

NOVEMBER 14, 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, THE FOURTEENTH OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 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 November 7, 1946, which were approved as read, and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 1946, which were approved and adopted as read, each on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein 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 for investigation by City Engineer:

Ike Meader and Mrs. Lonie Keller, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of certain lots and an alley in NCB 6931, and relocation of the alley and exchange of certain parcels of land between City of San Antonio and petitioners.

Ike Meader and Mrs. Moselle Mann, 3 petitions, for approval of vacating plat of certain lots in Lakeview Gardens Subdivision No. 4, C.B. 5513; and vacating plat of Prosperity Heights, a part of CB 5513; and subdivision plat of Prosperity Heights, a part of Block 13, Co. B.4021.

Albert Schaub, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of Tract 3, Resubdivision of Division 5, County Block 5097.

Fidelity Realty Co., Inc., by Isaac Bledsoe, for approval of vacating and subdivision plats of certain lots in NCB 8615 and NCB 8090.

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REFERRED to Comm. of Fire and Police:

Continental Oil Co., for gasoline installation permit at rear of 116 Blue Star St.

Texas Co., 2 petitions, for gasoline installation permits at 1519 Hoefgen Ave. and at 1501 N. Colorado St.

San Antonio Laundry, and others, for street lighting in 200, 300 and 400 blocks of East Market St.

Robert Salas, and others, for street light at corner of S. Zarzamora and W. Harriman.

Texas Wiping Cloth Co., for permit to install outside boiler at 531 S. Medina St.

Appeal of Waldo Harper, taxicab operator, from decision of Taxicab Inspector. Comm. Anderson suggested this appeal be referred to the City Attorney to set date for a hearing after conferring with attorney for Harper.

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Petition of Little Church, for exemption from taxes at 306 E. Martin St., referred to Comm. of Taxation.

Petition of Henry Van Zoest, asking refund of health card fee, referred to City Health Officer for investigation and recommendation to the Council.

Petition of Magnolia Petroleum Co., for gasoline installation permit for Cardinal Aviation Co., Stinson Field, referred to Manager of Stinson Field.

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Mr. S. L. Carrico, of General Neon Advertising Co., addressed the Council in protest to the October 31, 1946, Amendment of the Electrical Ordinance, which he asserted vitally affects the neon industry but was passed without consultation with neon men.

Mayor Mauermann told Mr. Carrico the Council, sitting as a Committee of the Whole, would take up this matter with the Chief Electrical Inspector. Comm. Anderson said he would have

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Mr. Graham meet with the neon men and then take up this matter with the Committee of the Whole, if necessary.

A committee representing merchants on San Pedro Creek, with Mr. William Alter as spokesman, protested the erection of a building on Houston St. over the creek, stating this would create an additional flood hazard.

Comm. Anderson stated no permit had been issued for a building there, and he had, through his Building Inspector, ordered the builders not to encroach on the creek.

Mayor Mauermann said Mr. J. L. Dickson, engineer in charge of the Interregional Highway project, had cautioned some months ago against issuance of a permit in that location.

City Engineer Coghill submitted copies of letters he had written in September to Matthews and Kenan, engineers, and to the Mayor and Commissioners, recommending a 30-foot set-back line on San Pedro Creek.

Mayor Mauermann asked Mr. Alter and his committee to meet on this matter with the City Engineer, Planning Board Engineer, State Highway Engineer in charge of the Highway project, and the builder of the building in question.

Mayor Mauermann, stating he had been requested by a Committee of 250 to help in the protest against removal of the U. S. Arsenal from San Antonio, introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, We have learned that the War Department is contemplating removal of the Arsenal from San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS, We are petitioning our Congressman and other representatives in Washington, D.C., together with all who are interested in the Army and its activities, against this change; and,

WHEREAS, San Antonio is strategically located at the cross-roads of the Interregional Highway as planned by the Federal Government with the aid of the states and cities of our nation, and is likewise a cross-roads of many modes of transportation--particularly of the airlines; and,

WHEREAS, Because of this cross-roads location, San Antonio offers the many advantages of all types of transportation to the Arsenal, and especially is valuable as a "gate-way" to the Army's outposts in South America; and,

WHEREAS, The Arsenal was established in 1858 at San Antonio, because of our City's strategic location for servicing small arms of the Army, and has grown into a great arms plant, centrally situated and easily accessible to all its employees; and,

WHEREAS, The Arsenal has become a deeply-rooted and integral part of San Antonio through its near-century of operations here; it has been here so long that its employees have established and own their homes here; they have done no other type of work, and it will be impossible for them to move with this establishment to any other location, and they are well housed here at the present time and are happy in their work and doing an extraordinary amount and quality of work by reason of their contentment; and,

WHEREAS, San Antonio is an historic old city, and the Arsenal is one of our most important old landmarks; and this City is popularly known as the "mother-in-law" of the Army and would deeply regret losing one of the oldest of our family associations; and,

