

December 29, 1953

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
OF THE CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1953
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, SHEARER, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, EASLEY, GONZALEZ
CITY ATTORNEY JACK DAVIS AND CITY CLERK J. FRANK GALLAGHER

ABSENT: A. C. WHITE, LESTER Mayor Pro-tem Easley presiding.

Invocation by Father G. P. Staff

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

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,855

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF CHAS. G. DAVIS AT 1132 WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 438)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,856

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF MR. AND MRS. HAROLD GOEBEL AT 1404
WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 439)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,857

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO "STREET EXCAVATION TRUST FUND" FOR
REFUND TO RHODIUS, E. A.

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 439)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,858

APPROPRIATING \$350.26 OUT OF FEDERAL AID PROJECT
#9-41-080-307 FUNDS TO PAY FRANK T. DROUGHT, CON-
SULTING ENGINEER, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED
AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 439)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,859

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$127.21 OUT OF 1953-54 GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 56-02-02, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS, IN REFUND TO VARIOUS NAMED PERSONS OF AMOUNTS DUE ON ACCOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN ERROR

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 440)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,860

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$78.08 OUT OF 1953-54 GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 56-02-02, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS, IN REFUND TO VARIOUS NAMED PERSONS OF AMOUNTS DUE ON ACCOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN ERROR

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 440)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,861

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF THE GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, KARTROL SIGNAL COMPANY AND EAGLE SIGNAL CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WITH CERTAIN SIGNAL EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$11,031.81

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 441)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,862

APPROPRIATING \$250.00 OUT OF THE CIVIC ADVERTISING FUND TO PAY THE CLEGG CO., FOR PROCLAMATIONS & ART WORK, MAYOR OF LA VILLITA (CODE 52-01-01 2-67)

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 441)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,863

APPROPRIATING \$38.50 OUT OF THE FLOOD CONTROL RIGHT-OF-WAY FUND TO PAY ALAMO TITLE COMPANY FOR PAYMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PURCHASE FROM CORONA REALTY CO., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 441)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,864

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, CANCELLATION AGREEMENT CANCELLING CONTRACT NO. C2ca-1210-A, BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR SPACE IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND TRANSFORMER BUILDING 611, AT STINSON FIELD, FOR AIRPORT TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 442)

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

AN ORDINANCE 19,865

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF UARCO, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE WITH STATEMENT FORMS FOR A NET TOTAL PRICE OF \$5,930.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book Z. page 442)

The following resolution was read and passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Easley; Nays, Gonzalez; Absent, A. C. White, Lester.

A RESOLUTION

PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SHALL NOT ISSUE NOR SELL THE \$4,000,000.00 IN BONDS, IF AUTHORIZED, SET ASIDE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT A, PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 24TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1953, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR A FREEWAY IN THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT A UNTIL THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS SETS AND FIXES THE ROUTE THEREFOR, AND STATE AND/OR FEDERAL MONEY IS AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SAID HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS READY TO PROCEED AND A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE MINUTES OF SAID HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SHOWING THE ABOVE CONDITIONS TO BE TRUE IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND PROVIDING FOR THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF ANY SUCH SALE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That the City of San Antonio shall not issue nor sell the \$4,000,000.00 in Bonds, if authorized, set aside under the provisions of Paragraph 2 of an ordinance calling a special election to authorize the issuance of Bonds in Improvement District A, passed and approved on the 24th day of December A. D. 1953, for the purpose of purchasing rights of way for a freeway in the Southeast quadrant of Improvement District A until the Highway Department of the State of Texas sets and fixes the route therefor, and State and/or Federal money is available for construction and said Highway Department is ready to proceed with same and a certified copy of the minutes of said Highway Department showing the above conditions to be true is filed with the City Clerk of the City of San Antonio.

2. That the above mentioned \$4,000,000.00 in Bonds of Improvement District A in the City of San Antonio, if authorized, shall not be sold until at least thirty (30) days notice of an invitation to accept bids for the same shall have been given by the publication of such intention and invitation at least one time in each of the following: the official publication of the City of San Antonio, the local daily newspapers of said City and one nationally known investment or bond publication.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of December A. D. 1953.

Ralph V. Easley
Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:
J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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.

- 12-22-53 Petition of Berean Baptist Church requesting tax exemption of Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, NCB 3815
- 12-23-53 Petition of Hot Wells Baptist Church requesting tax exemption of Lot 24, Block 9, NCB 7634

A petition of the Shearer Hills Improvement League, regarding tax assessments on their homes, was received and upon the recommendation of Mr. Winton, the petition was forwarded to the Board of Equalization for their consideration.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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Hearing was held on Zoning Case #343 - the application of Victor Prassel to rezone 3.91 acre tract in NCB 10114 - 572.6' on San Pedro Avenue at Recoleta from "B" Residential to "J" Commercial. The Zoning Commission having recommended that the change be made to "F" Local Retail instead of "J" as requested. Mr. Prassel was present and accepted the change recommended by the Commission. No other witness appeared and on motion of Mr. R. N. White, seconded by Shearer, the recommendation of the Zoning Commission was approved by the following vote: Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Shearer, Russell, R. N. White, Easley, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, A. C. White and Lester.

After the regular order of business was completed Mr. Gonzalez addressed the council on the subject of water rates and the raise heretofore allowed the City Water Board in its rates. He accused the council of not keeping faith with him in his efforts to secure more information as to the necessity for the increase and recited the history of the whole proceedings. Mr. Easley, Mr. Scherlen, Mr. R. N. White, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Shearer, all participated in a general discussion of the entire water rate matter. Mr. Cox of the Finance Department was called in to give some facts regarding the status of any quest for information made by him. He stated that after January 1st when the Water Board Budget is made up it would be possible to give more information than had heretofore been available.

After heated discussion, a motion to adjourn was made and carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

Joseph Easley
MAYOR.

ATTEST:

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 29, 1953

At the informal meeting held in the office of the City Manager a letter was read by the Clerk from the International Association of Machinists relative to the proposed new rates for telephone users in which they protest against the rates asked for. The letter was referred to the City Manager.

The Clerk then read a letter from Lloyd L. Awbrey, 438 Bailey Avenue, calling the council to task for allowing the San Antonio Transit Company to change the Bailey Avenue Bus line. The letter was discussed and Mayor Pro-tem Easley appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Russell, Shearer, Scherlen and R. N. White to check into the complaints about bus routes, also to check and advise the council by future proposed bus changes.