

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CITY HALL ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1955 AT 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: FRIEDRICH, BAINES, PASSUR, CRUMRINE, WINTON, KUYKENDALL, DANIELS, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: OLIVARES

Mayor J. Edwin Kuykendall presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Richard B. Clayborne, Woodlawn Christian Church.

On motion of Mr. Baines, seconded by Mr. Winton, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Clerk read the contract between the City of San Antonio and the Missouri Pacific Railroad for participation in the construction of overpasses across Buena Vista and Commerce Street. Mr. Friedrich made a motion that the contract be approved as read. Mr. Crumrine seconded the motion. The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the proposed contract.

Mr. Jacob I. Rodriguez asked the council if any additional closing of streets was contemplated and he referred to an editorial and chart which appeared in one of yesterday's local newspapers. Manager Matthews explained to him that only Monterrey and Buena Vista would be closed by this contract with the railroad.

Mr. Charles Albidress next appeared and opposed the closing of the streets as provided for in the contract. He was in favor of the streets being left open and the city to build the overpasses without railroad participation.

The City Manager then read the following letter for the record:

Houston 2, Texas
June 21, 1955

Dr. George W. Rice, City Manager,
City of San Antonio,
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Dr. Rice:

In order to further the matter of proposed grade separations in which the I-GN Railroad would be involved, I wish to re-affirm the Railroad's proposal made on September 24, 1953, involving the overpass at West Commerce Street, the overpass at Buena Vista Street, the underpass between Guadalupe and Colima Streets, and an overpass for Federal Expressway route for Federal Highway 90 in the vicinity of El Paso Street. Such an over-all project will provide for separated crossings in lieu of the above named street crossings at grade, and the following proposal by the Railroad is made with the understanding that the City will by ordinance close to public travel across railroad right-of-way the present grade crossings at Monterrey, San Fernando and El Paso Streets in addition to the existing grade crossings which are to be replaced by separated crossings:

Project No. 1 - Construction of overpasses at West Commerce and Buena Vista Streets. This project, including right-of-way and property damages, has been estimated to cost \$1,650,000. To this project the I-GN is agreeable to make a cash participation of \$100,000 and provide the necessary right-of-way easement or license across its property, including the adjustment of its tracks or other facilities as may be required, as well as any other railroad property damage, all of which was part of the total project and was estimated in 1953 to have a value of \$160,000. The total I-GN participation as offered to further this project thereby becomes \$260,000. This participation would be subject to the closing of the present crossings at grade across I-GN tracks at West Commerce, Buena Vista and Monterrey Streets upon completion of the project, excepting that we would be agreeable to leaving a two-lane grade crossing at both West Commerce and Buena Vista Streets for emergency use only during disaster periods or emergencies, such as fires or damage to the overpass structures which would cause the closing of such structures to public travel. These grade crossings would be closed by locked gates at all other times and opened by the railroad only at the request of the Mayor or City Manager during the time the overpass is closed to traffic.

Project No. 2 - Construction of an underpass at the most desirable location to be selected between Guadalupe and Colima Streets. This project, including right-of-way and property damages, has been estimated to cost \$850,000. To this project the I-GN is agreeable to make a cash participation of \$200,000 and provide the necessary right-of-way easement or license across its property including the adjustment of its tracks or other facilities as may be required, as well as any other railroad property damage, all of which was part of the total project and was estimated to have a value of \$40,000. The total I-GN participation as offered to further this project thereby becomes \$240,000. This participation would be subject to the closing of the present crossings at grade across the I-GN tracks at Guadalupe Street upon completion of the project.

Project No. 3 - This involves the contemplated U. S. 90 Expressway overpass crossing at or in the vicinity of El Paso Street. To this project the I-GN is agreeable to providing the necessary right-of-way license or easement across its property, including the adjustment of its tracks and other facilities and the assumption of railroad property damages. As estimated in 1953, this participation was considered to have a total value of \$150,000. This participation would be subject to the closing of the present crossings at grade across the I-GN tracks at San Fernando and El Paso Streets upon completion of the project.

