

SEPTEMBER 19, 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, SEPTEMBER 19, 1946.

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

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The Clerk read the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, which were approved as read, and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meetings of September 12 and 16, which were approved and adopted as read, each on motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Mayor Mauermann and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

REFERRED to Comm. of Streets:

Texas and New Orleans Railroad Co. asking permit for spur track on Medina St.

Thos. D. Scott, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of Lots 111-114, incl., Co. Blk. 5718.

Frank R. Gonzales, for approval of vacating and resubdividing plats of Lots 52 through 57, Block 1, Somerset Place Addition.

Sam B. Lifshutz, for approval of plats subdividing Lifshutz Subdivision No. 1 and vacating and subdivision plats of Lifshutz Subdivision No. 2.

Ben Nathan, for approval of subdivision plat of Tract A-12, City Block A-9.

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REFERRED to Comm. of Fire & Police:

Humble Oil & Refining Co., for gasoline installation permit at 6100 W. Commerce St.

Jack Neal, Inc., 3 petitions, for gasoline installation permits at 5004 S. Flores, 2423 N. Zarzamora and 1849 Nogalitos Sts.

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REFERRED to Comm. of Fire & Police and the Health Dept.:

Paul Ingle, asking permission to keep a horse at 617 Columbus St.

Mrs. Ida Hynes and Mrs. Dan McCarty, protesting the keeping of animals and fowls at 125 and 129 Sharer St.

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REFERRED to Committee of the Whole:

Marshall Aguilar, and others, for opening and extension of Octavia St.

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Petition of Charles Hanavan, asking permit to install and operate a mortuary at 405 E. Pecan St., was presented, and on motion of Comm. Hein, seconded by Comm. Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, was granted.

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Comm. Anderson then called for action on the Petition of Redburn, Inc., asking permit to establish an undertaking business at 714 Broadway, the location to be vacated by Charles Hanavan, which petition was presented September 5 and referred to the Committee of the Whole. Comm. Anderson moved that the petition be granted, to become effective on the date the Broadway location is vacated by Hanavan. After a second by Comm. Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

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A Committee headed by R. A. Bartlett presented a petition from Fire Dept. employees, asking that the base pay of firemen be raised to \$219 per month. Bartlett addressed the

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Council in behalf of the petition.

Mayor Mauermann said disposition of the petition depended on the amount of money available¹ to operate the City, and added that he had always tried to let each Commissioner have as much money as possible. He suggested the petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole, which was holding meetings to discuss the budget.

Comm. Anderson moved that this petition, and the petition signed by 15,000 citizens asking increased pay for the Police Dept., which was presented some time ago, both be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Comm. Callaghan seconded the motion, also pointing out that his employees needed raises and suggesting the Committee look into the needs of all employees in all departments. The motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Comm. Anderson offered a motion that the Committee of the Whole be instructed to go into the entire financial set-up of the City at the earliest possible moment. He called attention to "many pieces of property under-assessed" and suggested the Committee also go into the matter of personal property assessments. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Sgt. Lewis Yates and a Committee from the Police Dept. presented a petition asking that the base pay in that department be raised to \$230 a month. The Mayor suggested this petition be included in Comm. Anderson's previous motion.

Comm. Anderson moved that this petition be made a part of the firemen's petition and motion, adding that the men, in his opinion, were entitled to an increase in pay. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Comm. Callaghan moved that the Committee of the Whole also discuss the establishment of a minimum wage for common laborers employed by the City. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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

APPRO. NO. 308

AN ORDINANCE (4022)

APPROPRIATING \$50,032.60 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TWO NOTES, Nos. 32 and 33, AND INTEREST.

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APPRO. NO. 309

AN ORDINANCE (4023)

APPROPRIATING \$30,606.46 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 310

AN ORDINANCE (4024)

APPROPRIATING \$60,545.84 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 311

AN ORDINANCE (4025)

APPROPRIATING \$1,724.48 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 312

AN ORDINANCE (4026)

APPROPRIATING \$693 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 313

AN ORDINANCE (4027)

APPROPRIATING \$1,155.75 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS.,
TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.

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APPRO. NO. 314

AN ORDINANCE (4028)

APPROPRIATING \$550 OUT OF SINKING FUND-WATER IMPROVEMENT DIST. NO. 7
TO PAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1946, INTEREST MATURITIES.

