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Commissioner Davis stated that he understood that if this contract was signed and \$400,000.00 loan secured for a survey and planning of the project, that Mr. Gordon Davis, a politician, would be put in charge of the survey and he would use the funds to help build up a political organization to help the Mayor pass his proposed Charter Amendments. This surmise was flatly denied by Mr. Sinkin. Commissioner South asked the assurance of the Housing Authority members present that wherever possible the proposed housing units would be built in the locations where slums or below standard housing now exist. This assurance was given that this would be done where possible and feasible. Mrs. Blue and Mr. Costillo assenting.

Ex-Mayor Maverick, then addressed the Council lengthily after which a vote was taken resulting as follows: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, none.

A motion by Commissioner Knight, seconded by Commissioner Hein, to have City offices get up a statement of housing rentals for Camp Cushing and Stinson Field, as soon as possible.

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THE FOLLOWING PETITION WAS GRANTED:

The petition of Jud Plumbing and Heating Company, requesting a permit to install two 5000 gallon underground gasoline storage tanks at 1121 Broadway.

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On a motion by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by a roll call vote to-wit; Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, none, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

ATTEST:


J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk


A. C. White, Mayor.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL, THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 23, 1949, AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

WHITE, DAVIS, HEIN, KNIGHT AND SOUTH: Mayor White Presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Sterling F. Wheeler, Jefferson Methodist Church.

Miss Kathleen Jones, as director, with a party of pupils of Laura Steel School, serenaded the Council with Christmas Carols.

On a motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hein, ^{reading of} the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with, motion carried by a roll call vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South: Nays-none.

THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WERE PRESENTED AND REFERRED:

Commissioner of Street and Public Improvements:

The petition filed by Eugene Blount, requesting a new bridge and improvements in the 1100 block of Rivas Street.

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The petition filed by G. W. Delavan, Sr., requesting the annexation of Dell-Brook Addition.

The petition filed by Rev. H. C. Pitts, et al, requesting repairs to streets and sewers on Dakota, Gevers, Vargas and Hedges Streets.

The petition filie by Louis A. Hall, et al, requesting improvement of the two hundred block of Lee Street.

The petition filed by Frank Baskin, et al, on behalf of the "Better Baseball Incorporated", requesting an option on land located south of Alamo Stadium.

The petition of Rev. Marcel Van Hemelryck, recommending that the petition of Universal Concrete Products Company, which request the closing of South Trinity Street, between Merida and Kemper Streets, and reallocate approximately 252 feet asset forth in their petition.

Commissioner of Fire and Police:

The petition of Robert D. Garcia, et al, requesting that a street light be installed at Elmendorf and Texas Avenue.

The petition of Ascension Castillo, et al requesting a street light to be placed at the intersection of Guadalupe and El Paso Streets.

The petition of Mrs. Pauleta Garza Gutierrez, requesting a street light to be placed at the beginning of the 200 block of Lorraine Street, (Intersection of Lorraine Street & Unnamed Alley).

The petition of Marie Craig, et al, requesting a street light be installed at the intersection of Leal and N.W. Twentieth Street.

Zoning Commission:

The petition filed by Lemanor Housing Inc., requesting the zoning of lot 12, NCB 9762 and lot 16, NCB 9763, Lemanor Heights.

The petition filed by John Cunningham, requesting the zoning of New City Block 8061.

Committee of the Whole

The seven petitions, subjects as follows: Major allocation and appropriation of funds for Capital Investments, Public Service Building, Advertising, Paving, Allocation and appropriation of funds for Villita Plate, Battle Flags, and Hidalgo, presented by Maury Maverick, regarding La Villita, referred to the Committee of the Whole for study, by the following vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays; none.

The following Ordinances were introduced by the Mayor and various Commissioners and passed and approved by a roll call vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight; and South, Nays, none.

COMM. HEIN:

APPRO. NO. 954

AN ORDINANCE 11,110

APPROPRIATING \$92.90 OUT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAX ACCOUNT TO PAY THE COLLECTOR OF INTERNAL REVENUE, GOVERNMENT TAX ON ADMISSION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1949.

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APPRO. NO. 955

AN ORDINANCE 11,111

APPROPRIATING \$359.00 OUT OF THE 1949 GENERAL FUND, CITY HALL BUIDING, PAYABLE TO MR. ED. A. JAECKLE, PLUMBING, HEATING, APPLIANCES, LOCATED AT 700 SOUTH GEVERS STREET, TO INSTALL SINK AND MAKE PROPER PLUMBING CONNECTIONS.

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COMM. KNIGHT

APPRO. NO. 956

AN ORDINANCE 11, 112

REPEALING PARAGRAPH 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 10848 ENTITLED "ACCEPTING OFFER OF MRS. MARY PICKARD, A WIDOW, TO CONVEY CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR THE WIDENING OF SOUTH FLORES STREET: AND APPROPRIATING \$37,763.61 IN PAYMENT THEREFOR AND FOR DAMAGES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH". PASSED AND APPROVED THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1949, AND APPROPRIATING \$37,763.61 OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY MRS. MARY PICKARD.

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APPRO. NO. 957

AN ORDINANCE 11,113

APPROPRIATING \$1,500.00 OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND TO PAY REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 958

AN ORDINANCE 11,114

APPROPRIATING \$2,747.50 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND TO PAY REGULAR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLL.