The construction of Projects Nos. 1 and 2 involve a total cost of \$2,500,000. In addition to the participation by the I-GN totaling \$650,000, it is my understanding that additional funds to the extent of \$1,650,000 are available, these being: City of San Antonio \$1,000,000; State of Texas \$350,000; and Bexar County, \$300,000.

The Project No. 3 could be built entirely with Federal monies excepting for the provision of right-of-way. If Project No. 2 was developed as a service or frontage road as required for complete expressway construction purposes, it would also be subject to Federal participation. To the extent so paid for, it would leave monies available for acquisition of right-of-way by the City in meeting its obligation under Project No. 3.

I wish to assure you and the council that the International-Great Northern Railroad is ready to co-operate in every way possible toward the complete development of this over-all program and to participate as indicated herein. Much will depend upon the State Highway Department's agreement to the programming of the frontage roads, at least to the extent of the provision of the underpass referred to in Project No. 2.

Kindly advise me the Council's Action in connection with this entire matter.

Yours very truly,

/s/ F. E. Bates

Missouri Pacific Lines

The City Manager then asked the City Attorney for opinion regarding any commitment we may have with the railroad and whether this contract will jeopardize the city's position in future relations with the railroad for grade separations. The City Attorney stated that this contract had nothing to do whatsoever with proposals 2 and 3 made by the railroad and that this contract would not jeopardize future relations with the railroad. Mr. Winton commented on the offer of the railroad of September 24, 1953, when he was City Manager; and that the offer had been rejected by him and that if it had been accepted, the city had no funds available for the project as the Bond Election was not held until July 10, 1954.

Henry Gonzalez asked what effect will having more tracks across Commerce Street crossing have on traffic. Assistant City Manager Andrews explained it would speed up traffic because there will be less switching operations.

The vote was then taken and the contract was approved as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Olivares.

The City Clerk then read the following ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute contract with Missouri Pacific Railroad. On motion of Mr. Friedrich, seconded by Mr. Passur, the ordinance was approved by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Olivares.

AN ORDINANCE 21,681

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION BY THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD BY THE FINANCING OF THE OVERPASSES ON BUENA VISTA AND WEST COMMERCE STREETS

(Full text in Ordnhance Book BB page 388)

At this time Mr. Daniels moved that the council instruct the City Manager and the City Attorney to proceed with negotiations with Southern Pacific Railroad Company for railroad participation in these projects. Seconded by Mr. Friedrich, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, None; ABSENT, Olivares.

The following ordinances and resolutions were passed by the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Olivares.

AN ORDINANCE 21,682

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BID OF BUFFALO STEEL CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WITH 5,000 RAIL STEEL POSTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$8,550.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 390)

AN ORDINANCE 21,683

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BID OF BARRETT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH 2500 CUBIC YARDS SILICA SAND FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,250.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 390)

AN ORDINANCE 21,684

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN REFUNDS TO VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS DUE TO THE DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES AND ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS; IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (SAM AND VERA BASSETT, JAMES T. AND APALONIA M. DAWSON)

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 390)

AN ORDINANCE 21,685

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN REFUNDS TO VARIOUS PROPERTY OWNERS DUE TO THE DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF CITY TAXES AND ON ERRONEOUS ASSESSMENTS: IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (ESQUIEL S. CISNEROS)

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 391)

AN ORDINANCE 21,686

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BID OF THE CITY BLUE PRINT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR WITH 2,000 BLOCK BOOK SHEETS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,440.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 392)

AN ORDINANCE 21,687

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE MOST REV. ROBERT E. LUCEY, ARCHBISHOP OF SAN ANTONIO FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON PROPERTIES LOCATED IN NCB 1433 AND NCB A-23

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 392)

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AN ORDINANCE 21,688

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY TO MR. ZERAL W. MALLARD THE SUM OF \$5.00 AS A REFUND FOR A DOUBLE PAYMENT OF A FINE IN CORPORATION COURT

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 392)

AN ORDINANCE 21,689

ACCEPTING THE BID OF A. J. MONIER AND COMPANY IN THE SUM OF \$2,286.00 FOR AIR CONDITIONING THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE CITY HALL IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROPER CONTRACT FOR THE WORK AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 393)

AN ORDINANCE 21,690

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE I. & G. N. RAILROAD COMPANY PERMITTING THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER LINE AT ENGINEER'S CHAINING STATION, 13414-63 I.C.C.