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APPRO. NO. 315

AN ORDINANCE (4029)

APPROPRIATING \$5,800 OUT OF SINKING FUND, IMPROVEMENT DIST. NO. 4,
TO PAY OCTOBER 1, 1946, BOND AND INTEREST COUPON MATURITIES.

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APPRO. NO. 316

AN ORDINANCE (4030)

APPROPRIATING \$1,603.08 OUT OF SINKING FUND, WATER IMPROVEMENT DIST.
NO. 6, TO PAY OCT. 1, 1946, BOND & INTEREST MATURITIES & DIST. EXPENSE.

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AN ORDINANCE (4031)

GRANTING PETITION OF BIBLE CENTER CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO FOR EXEMPTION
FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1946 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO,
ON LOT A-16, BLOCK 8, NCB 1761.

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AN ORDINANCE (4032)

GRANTING PETITION OF O. F. HATFIELD MEMORIAL CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE,
FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT
THERETO, ON LOT 31, BLOCK A, NCB 7787.

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AN ORDINANCE (4033)

GRANTING PETITION OF WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY
TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1941 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, ON LOT 5,
BLOCK 2, NCB 2074.

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AN ORDINANCE (4034)

GRANTING PETITION OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD OF TEXAS CONFERENCE OF THE
EVANGELICAL CHURCH, FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945
AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, ON LOT 12 AND WEST 24.5 FEET OF LOT 13,
BLOCK 4, NCB 3125, AT 2042 EAST HOUSTON STREET.

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AN ORDINANCE (4035)

GRANTING PETITION OF HARLANDALE BAPTIST CHURCH, FOR EXEMPTION FROM
CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO, ON
LOTS 9 and 10, BLOCK 1, NCB 7702, AT 140 PACIFIC AVENUE.

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

APPRO. NO. 317

AN ORDINANCE (4036)

APPROPRIATING \$738 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, SEWAGE PLANT DEPT.,
IN PAYMENT OF ONE LOAD OF LIQUID CHLORINE AND FREIGHT CHARGES.

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Comm. Hein introduced seven ordinances granting petitions for sewer connections outside
the City Limits, and read a letter from Chief Plumbing Inspector E. Haenig recommending that
they be passed and calling attention of the existence of illegal sewer connections in "Terrell
Hills and Olmos Basin" subdivisions.

Mayor Mauermann suggested the petitions be referred back to the Plumbing Inspector to
bring in a report of the illegal connections.

Comm. Anderson stated these seven were approved connections which had been made.

The Mayor replied that the Council should stop the practice of allowing the connections

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to be made before the petitions are acted on by the Council.

Comm. Steffler opposed the granting of any more connections to the sewer system outside the City Limits, as the system could not handle any more sewage.

Comm. Hein asked that these ordinances be passed, as the connections had been made and collected for. The ordinances were passed ~~and approved~~ by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nays, Mauermann and Steffler. The Mayor did not approve these ordinances.

The ordinances were each styled as follows: "AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS, ON THE PETITION OF _____", AND The names of Petitioners and the Ordinance numbers, in each case, were as follows:

C. N. HARDIE (4039), C. GRAEBER (4040), E. W. HAMILTON (4041), MISSOURI-PACIFIC RAILROAD (4042), THOS. D. SCOTT (4043), GEO. H. TREUSTON (4044), MEADRICK LANDRUM (4045).

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In each case on recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the following petitions were granted:

L. E. Fite, asking that name of Morninglory Drive be changed to Senisa Drive from Manor Drive east to its intersection with Donaldson Ave.

Approval of plats vacating and resubdividing NCB 9106 and 9107, Woodlawn Park, Third Unit, submitted by Reynolds Andricks.

Approval of plats vacating and resubdividing Tracts 432 and 435, Harlandale Acre Tracts No. 2, N.C.B. 7850, owned by A. B. Cox, submitted by E. J. Wentworth.

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Presented was the recommendation of Sewer Engineer P. C. Nauschutz that the Petition of Merle Starnes for permit to install sewer main in right-of-way of Bandera Highway and charge for connection thereto, be granted.

