

August 5, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL ON THURSDAY,
AUGUST 5, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, STEVENS, RUSSELL, R. N. WHITE, LESTER, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: A. C. WHITE, SHEARER, EASLEY

Mayor Pro-tem R. L. Lester presiding.

Invocation by Mr. Scherlen;

On motion of Mr. Russell seconded by Mr. Scherlen the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Clerk read the following letter to the Council.

July 31, 1954

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

Gentlemen and Mrs. Stevens:

I wish to hereby tender to you, as representatives of the people of San Antonio, my resignation as a member of the City Council of the City of San Antonio effective immediately.

I greatly regret that the condition of my health makes this step necessary but my physician advises me that further continuance of the strain being placed on me by the duties of the office might do permanent and irreparable injury to my health because of the after effect of my accident in March.

I deeply appreciate the honor the people of San Antonio bestowed on me when they elected me and especially on that account I regret this step but under the circumstances there seems to be no alternative.

It has been a pleasure to serve with your entire membership and I wish you Godspeed.

Yours very truly,

H. J. Shearer.

Mr. Russell moved to hold any action on this resignation in abeyance for the time being. Mr. Gonzalez queried as to the status of Mr. Easley's resignation. Mr. Scherlen discussed methods of resigning and stated the Charter is silent on the subject.

Mrs. Stevens thinks that Mr. Shearer having given reasons of health and a sincere desire to get out, his resignation should be accepted.

Mr. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Russell, moved to pass over the entire subject for one week. The motion carried unanimously.

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,429

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF LLOYD A. DENTON AT 106 BELLA VISTA

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 182)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,430

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF LLOYD A. DENTON AT 126 BELLA VISTA

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 183)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,431

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF SUNSET BUILDING COMPANY AT 833 CANTERBURY HILL

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 183)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,432

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF SUNSET BUILDING COMPANY AT 837 CANTERBURY HILL

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 183)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,433

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CHARLES GARRETT AT 420 SO. VANDIVER

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 183)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,434

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF O'KRENT FLOOR COVERING COMPANY TO FURNISH THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH LINOLEUM FOR OFFICE BUILDING IN T-HANGAR AREA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$950.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 183)

August 5, 1954

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,435

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF ALAMO IRON WORKS AND SAN ANTONIO MACHINE & SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH MATERIALS FOR GARBAGE RACKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,501.10

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 184)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,436

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM JOE J. JACKSON AND WIFE, CHRISTINA JACKSON, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IRREGULAR PORTIONS OF LOTS 26, 27, 28 AND 29, N.C.B. 6734, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1200.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 184)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,437

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 8 & 9, BLOCK 129, NCB 9400, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 184)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,438

GRANTING THE PETITION OF ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 4 & 5, BLOCK 7, NCB 1184, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 185)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,439

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE LUTHERAN WELFARE SOCIETY OF TEXAS FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON E. 25 FT. OF 3, AND W. 40 FT. OF 4, BLOCK 3, NCB 1863, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 185)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,440

GRANTING THE PETITION OF BEACON HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 6 TO 9, INCL. AND W. 15 FT. OF 10, AND ALLEY ON SOUTH; AND LOTS 30 TO 33, INCL. AND E 10 FT OF 5, AND 29 AND W. 15 FT OF 34, BLOCK 36, NCB 1828, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 185)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,441

CLOSING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 2742 AND QUITCLAIMING SAME TO ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNER (HAROLD METZGER)

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 186)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,442

GRANTING THE BEXAR COUNTY NATIONAL BANK THE RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A "CURB TELLER" ON TRAVIS STREET

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 186)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,443

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO RADIO STATION KCOR OF A CITY-OWNED PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED ON MARTINEZ STREET BETWEEN SOUTH ST. MARY'S STREET AND THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AT A PRICE OF \$8,000.00," PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 29TH DAY OF JULY, 1954

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 187)

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

AN ORDINANCE 20,444

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 175 PARKING METERS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 188)

August 5, 1954

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 referred to Mr. Ralph H. Winton, City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 7-28-54 Letter from Mrs. J. J. Foster regarding conditions along the San Antonio River, between the 4th and 5th Street bridges.
- 7-28-54 Petition of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints requesting tax exemption of Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, NCB 1889.
- 7-29-54 Petition of Texas Conference of Evangelical United Brethren Church requesting tax exemption of Lot 19, NCB 10094.
- 7-29-54 Petition of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church requesting tax exemption of Property located in NCB 11507 and NCB 8107.
- 7-30-54 Petition of William H. Taft requesting permit to operate a funeral home at 1024-26 East Commerce Street.
- 7-30-54 Petition of Highland Park Baptist Church requesting tax exemption of Lot 3, NCB 3323.
- 7-30-54 Petition of Government Hill Church of Christ requesting tax exemption of Lot 1, NCB 2946.
- 8-2-54 Petition of West Avenue Church of the Nazarene requesting that the alley be closed which runs between Lots 9 and 10, NCB 9758. (102-106 Saxon Drive, Dellview Addition.
- 8-2-54 Petition of Mr. Hollis Watts requesting refund of \$46.00 on building permit No. 14031.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