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 393)

AN ORDINANCE 21,691

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE I & G N Railroad Company PERMITTING THE INSTALLATION OF A SEWER LINE AT ENGINEER'S CHAINING STATION, 13466-01

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 393)

AN ORDINANCE 21,692

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MR. AND MRS. FRED C. LEPICK AT 820 EVENTIDE

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 394)

AN ORDINANCE 21,693

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MODERN HOMES (ED NICHOLSON) AT 111 IVY LANE

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 394)

AN ORDINANCE 21,694

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF MRS. EDNA STEVES VAUGHAN AT 248 GENESEO ROAD

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 395)

AN ORDINANCE 21,695

APPROPRIATING \$12,664.92 OUT OF THE 1954 SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND NO. 205, TO PAY H. B. ZACHRY CO., FOR WORK DONE IN CONNECTION WITH SEWAGE PLANT IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION IV, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACT

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 395)

AN ORDINANCE 21,696

ACCEPTING CERTAIN BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF HOUSES LOCATED ON THE EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY AND MAKING AND MANIFESTING A BILL OF SALE OF SAID HOUSES TO THE RESPECTIVE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 395)

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AN ORDINANCE 21,697

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A RELEASE ON AND CANCEL A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND SOL WEST JR., WHICH LEASES CERTAIN PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR GOLF DRIVING RANGE

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 396)

AN ORDINANCE 21,698

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY TO JOE Z. GONZALES THE SUM OF \$10.00 OUT OF 1955-1956 GENERAL FUND UNPLEDGED ACCOUNT NO. 55-01-01 REFUNDS, AS A REFUND FOR PERCOLATION TEST FEE, NO PERCOLATION TEST HAVING BEEN MADE

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 397)

AN ORDINANCE 21,699

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEED FROM THE CITY TO BEN KATZ OF PORTIONS OF LOTS A-14 A-15, AND A-17, NCB 113 FOR THE SUM OF \$1500.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 397)

A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS, ETC., PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 2, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIBED HEREIN (CASE NO. 543, NCB 12473, 12476, 12479; CASE NO. 546, NCB 12179; CASE NO. 452, NCB 779; CASE NO. 552, NCB 10114; HEARING TO BE OCTOBER 13, 1955

A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS, ETC., PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIBED HEREIN (CASE NO. 567, NCB, 8402 AND NCB 10228; HEARING TO BE OCTOBER 13, 1955

AN ORDINANCE 21,700

ACCEPTING DEEDS FROM LELA M. DOLL, INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE E. DOLL, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO LOT 22, BLOCK 7, NCB 2837, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$7075.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 397)

AN ORDINANCE 21,701

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,500.00 OUT OF 1955 EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND, PAYABLE TO FRED HUNTRESS, COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF MERCED CUELLAR, ET AL, SAID SUM BEING THE AWARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN CONDEMNATION IN CAUSE NO. 45,815, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. MERCED CUELLAR, ET AL, PENDING IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE REGISTRY OF SAID COURT SUBJECT TO THE CREDIT OF SAID MERCED CUELLAR, ET AL

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 398)

AN ORDINANCE 21,702

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,000.00 OUT OF 1955 EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND, PAYABLE TO FRED HUNTRESS, COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF MATT SEPULVEDA, ET AL., SAID SUM BEING THE AWARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN CONDEMNATION IN CAUSE NO. 45,966, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. MATT SEPULVEDA, ET AL, PENDING IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE REGISTRY OF SAID COURT SUBJECT TO THE CREDIT OF SAID MATT SEPULVEDA, ET AL

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 398)

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AN ORDINANCE 21,703

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A DEED AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$95,000.00 TO JOHNNIE LEUNG, ET AL, IN PAYMENT FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 398)