City Engineer Coghill stated the location was outside the City Limits, but that there was "talk" of annexing it. Mayor Mauermann stated the petition should be held up until action is taken on annexation of the area. At the request of Comm. Steffler, the petition and recommendation were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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

APPRO. NO. 318 AN ORDINANCE (4037)
 APPROPRIATING \$70 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, SEWER MAINTENANCE DEPT.,
 TO PAY SEWER ORDINANCE RECORDING FEES.

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APPRO. NO. 319 AN ORDINANCE (4038)
 ACCEPTING THE EXTENSION OF THE SEWER SYSTEM MADE BY W. K. EWING CO.,
 INC., AND APPROPRIATING \$9827.47 TO PAY CITY'S SHARE OF COST.

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AN ORDINANCE (4046)
 AUTHORIZING QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO C.A. WILSON FOR LOTS IN C.B. 491.

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APPRO. NO. 320 AN ORDINANCE (4047)
 APPROPRIATING \$700 TO C.A. WILSON FOR CERTAIN LAND IN C.B. 490.

Judge Roark and Mr. John Zeller explained the above two ordinances involved an exchange of land for right-of-way needed by the State Highway Dept. for a road the Dept. is building into the City.

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In each case on recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, and Anderson, The Council granted the following petitions:

Don Wallen, for permit to erect barbecue pit at 2703 Fredericksburg Road.

Magnolia Petroleum Co., for gasoline installation permit at 1605 E. Houston St.

Humble Oil & Refining Co., for gasoline installation permit at 154 E. Mitchell St.

Gulf Oil Corp., for gasoline installation permit at Southern Transfer & Storage Co., off the 1300 block of S. Flores St.

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

APPRO. NO. 321

AN ORDINANCE (4048)

APPROPRIATING \$250 TO PAY EXPENSES OF INSPECTOR E. P. BOGASCH INCURRED ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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APPRO. NO. 322

AN ORDINANCE (4049)

APPROPRIATING \$250 TO PAY EXPENSES OF CHIEF OF POLICE BRUCE WEATHERLY INCURRED ON TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

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APPRO. NO. 323

AN ORDINANCE (4050)

APPROPRIATING \$2.05 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, POLICE DEPT., TO PAY COUNTY CLERK FOR QUALIFYING FEE OF E. J. BRASWELL AS NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Comm. Anderson announced receipt of a telegram from Gov. de la Garza of the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, inviting him to attend the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the founding of the City of Monterrey. Comm. Anderson moved that the Mayor be authorized to proclaim a local celebration of "Monterrey Day" during the week of September 20th. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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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. 324

AN ORDINANCE (4051)

APPROPRIATING \$1,060.96 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, PUBLIC NOTICE DEPT., TO PAY COMMERCIAL RECORDER FOR PUBLISHING VARIOUS ORDINANCES.

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APPRO. NO. 325

AN ORDINANCE (4052)

APPROPRIATING \$1,228.50 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND-1945 FUND FOR MATERIAL, SUPPLIES & MISC. EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 326

AN ORDINANCE (4053)

APPROPRIATING \$2.05 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, CORPORATION COURT DEPT., TO PAY COUNTY CLERK FOR QUALIFYING FEE OF ROGER M. SIMMANG AS NOTARY PUBLIC.

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APPRO. NO. 327

AN ORDINANCE (4054)

APPROPRIATING \$738.52 OUT OF COMMERCE BLDG. FUND FOR MATERIAL SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 328

AN ORDINANCE (4055)

APPROPRIATING \$15 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., TO REIMBURSE CITY CLERK FOR FILING FEES PAID TO COUNTY CLERK.

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APPRO. NO. 329 AN ORDINANCE (4056)
 APPROPRIATING \$34.63 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT. POLIO
 CAMPAIGN, FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS
 EXPENDITURES.

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APPRO. NO. 330 AN ORDINANCE (4057)
 APPROPRIATING \$100.59 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS.,
 FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

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APPRO. NO. 331 AN ORDINANCE (4058)
 APPROPRIATING \$1350 TO PAY GEO. D. PICKENS FOR LAND TO WIDEN
 BANDERA ROAD WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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APPRO. NO. 332 AN ORDINANCE (4059)
 APPROPRIATING \$36.50 IN PAYMENT TO STEWART TITLE GUARANTY CO. FOR
 TITLE FEES IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSACTION WITH GEO. D. PICKENS TO
 ACQUIRE LAND FOR WIDENING OF BANDERA ROAD WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

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APPRO. NO. 333 AN ORDINANCE (4060)
 APPROPRIATING \$4 IN PAYMENT TO FRED HUNTRESS, COUNTY CLERK, OF
 COURT COSTS IN CAUSE NO. 406 IN CONDEMNATION, STYLED CITY OF SAN
 ANTONIO VS. CAROLINE G. CASSIN, ET AL.