Hearing was next called on Zoning Case #383 to rezone Lots 85 and 86, New City Block 3099 from "F" Local Retail to "L" Mfg. District, the property being on North St. Marys Street running from Russell to Craig Place.

Mr. Martin, the Planning Director, explained the proposition to the Council and called to the audience for anyone opposing the change to come forward.

There being no one wishing to be heard, Mr. R. N. White moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved. Ayes, Scherlen, Stevens, Russell, R. N. White, Lester, Gonzalez; Nays, none; Absent, Shearer, A. C. White, Easley.

AN ORDINANCE 20,445

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ETC." PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND RE-ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN (CASE 383) LOTS 85 AND 86, NCB 3099, N. ST. MARYS STREET

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 188)

A committee in the audience, composed of members of the Texas Service Station Association, asked to be heard on the ordinance now in effect regarding the washing of service station floors and allowing the waste water, etc., to flow into the streets.

Mr. John C. Brangan, Jr. appeared and discussed at length the trouble created by the regulation.

They asked for the repeal of the law and that the City go back to the previous law. The matter was discussed by all members of the Council, Mr. Russell through his experience with gas and oil taking the lead. Mr. Brangan called on Mr. Howell Jones

of the Chamber of Commerce to tell what they think of the hardships being created by this ordinance.

Mr. W. H. Porter, 323 E. Ashby, asked that no change be made.

Mr. Lester suggested that the station owners and Mr. Russell get together and draft some sort of ordinance upon which all can agree. The matter was then turned over to a committee of one composed of Mr. Russell to try to work out a solution and report back.

Mr. Castle of the San Antonio Transit Company presented a plan for the extension of bus service to Mirasol and Cassiano Homes projects contingent upon the city paving certain streets. The question of funds for the paving was next discussed.

Mr. Fred A. Slimp, a member of the Housing Authority Board, addressed the council and offered a plan whereby the City would do the work, the Housing Authority would advance funds which would be due later as payments in lieu of taxes without waiting until the end of the year.

Suggestion was made that a committee on bus service heretofore appointed composed of Mr. Russell, Mr. Scherlen, and Mr. White, be asked to look into the entire matter and report back with a concise and formulated plan. The motion carried, Mr. Gonzalez voting no and registering a protest.

Mrs. Stevens advised that it was Mr. R. N. White's thirty third birthday and all wished him many happy returns.

Mr. Park Street, an attorney, next addressed the council on what he termed the bad state of affairs in hearing the appeals before the Board of Equalization. He advised the council to begin now to help the people to get their tax affairs straightened out. He said he would help and suggested that all get busy to help the little fellow.

The meeting then adjourned.

APPROVED:

MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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ADDENDUM

At a conference in the City Managers office, before the council meeting, the council discussed with Mr. M. E. Allison, a bond broker, his agreement regarding the advance of \$810,000.00 for repairing and enlarging the sewage disposal plant. Mr. Allison stated that at the time he made the offer, he did not know of a provision in the Charter which makes it mandatory for the city to advertise all bond sales publicly. He made a proposition that the City now advertise the sale and if his firm does not succeed in being the purchasers, the city pay them 1 1/2 % to take care of all services involved.

Mr. Gonzalez stated he was not familiar with this proposition when it was proposed and did not care for the looks of it now. He saw no reason for a piecemeal job and stated that the council should build a new and large plant from the sale of General Obligation Bonds. The discussion with Mr. Allison lasted for some time and at this point Mr. Park Street, an attorney, entered the conversation to protest against the use of outside Attorneys for bond work and opinions. Mr. Allison stated that he had spent money and time in trying to be helpful in working out the city's problems and he was now through. He left the matter in the air as he departed.

The matter of appointments to the Electrical Supervising and Examining Board next was discussed and certain nominations were discussed but the matter was held up one week.

The ordinance, which was ordered drawn by the City Attorney at the last meeting raising the salary of Director of Public Works from \$7200 to \$8400 per annum, was presented but action was deferred.