AN ORDINANCE 21,704

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$95,000.00 OUT OF 1955 EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND, PAYABLE TO FRED HUNTRESS, COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF JOHNNIE LEUNG, ET AL, SAID SUM BEING THE AWARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN CONDEMNATION IN CAUSE NO. 46,080, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. JOHNNIE LEUNG, ET AL., PENDING IN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 2 OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE REGISTRY OF SAID COURT SUBJECT TO THE CREDIT OF SAID JOHNNIE LEUNG, ET AL

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 399)

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 21,705

ACCEPTING THE BID OF H. B. ZACHRY COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,053.00 FOR SEWAGE PLANT IMPROVEMENTS, SECTION 5, AT THE CITY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SUCH SUM OUT OF THE 1954 SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 399)

Mr. Seligman then read a letter in which he recommended that H. B. Zachry's bid be accepted. He explained that bidders were notified that it might be necessary to reduce the scope of the work in order that construction costs be not greater than the allotted funds. He explained that certain items were deleted from the work and that H. B. Zachry was low bidder.

Mr. H. J. Von Rosenberg asked that they listen to Mr. Nabors, Engineer for Chicago Pump Company. Mr. Nabors talked about the merits of Swing Diffusion equipment and bid by Mr. Von Rosenberg and Sparger Diffusion equipment bid by H. B. Zachry.

Mr. Winton asked Mr. Wells, Superintendent of Sewage Disposal Plant, if this equipment met with the original plans for improvements. Mr. Wells stated that he would like to have several of items that were deleted from the work but that the equipment being discussed would not effect the capacity of the aeration tanks.

The vote was then taken and the ordinance was approved by the following: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Olivares; ABSTAINING, Gonzalez.

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 21,706

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ROY L. POPE AND SPILLERS COMPANY FOR AUDITING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR TWO YEARS

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 399)

The vote on the above ordinance was as follows: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels; NAYS, Gonzalez; ABSENT, Olivares.

Mr. Gonzalez stated that for the record the reason he voted "no" was that in his opinion the contract for a two year audit was contrary to the spirit of the charter.

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The following resolution and ordinance were passed and approved by the following vote:
 AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels, Gonzalez; NAYS,
 none; ABSENT, Olivares.

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE BOND OF WILLIAM E. GIBSON AS
 ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF SAN
 ANTONIO

AN ORDINANCE 21,707

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
 FOR THE TAX YEAR 1955; DESIGNATING THE CHAIRMAN
 THEREOF; ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID
 TO THE MEMBERS OF SAID BOARD OF EQUALIZATION; AND
 PROVIDING FOR THE DATE WHEN SAID BOARD SHALL COMMENCE
 (R. C. BOOTON, R. W. PATTON, PAUL ADAMS)

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 401)

At this time the Clerk read, in full, the following resolution and contract:

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK
 TO MAKE PROPOSAL TO MCCALL, PARKHURST AND CROWE,
 BOND ATTORNEYS, DALLAS, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book BB page 401)

On motion of Mr. Winton, seconded by Mr. Crumrine, the resolution was approved by
 the following vote: AYES, Friedrich, Baines, Passur, Crumrine, Winton, Kuykendall, Daniels;
 NAYS, Gonzalez; ABSENT, Olivares.

The following letter was read by the Clerk:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
 City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and referred to the necessary
 departments for recommendation or action.

- 9-9-55 Petition of G. L. Williams requesting refund of \$15.00 paid for septic tank
 installation permit No. 80 was referred to the Director of Public Health.
- 9-9-55 Petition of Albert O. Bulgerin, et al, requesting that the 2800, 2900, and 3000
 blocks of East Houston Street be included in proposed plans to improve East
 Houston Street, was referred to the Director of Public Works.
- 9-9-55 Petition of A. S. Farnsworth, The Original Mexican Restaurant, requesting a
 permit to install a new stairway fire-escape on the rear of building at 115-121
 Losoya Street and to anchor same on the river bank, was referred to the Acting
 Director of Parks and Recreation.
- 9-12-55 Petition of William Byrd, et al, requesting the installation of a traffic light
 between Fresno Drive and Basse Road was referred to the Traffic Engineer.
- 9-14-55 Petition of Finesilver Manufacturing Company to purchase the south portions of
 Lots 1 and 28, and the north portions of Lot A-13, west of a 20 foot alley in NCB
 113, was referred to the Director of Planning.
- 9-15-55 Petition of Sarah Philips, et al, requesting extension of water lines to Homestake
 Addition was referred to the City Water Board.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
 City Clerk

