

JULY 17, 1946

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, AT 10:30 O'CLOCK, A.M., ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th, 1946.

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

The Clerk read the Call, as follows:

"To the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio:-

Gentlemen:

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter of the City of San Antonio, I hereby call you in Special Session, to be held at 10:30 o'clock, A.M., on Wednesday, July 17th, 1946, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of San Antonio, Texas, to consider and act upon the following:

To accept, with the sincere thanks and deep gratitude of your City Officials as well as all the citizens of the City of San Antonio, the great and generous gift of Mr. Harry Landa, long an outstanding and valuable citizen of San Antonio, who has magnanimously offered to present to the City of San Antonio his elaborate home, to be preserved in trust by the City as the "Hannah Landa Memorial Library and Children's Playground".

To express in proper manner the whole-hearted appreciation due Mr. Landa from all San Antonians on the occasion of this memorable event in the life of our City, from which both present and future generations of our citizens will realize untold and manifold benefits, resulting in the building of a greater and more progressive City with a more intelligent, happier and healthier citizenry--all of which will constitute a fitting memorial to Mrs. Hannah Landa, whose life was devoted to civic betterment.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann
MAYOR

Receipt of notice of above Special Meeting of the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio is hereby acknowledged.

s/ Alfred Callaghan
Commissioner of Taxation

s/ Paul E. Steffler
Commissioner of Streets and Public
Improvements

s/ P. L. Anderson
Commissioner of Fire & Police

s/ Henry F. Hein
Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks
and Public Property"

The Clerk read the following letter:

July 11th, 1946

To the Mayor and Commissioners of the
City of San Antonio,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

I propose to give to the City of San Antonio, in trust for the purposes as hereinafter stated, those certain properties in the City of San Antonio, Texas, described in a deed from Frances H. Jeffers to me, dated November 17th, 1927, and recorded in Volume 993, at pages 295-6, of the Deed Records of Bexar County, Texas, and that certain property described in a deed to me from Mabel Mills, dated May 20th, 1920, and recorded in Volume 604, at pages 127-8, of the Deed Records of Bexar County, Texas. The properties described in the two deeds referred to and the improvements located thereon constitute my home property, and it is my proposal to include the property and all improvements thereon except such of the furniture, fixtures, and decorations as are not essential to the use of the property for the purposes herein designated.

The furniture, fixtures and decorations to be included with my gift to the City will be designated by me in detail so that they may be definitely known. The remainder of such fixtures, furniture and decorations are to be reserved by me from the property.

In making this proposal my purpose is to establish a fit and suitable memorial to my beloved wife, Hannah Landa, in a field of public service in which she so largely devoted her life. The conditions upon which this proposed gift is to be made, and which I trust you will find acceptable, are as follows:-

- (1) The property is to be kept and maintained in a good state of repair and condition with the main building dedicated for use as a non-sectarian free public library and with the surrounding grounds dedicated for use as a children's playground, with the right to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the use and enjoyment thereof. Both the library and playground are to be maintained in a manner in keeping with good practices and national standards.

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- (2) The property is to be known as the "Hannah Landa Memorial Library and Children's Playground", and a suitable plaque is to be installed and inscribed in memory of her.
- (3) The property is to be conveyed to the City of San Antonio, Texas, in trust for its perpetual use for the purposes stated above under the authority and supervision of the Library Board of the City of San Antonio, Texas.

This property is located at 233 Bushnell Street, corner of Bushnell Street and Shook Avenue.

Very truly yours,

s/ Harry Landa

Commissioner Anderson, following an address of appreciation, introduced the following Resolution, in behalf of all the Commissioners. After a second by Commissioner Steffler, the Resolution was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:-

1. That the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, acting as the duly constituted representatives of all the citizens of San Antonio, accept with sincere thanks and deep gratitude on behalf of themselves and all the citizens the great and generous offer of Mr. Harry Landa to deed in trust to the City of San Antonio, for the purposes as hereinafter stated, those certain properties and furnishings in the City of San Antonio, Texas, described in a letter dated July 11, 1946, from Mr. Harry Landa to the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio.

2. That this property is to be designated by the City of San Antonio as the "Hannah Landa Memorial Library and Children's Playground", in keeping with the wishes of Mr. Harry Landa, and as a suitable and proper memorial to his beloved wife, Mrs. Hannah Landa, in a field of public service to which she so generously and unselfishly devoted her life.

3. That the necessary ordinance is hereby ordered drawn to complete this transaction.

4. That the Mayor and Commissioners take this occasion to express to Mr. Harry Landa the whole-hearted gratitude and appreciation felt by all San Antonians for his outstanding and unselfish action in making this presentation, which will be always remembered as a high point in the history of our City and one of the greatest contributions to its future progress and happiness.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by unanimous vote, this 17th day of July, A.D. 1946.

s/ GUS B. MAUERMANN
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ATTEST: Frank W. Brady
City Clerk

Addresses of thanks and appreciation were made by Mayor Mauermann; Dr. David Jacobson, Rabbi of Temple Beth-El, speaking on behalf of Mr. Landa; M. M. Harris, Chairman of the Library Board; I. E. Stutsman, Superintendent of Schools of the San Antonio Independent School District; Rev. Walter F. Golatka, President of St. Mary's University; Dr. John L. McMahon, President of Our Lady of the Lake College; Dr. Monroe G. Everettt, President of Trinity University; Sister Clement, representing Incarnate Word College, and Prof. B. H. Meyer, representing Texas Military Institute. Mr. Landa responded with a brief address.

Commissioner Anderson moved that the Council stand adjourned in honor of the memory of Mrs. Hannah Landa. After a second by Commissioner Hein the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

APPROVED:

Gus B. Mauermann

M A Y O R

ATTEST: *Frank W. Brady*
City Clerk

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