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AN ORDINANCE (4061)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES WITH STEPHENS
 FUEL OIL CO. TO FURNISH CERTAIN CITY PUBLIC BUILDINGS WITH RE-
 QUIREMENTS OF FUEL OIL DURING WINTER SEASON 1946-7.

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AN ORDINANCE (4062)

AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH HOUSING AUTHORITY OF
 THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PROVIDING FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND
 MANAGEMENT BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TITLE V LANHAM ACT
 DWELLINGS TO BE OCCUPIED BY VETERANS, SERVICEMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
 AT STINSON FIELD, KELLY FIELD AND CAMP CUSHING.

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AN ORDINANCE (4063)

DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO CONDEMN PROPERTY OF J. H. RODGERS,
 SR., FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

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The Clerk read the following telegram:

"Houston, Tex., Sep. 19, AM 10:40
 Mayor Gus B. Mauermann and City Council
 San Antonio, Tex.

"This refers to plan under consideration for city to contract with Federal Public Housing Authority to remodel barracks buildings at Camp Cushing to provide housing units. The ground space occupied by these Camp Cushing barracks buildings was leased by our railroad to Army in a cooperative arrangement for the recruiting and training of railroad operating battalions and with the distinct understanding that the property would be vacated upon the termination of the need for this space for these military purposes. We acquired this property and have carried the investment in for a number of years to protect our requirements for expanding our San Antonio yard terminal facilities and to provide space for the location and development of industries. Over the next few years there is good reason to anticipate a large and growing demand for industrial locations in San Antonio and it would be doign us a great injustice if the outgrowth of our cooperative arrangement with the Army should now prevent or hamper us in making the most advantageous use possible of this particular property. We request that plan of using this ground be dropped in favor of some other scheme by moving the present barracks buildings to other available vacant property. Copy of this telegram is being forwarded to the Commanding General, Fourth Army Headquarters, San Antonio.

s/ E. A. Craft, Executive Vice President
 Texas & New Orleans Railroad Co.

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The Mayor commented that the veterans need houses to live in right now, while the railroad talks about doing something in the next few years. He explained that the City has authority from the Government to use the houses, but not from the Railroad to use the land, and said he would talk to the Railroad to see what could be worked out.

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Comm. Anderson moved that the Mayor be authorized to look into this matter and report back to the Council. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Bids for paving on Saldana Street were opened and publicly read. Comm. Steffler moved that the bid of Southern Construction Co., the low bid, recommended by the City Engineer, be accepted. After a second by Comm. Callaghan, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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On motion of Comm. Hein, seconded by Comm. Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 11:00 A. M., Monday, September 23, 1946.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of September 19, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Monday, September 23, 1946.

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

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PETITIONS PRESENTED:

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Benevolent Assn., for exemption from taxation on property owned by the Assn. on Market St., referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

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REFERRED to Commissioner of Streets:

Residents in vicinity of Woodlawn Ave. and Kampmann and Wilson Blvds., for adequate drainage in that area.

Paul P. Flores, and others, asking that gravel be placed on Angela, Jean and Hamilton Sts. Ben Nathan, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of lots in Block 14, NCB 1328. General Investment Corp. (Ben Nathan, Pres.), for approval of vacating and resubdivision plats of lots in NCB 7121.

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Texas Co., for gasoline installation permits at 4300 Somerset Road and 229 McCullough Ave., referred to Comm. of Fire and Police.

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A. Gershowitz and other residents, protesting the opening and extension of Octavia Place, referred to Committee of the Whole.

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Presented was the Petition of M. L. Fisher asking transfer of nine permits of Airline Taxi Service from W. R. Garner to M. L. Fisher. On recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan (absent), the petition was granted.

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On recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler, Anderson; Nay, Callaghan (absent), the Council granted the petition of Gulf Oil Corp. for gasoline installation permit at Hanger No. 602 at Stinson Field.

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