ORDINANCE (2676)

APPROPRIATING \$5,000 TO PURCHASE LAND FROM TRINITY UNIVERSITY AND AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE VENDOR'S LIEN NOTE FOR BALANCE.

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APPRO. NO. 297 AN ORDINANCE (2677)

APPROPRIATING \$3,150.97 PAYABLE TO GREATER SAN ANTONIO COMMITTEE FOR AMOUNTS EXPENDED IN PREPARATION OF TAX LISTS USED IN CONNECTION WITH SEPTEMBER 25, 1945, BOND ELECTION.

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

Before the vote was taken, Mayor Mauermann announced he had invited District Judge C.K. Quin and County Judge Charles W. Anderson, in whose presence the re-check and comparison of the counter dials of voting machines used in the September 25 Election was made, to be present at this time. He asked Judge Anderson, who was present, if he had anything to add to the report previously made to the Canvassing Board by Judges Quin and Anderson, in which they reported the recheck completed and certified correct.

Judge Anderson said he had nothing to add.

Commissioner Callaghan offered a letter as a minority report.

Mayor Mauermann, as presiding officer, said he would call for a vote on the resolution and then call on Commissioner Callaghan for his report. The roll call vote on the resolution

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introduced by Mayor Mauermann was then taken. The resolution follows:

A RESOLUTION (2678)

DECLARING THE CANVASS AND THE RESULT OF A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE 25 OF SEPTEMBER, 1945, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS WHO OWN TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY AND WHO HAVE DULY RENDERED THE SAME FOR TAXATION, SEPARATE PROPOSITIONS TO BORROW MONEY ON THE CREDIT OF THE CITY AND TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE CITY FOR PERMANENT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE SAID CITY, AS FOLLOWS:- A-45: INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY BONDS, \$1,750,000.00; B-45: AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BONDS, \$1,500,000.00; C-45: STREET AND BRIDGE BONDS, \$2,000,000.00; D-45: STREET MARKER BONDS, \$25,000.00; E-45: GARBAGE DISPOSAL BONDS, \$300,000; F-45: LIBRARY ADDITION BONDS, \$150,000.00; G-45: WITTE MUSEUM ADDITION BONDS, \$85,000.00; H-45: WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL BONDS, \$80,000.00; I-45: AQUARIUM BONDS, \$75,000.00; J-45: RIVER IMPROVEMENT BONDS, \$200,000.00; K-45: WEST SIDE PARKS BONDS, \$115,000.00; L-45: SOUTH SIDE PARKS BONDS, \$100,000.00; M-45: PARK CARETAKER HOUSE AND REST ROOM BONDS, \$40,000.00; N-45: COLORED PARK BONDS, \$100,000.00; O-45: LOS ANGELES HEIGHTS PARK BONDS, \$10,000.00; P-45: RIVERSIDE PARK BONDS, \$65,000.00; Q-45: TRAFFIC SIGNAL BONDS, \$85,000.00; R-45: POLICE RADIO BONDS, \$30,000.00; S-45: FIRE ALARM BONDS, \$300,000.00; T-45: FIRE ALARM BUILDING BONDS, \$75,000.00; U-45: FIRE STATION BONDS, \$150,000.00; V-45: POLICE REPAIR SHOP BONDS, \$25,000.00.

Commissioner Callaghan introduced, as a proposed minority report, the following letter, which was rejected by roll call vote, to-wit: Aye, Callaghan; Nays, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

October 3, 1945

To the Honorable Mayor &
Members of the Canvassing Board
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

This is a minority report on the bond election held September 25, 1945.

I think there were many votes cast by people who were not property owners and whose names do not appear on the tax roll for the fiscal year 1945, which at this time is still incomplete.

After observing the procedure in the counting of the official returns and the numerous changes in the returns of the various precincts, which I seriously question whether the Board has a right to alter, I recommend that the election be declared null and void.

Yours very truly,

s/ Alfred Callaghan
Alfred Callaghan,
Commissioner of Taxation

On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting adjourned Thursday, October 4, 1945.

APPROVED:

Frank Mauermann
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Bracy
City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed and approved at this meeting, see Ordinance Book "N", Pages 105 through 113.)

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