

MAY 9, 1946

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, MAY NINTH, 1946.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 2, and the Recessed Meeting of May 3, which were approved, as read, on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

The Clerk read the following communication:

San Antonio, Texas
May 6, 1946

To the Mayor
and
Honorable City Commissioners
City of San Antonio

Gentlemen:

After reading the various articles given the Press by the Mayor, concerning a just and honorable claim I had against the City for damages to my property on North St. Mary's Street, which occurred some years ago when the street was widened; I hereby withdraw my claim against the present administration. I feel that should the four Commissioners approve my claim over the veto of the Mayor, he would refuse to sign same and cause me added expense and embarrassment.

I want to publicly thank the City Commissioners for supporting the Ordinance authorizing the payment of this just debt, even if the Mayor did veto it. Especially do I want to thank Commissioner Paul Steffler for his interest and fairness in presenting the Ordinance and deeply regret the embarrassment it caused him.

I have always been a public spirited citizen and substantial tax payer of our City and have never to my acknowledge asked for anything that was not right. I will always feel my claim was a just and honorable one as did the four City Commissioners when they voted for the Ordinance supporting same.

Respectfully,

s/ Grover C. Cain.

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

APPRO. NO. 809

AN ORDINANCE (3387)

TRANSFERRING \$9,900 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND AND \$2,500 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

APPRO. NO. 810

AN ORDINANCE (3388)

APPROPRIATING \$125,038.35 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY FIVE NOTES, Nos. 91 to 95 inclusive, AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

APPRO. NO. 811

AN ORDINANCE (3389)

APPROPRIATING \$13,250.67 OUT OF U.S. GOV'T TAX ACCOUNT TO PAY WITHHOLDING TAXES FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1946.

APPRO. NO. 812

AN ORDINANCE (3390)

APPROPRIATING \$2,000 OUT OF CITY-COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL FUND TO PAY TWO NOTES.

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APPRO. NO. 813

AN ORDINANCE (3391)

APPROPRIATING \$95.84 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY GOVERNMENT TAX ON ADMISSIONS.

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APPRO. NO. 814

AN ORDINANCE (3392)

TRANSFERRING \$18,000 FROM 1945 GENERAL FUND, PARKING METER ACCOUNT, TO POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.

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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 and Anderson.

A RESOLUTION (3393)

CALLING FOR BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FLOOD LIGHTS FOR THE SOFT BALL DIAMOND AT ESCOBAR FIELD.

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APPRO. NO. 815

AN ORDINANCE (3394)

APPROPRIATING \$831.75 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, SEWAGE PLANT DEPT., FOR ONE CARLOAD OF LIQUID CHLORINE AND FREIGHT AND DRAYAGE CHARGES.

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In each case on recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council approved the following plats:

Plat vacating part of Lots 51 to 68 inclusive in Argonne Heights, first filing; and, Plat of portion of Wm. Harris survey No. 52 on west side of Pleasanton Road; and, Plat of Argonne Heights, fifth filing, all submitted by Harlandale Housing Corp.

Plats vacating and subdividing Lot A and west 200 feet of Lot B, Block 15, Brunswick Park Addn., NCB 7878, submitted by William M. Wentworth.

Plats vacating and subdividing Lot A, NCB 7876, and Lot B and west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot C, NCB 7875, Brunswick Park Addn., submitted by R.E. Martin.

Plat of subdivision of Lot 11, Country Gentlemen Estates Subdivision, submitted by Frank T. Drought.

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The City Engineer presented and recommended the petition of Missouri-Pacific Lines for a franchise to construct a railroad spur in and along Ceralvo St. and across South Brazos St.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE (3405)

MAKING A DEED OF CORRECTION TO LAND IN OLMOS BASIN CONVEYED BY F. HERFF, ET AL, TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

This ordinance was explained and recommended by the City Engineer.

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In each case on recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council granted the following petitions for gasoline installation permits at the stated locations:

Humble Oil & Refining Co., at 1502 N. Hackberry St.