WHEREAS, The Arsenal constitutes a huge investment of our Federal Government in San Antonio, and because of economy-mindedness of our leaders in Washington, we feel sure that if they realize what an additional and unnecessary expense it would entail to make this change, they will be disposed to reconsider; and,

WHEREAS, San Antonio is the center of widespread Army activities throughout the State of Texas and the entire Southwest, it is therefore the natural and even vitally logical location for the Arsenal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, acting for the citizens of our community, go on record at this time as being unalterably opposed to any removal of the Arsenal from this City and pledge our united efforts to do all within our power to prevent this action.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of November, A. D. 1946.

s/ Gus B. Mauermann
M A Y O R

Attest: s/ Frank W. Brady
City Clerk

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On motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the above Resolution was passed and approved. The Mayor said copies would be sent the Congressman, Senators and others who could be of assistance.

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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 and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 444 AN ORDINANCE (4249)
 APPROPRIATING \$111,085.47 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 445 AN ORDINANCE (4250)
 APPROPRIATING \$1,770.31 OUT OF COMMERCE BLDG. FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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

APPRO. NO. 446 AN ORDINANCE (4251)
 ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH JORDAN MOTOR CO. TO FURNISH GARBAGE & SANITATION DEPT. WITH ONE FORD $\frac{1}{2}$ -TON PICK-UP TRUCK FOR \$1035.70.

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APPRO. NO. 447 AN ORDINANCE (4252)
 ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF TURNER ROOFING & SUPPLY CO. TO REPAIR ROOF OF BUILDING AT COMMERCE & WALTERS STREETS AND APPROPRIATING \$429.

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APPRO. NO. 448 AN ORDINANCE (4253)
 ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR SUPPLIES WITH STANDARD PRODUCTS CO. TO FURNISH BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE DEPT. WITH 18 GOLF TEE MATS FOR \$977.76.

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In each case on recommendation of the City Engineer and pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Council approved the following plats:

Subdivision plat of east part of NCB 1525, submitted by Guy L. Allsup.

Vacating and subdivision plats of parts of Lots 6 and 5, Block 5, Harlandale Acre Tracts No. 4, submitted by Wm. W. Barksdale.

Subdivision of east part of Lot A-26, City Block A-29, submitted by G. S. McCreless.

Vacating and subdivision plat of Tracts A and B, Block 16, Brunswick Park Addn., submitted by Jos. Horowitz.

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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. 449 AN ORDINANCE (4254)
 APPROPRIATING \$39.60 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY KELLY CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR PAVING FELISA ST. BETWEEN MISSION ROAD AND KALTEYER ST.

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APPRO. NO. 450 AN ORDINANCE (4255)
 APPROPRIATING \$59.13 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE DEPT., FOR RE-ISSUANCE OF PAYROLL CHECKS.

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APPRO. NO. 451 AN ORDINANCE (4256)
 APPROPRIATING \$317.84 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, ST. MAINT. DEPT., TO PAY A.M. McNEEL FOR PAVING SAN ANTONIO AVE. BETWEEN DONALDSON AVE. AND WEST MULBERRY AVE.

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APPRO. NO. 452

AN ORDINANCE (4257)

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT AND APPROPRIATING \$4121.64 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE DEPT., TO SIMS LUMBER CO. FOR BRIDGE LUMBER.

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APPRO. NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE (4258)

APPROPRIATING \$166 OUT OF STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUNDS AND REPAIRS.

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AN ORDINANCE (4259)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH W. V. JENKINS.

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AN ORDINANCE (4260)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH R. L. HENAIN.

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AN ORDINANCE (4261)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TRUCK WITH E. YOUNG.

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AN ORDINANCE (4262)

MAKING A CONTRACT FOR A TEAM WITH PROJEDES G. CISNEROS.

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Pursuant to recommendation and motion of Comm. Anderson, duly seconded and carried, the Council granted the petition of Humble Oil & Refining Co. for gasoline installation permit at 111 W. Crockett 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.

AN ORDINANCE (4263)

AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE PERSONNEL OF THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF SUCH BOARD AND THEIR DUTIES: THE MANNER OF APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE: PROVIDING FOR THE SELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN: PROVIDING FOR THE SELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR: REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY": PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 7TH OF OCTOBER, 1943.

The Mayor explained this amendment had been requested by the Health Board to reduce the quorum requirement to four members, a majority of the Board, which the Board believed to be a more workable arrangement.

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APPRO. NO. 454

AN ORDINANCE (4264)

APPROPRIATING \$69 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, PAUPER INTERMENT DEPT., FOR DIGGING OF GRAVES AND BURIAL OF PAUPERS DURING OCTOBER, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 455

AN ORDINANCE (4265)

APPROPRIATING \$202.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, AUDITING DEPT., PAYABLE TO COMMERCIAL RECORDER FOR PUBLISHING QUARTERLY & ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 1946.