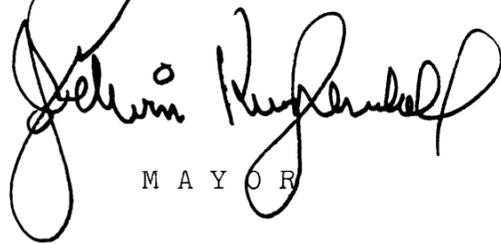
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A Mr. Pray addressed the council and showed pictures of a lot on Olmos Drive overgrown with weeds, etc., and asked that it be cleaned. He was told by the Assistant City Manager that the lot would be cleaned.

The scheduled hearing on the proposed school bus ordinance was postponed for one week. Hearing to be held September 29, 1955.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED



M A Y O R

ATTEST:



City Clerk

ADDENDUM

At a pre-council meeting in the Manager's office, the city council was invited by the San Antonio Lawyers Guild to attend a Red Mass on Wednesday, September 28, 1955 at 5:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Church and to an open house at St. Mary's Law School after the mass.

Mayor Kuykendall stated that selection of a Board of Equalization had been made, the members being Paul Adams, R. C. Booton, and R. W. Patton. A secret poll was taken and it was announced that Mr. Booton was elected chairman.

Mr. Friedrich, Chairman of the Council Committee to look into the matter of calling in bonds outstanding and the drawing of a new indenture for the City Water Works, brought up the question of employing the firm of McCall, Parkhurst & Crowe to draw up a new indenture and to employ the firm of Dewar, Robertson and Pancoast, Investment Bankers, for the purpose of calling in old bonds and issuing Incentive Bonds. Mr. Friedrich recommended the hiring of the two firms. Mr. Crowe, of Dallas, then read to the council the proposed contracts and explained that together with the committee they had considered all objections made at previous public hearing. That the proposal with Dewar, Robertson and Pancoast deals solely with getting in the old bonds.

After much discussion, action was deferred on the contract to hire the firm Dewar, Robertson and Pancoast. Mr. Winton objected to certain language in the contract to hire McCall, Parkhurst and Crowe and by voice vote it was deleted from the contract. Mr. Winton then moved that they approve the resolution and contract as amended. Mr. Crumrine seconded the motion. Vote was deferred until the regular council meeting.

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Mr. Gonzalez objected to going ahead with the matter because in his opinion they were only perpetuating the bad situation that now exists instead of correcting it. He also objected because the City's Legal staff was not being used in the preparation of the trust indenture, on Bond refunding ordinances and other documents.

The Clerk read the following letter:

Honorable Mayor and City Councilmen
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

As provided in an ordinance passed by the City Council on August 18, 1955, ordering an election to be held among the city employees of the city of San Antonio who are members of the Texas Municipal Retirement System for the purpose of determining if such employees desire to reduce their current service contribution to the Texas Municipal Retirement System from five (5%) percent to three (3%) percent of earnings with corresponding reduction in current service benefits, I have held the election in the manner directed therein.

The following is a tabulation of the results of the election:

<u>Box No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Eligible Vote</u>	<u>Votes Polled</u>	<u>"For"</u>	<u>"Against"</u>	<u>Muti- lated Ballots</u>
1	City Hall	348	301	268	33	0
2	Health Department 128 W. Commerce	124	121	100	20	1
3.	Main Library 210 W. Market	58	57	43	14	0
4	Material Yards 819 Victoria	483	422	410	12	0
5	Stinson Homes 414 96th St.	91	70	62	8	0
6	Parks Storeroom 905 E. Hildebrand	154	123	109	14	0
7.	Sewer Maintenance Yard, 1502 Mission Road	67	65	49	10	6
8	San Antonio Inter- national Airport	33	30	29	1	0
9	Waterboard Warehouse, 308 Nevada	251	154	58	94	2
10	Waterboard Office, 106 W. Market	<u>139</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>0</u>
		1748	1458	1194	255	9