Texas Co., at 6020 S. Flores St.

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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 and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 816

AN ORDINANCE (3395)

APPROPRIATING \$34.03 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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AN ORDINANCE (3396)

APPRO. NO. 817

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

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AN ORDINANCE (3397)

APPRO. NO. 818

APPROPRIATING \$60 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO PAY DR. B. E. GALLOWAY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3398)

APPRO. NO. 819

APPROPRIATING \$67.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO PAY DR. J. M. DONALDSON, JR., FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3399)

APPRO. NO. 820

APPROPRIATING \$75 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., TO PAY DR. HELEN CANNON BERNFIELD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3400)

APPRO. NO. 821

APPROPRIATING \$3.75 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, BACK TAX ATTORNEY DEPT., TO PAY COUNTY CLERK FOR CERTIFIED COPIES OF THREE DEEDS.

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AN ORDINANCE (3401)

APPRO. NO. 822

APPROPRIATING \$7.62 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY EXCHANGE ON MARCH, APRIL AND MAY, 1946, BOND AND INTEREST COUPON MATURITIES.

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AN ORDINANCE (3402)

APPRO. NO. 823

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF OFFICE FURNITURE & FIXTURES FOR HEALTH DEPT., FROM WAR ASSETS ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATING \$73.65 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., IN PAYMENT OF SAME.

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AN ORDINANCE (3403)

MAKING A CONTRACT WITH BUENZ, COCKE AND STEINBOMER FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES AT THE WITTE MUSEUM.

City Attorney Cobbs stated the Museum Board had approved this contract for an addition and memorial room at the Museum. Mayor Mauermann added that part of the fund for this work had been donated and the work will be started with that money.

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A RESOLUTION (3404)

CALLING FOR BIDS TO BUILD A RAMP AT HANGAR 3, AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Airport Director Steinhardt explained this work was necessary to make possible the operation of 4-engine schedules by American Airlines, and that Pan-American Airways also had made a survey here looking to possibilities of South American cargo and passenger air activities through the San Antonio port of entry. The Resolution was passed and approved on motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Zoning Commission Chairman Pflughaupt presented the Zoning Commission's recommendation on the Petition of Woodlawn Homesites Co. to re-zone as "F" Local Retail the south half of Block

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1, 2 and 3 in Donaldson Community Sites, and to re-zone as "A" Residential Blocks 4, 5, 6, north half of 7 and 8 and all of Blocks 9 through 29 and Block 31, Donaldson Terraces Sub-division. The Zoning Commission recommended the re-zoning of the blocks to "A" Residential, but did not recommend re-zoning of any blocks to "F" Local Retail.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council ordered the resolution drawn to advertise a public hearing before the Council on this petition.

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Bids to furnish horse meat, seafoods, liquid chlorine, and to install electric fixtures in the Tax Dept. were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

No bids were received on the City's proposition to sell a used tractor with bulldozer.

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Proposals submitting plans for underground parking facilities in the downtown area were opened and publicly read.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the proposals were referred to the Committee of the Whole for further study.

After some discussion, it was brought out that Mr. H.B. Zachry, one of the bidders, said he had overlooked, in preparing his bid, the statutory requirement regarding the schedule of minimum wage rates.

On motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council ordered re-advertisement for underground parking proposals, the schedule of minimum wage rates to be included in the re-advertisement.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting was recessed until 11:00 o'clock, A.M., Tuesday, May 14, 1946.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of May 9, the Council re-convened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, May 14, 1946.

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

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Commissioner of Taxation:

Latin-American Council of Christian Churches, for exemption from taxes at 509 Vine St.

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REFERRED to City Engineer:

Elisha Thompson, 2 petitions, for approval of vacating and subdividing plats of the south one-half of NCB 1328.

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REFERRED TO Commissioner of Fire & Police:

Mitchell Terrace Baptist Church, for street lights at Bryan & Grandjean, Lubbock & Grandjean, and Bryan & Probandt Sts.

Manuel Zavala, for permit to operate ice station at Clark & Yucca Sts.

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