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APPRO. NO. 456

AN ORDINANCE (4266)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH FRED B. NISBET TO FURNISH HOUSING STINSON FIELD DEPT. WITH ONE MONEY CHEST AND APPROPRIATING \$218.

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APPRO. NO. 457

AN ORDINANCE (4267)

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APPRO. NO. 457

AN ORDINANCE (4267)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL, CREATING CONTRACT AND MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR EQUIPMENT WITH DOWNTOWN MOTORS TO FURNISH HOUSING STINSON FIELD DEPT., WITH ONE FORD ½-TON PICKUP TRUCK AND APPROPRIATING \$1035.95.

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AN ORDINANCE (4268)

MAKING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND W. U. PAUL, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE (4269)

MAKING A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND W. U. PAUL, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE (4270)

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FROM W. U. PAUL, INC., OF HANGAR DOORS FOR HANGAR NO. 602 AT STINSON FIELD.

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At the request of the Mayor, and before the roll call vote, Col. Walter Gunstream, Stinson Field Manager, explained the above leases and purchase of hangar doors. He said the doors were essential and would increase the value of the hangar, and, since no funds were available, W. U. Paul, Inc., would construct the doors and receive credit on his rental to reimburse the cost.

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Bids on surplus property offered for sale at the Municipal Airport were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent and the Airport Director.

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Mr. George Schutte, Commander, Motor Transport Post. No. 1533, Veterans of Foreign Wars, appeared before the Council concerning the Post's attempt to obtain City property on Martinez St. and the San Antonio River as a site for a VFW Memorial Building. Comm. Hein suggested the City set out the portion to be retained and the VFW Post make the City a definite offer for the remainder. Mayor Mauermann requested that the City Engineer check this and make a report and recommendation to the Council on Tuesday.

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The Clerk read the following letter:

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His Honor The Mayor
Gus B. Mauermann and
City Commissioners
City Hall
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Some few days ago, we filed a blue print of our preliminary plans for the grandstand for the proposed new baseball park, together with an application to the office of the Civilian Production Administration in this city requesting permission to build. Yesterday afternoon, after the meeting of the CPA Committee, Mr. Chambers, the Administrator, phoned us that he would like to receive more information pertaining to this project. We met with him this morning and have just returned from his office. He now requests an itemized list of the materials that will enter into the construction of the grandstand. We expect to get this together at once for him. Mr. Chambers stated that it would probably be next Wednesday, the 20th, before the Committee would have another meeting to go into this matter. As time in which to build the park is extremely short, it is absolutely necessary to do everything as quickly as possible to avoid wasting any further time. We know that work should and can be started on the grounds; and if the St. Louis Browns can advance the money, equipment and men can be secured and the ground work done at once.

Might state that our plans, including those of our engineer, Mr. Willard Simpson, are pretty well along, but it will require several weeks at least before our drawings and specifications are finally completed; therefore, the ground work could be done while these are being completed. We have also checked up on the availability of reinforcing steel and other materials and, in our opinion, these can be secured.

The two vital things now are the permission from the CPA to build and to get the work on the grounds started immediately.

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Yours very truly,

s/ Atlee B. Ayres
 ATLEE B. AYRES
 FOR THE FIRM
 ATLEE B. AND ROBERT M. AYRES

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 cc Mr. Wm. O. DeWitt, Vice-Pres.
 American League Baseball Co.

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 Comm. Anderson stated it seemed a "little premature" to start expenditure before the plans are drawn or anyone has figured the cost. He wanted to know if the ball club intended to go ahead and work on the grounds without cost to the City.

Mayor Mauermann said this was the first he had heard of such a plan. He instructed the Clerk to write and thank Ayres for this progress report and to state the City's proposition is as stated in the ordinance passed October 31, 1946, and if there is to be any change it would properly be done by amendment to this ordinance.

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 Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the meeting was recessed to Tuesday, November 19th, 1946, at 11:00 o'clock, A.M.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the Meeting of November 14, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Tuesday, November 19, 1946.

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

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 The Petition of Los Angeles Heights Assembly of God Church for exemption from taxes on property at 417 Catalina St., was presented and referred to the Comm. of Taxation.

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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 and Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 458 AN ORDINANCE (4271)
 APPROPRIATING \$32,772.78 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND FOR PER DIEM PAYROLLS.

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 APPRO. NO. 459 AN ORLINANCE (4272)
 APPROPRIATING \$674 OUT OF PARK REVENUE BOND 1945 FUND FOR PAYROLL.

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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. Comm. Hein explained that this contract covered collection of garbage at Carson Homes at the rate of \$1.00 per month per family for November and December, after which a new contract would be negotiated, and he recommended it to the Council.

AN ORDINANCE (4273)
 MAKING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE & RUBBISH AT CARSON HOMES.

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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. 460 AN ORDINANCE (4274)
 APPROPRIATING \$2,703.50 OUT OF 1946 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPT., TO PAY FOR INDEPENDENT HIRE OF TEAMS AND TRUCKS.