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APPRO. NO. 959

AN ORDINANCE 11,115

APPROPRIATING \$750.00 OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND, TO PAY P.L. TSCHIRHART, FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH APPRAISING VARIOUS PARCELS OF LAND REQUIRED FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIFTH STREET BRIDGE.

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APPRO. NO. 960

AN ORDINANCE 11,116

APPROPRIATING \$750.00 OUT OF THE STREET SALES FUND TO ALAMO TITLE CO., IN PAYMENT FOR LAND TO BE CONVEYED BY V. H. JAYCOX, OWNING, OCCUPYING & CLAIMING OTHER PROPERTY AS HIS HOMESTEAD, FOR STREET OPENING & WIDENING PURPOSES.

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APPRO. NO. 961

AN ORDINANCE 11,117

APPROPRIATING \$25.00 OUT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO STREET EXCAVATION TRUST ACCOUNT FOR REFUND.

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APPRO. NO. 962

AN ORDINANCE 11,118

APPROPRIATING \$75.00 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND, TO PAY J. E. FILBIN & WIFE, ALICE FILBIN, DAMAGES FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS ON A PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT NECESSITATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST SIDE SEWER MAIN.

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APPRO. NO. 963

AN ORDINANCE 11,119

APPROPRIATING \$3,866.39 OUT OF THE STREET & BRIDGE C-45 FUND, TO PAY ROLAND SCHMIDT, JOSE REVINO, ELMO DANIELS, FRANK P. MCELWRATH, JR., J. E. INGRAM EQUIPMENT CO., FRITH & GRAY, JONES & GARRETT, KELLY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACTS.

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APPRO. NO. 964

AN ORDINANCE 11,120

APPROPRIATING \$731.02 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND, TO PAY ROLAND SCHMIDT FOR FURNISHING EQUIPMENT, WITH OPERATORS: AND ENGINEERS TESTING LABORATORY, INC., FOR TESTING CONCRETE PIPE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONTRACTS.

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APPRO. NO. 965

AN ORDINANCE 11,121

APPROPRIATING \$135.00 OUT OF THE SANITARY SEWER PLANT & SYSTEM A-47 FUND, TO PAY JOHN HEPTLEY AND WIFE, HARRIETT HEPTLEY DAMAGES FOR REMOVING OBSTRUCTIONS ON A PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT NECESSITATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST SIDE SEWER MAIN.

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MAYOR WHITE
APPRO. NO. 966

AN ORDINANCE 11,122

APPROPRIATING \$230.96 OUT OF THE ADVERTISING FUND PAYABLE TO MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING COMMISSION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING COMMISSION FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1949.

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COMM. DAVIS.
APPRO. NO. 967

AN ORDINANCE 11,123

REPEALING VARIOUS ORDINANCES PASSED ON DECEMBER 15, 1949 ON ACCOUNT OF BEING ISSUED IN DUPLICATE, PAYABLE OUT OF THE 1949 GENERAL FUND, PROCEEDS OF NOTES ACCOUNT.

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COMM. KNIGHT:

AN ORDINANCE 11,124

ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM J. E. FILBIN AND WIFE ALICE FILBIN, FOR PUBLIC DRAIN ACROSS A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF DOMINGO BUSTILLOS SURVEY NO.31, IN COUNTY BLOCK 5718, IN THE NORTHEAST PART OF LOT 171.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,125

ACCEPTING EASEMENT FROM JOHN HEPTLEY AND WIFE HARRIETT HEPTLEY FOR PUBLIC DRAIN ACROSS A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF DOMINGO BUSTILLOS SURVEY NO. 31, in lot 165, COUNTY BLOCK 5718

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COMM. SOUTH:

AN ORDINANCE 11,126

REPEALING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 1950, AND THE PUBLICATION THEREOF AND AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLES 1165-1166 OF VERNON'S CIVIL STATUTES OF TEXAS OF THE QUESTION 'SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A NEW CHARTER'; AND PROVIDING FURTHER FOR A CHARTER COMMISSION AND THAT THE BALLOT OR VOTING MACHINE SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN NOR MORE THAN ONE MEMBER FOR EACH THREE THOUSAND INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE VOTED ON AT SUCH SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SAID CHARTER COMMISSION FROM THE CITY AT LARGE", PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1949.

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AN ORDINANCE 11,127

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY ADDING RULE 38-b THERETO, FIXING ONE HOUR PARKING LIMIT ON CERTAIN OTHER STREETS AND PLAZAS.

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MAYOR WHITE:

AN ORDINANCE 11,128

APPOINTING AND CONFIRMING T. N. TUCKER AS
CITY AUDITOR, AND FIXING SALARY.

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Commissioner Davis introduced the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 11,129

ORDERING AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE CHARTER
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND TO ADD
CERTAIN SECTIONS THERETO.

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Mayor White rose to discuss the Ordinance stating that in the shape it was drawn it did not give the people a fair chance to express their wished. It ignored the fact that some 42,000 voters had expressed a desire to vote on a change and that 13,000 had petitioned for specific changes. That the manner in which the Ordinance was drawn would disbar 90% of the voters by lack of time to read the ballot and cast an intelligent vote. He thought they should be given a chance to vote by numbers to speed up the voting.

Commissioner Davis replied to the Mayor, stating that a copy of the Ordinance would be mailed in a few days to all the voters by the City Clerk and they could read it at leisure and vote intelligently. It would be entirely legal to refrain from numbering the propositions so that each proposal would stand or fall on its own merits without further identification.

Commissioner South stated he would like to review the whole matter and manner of drafting the Amendments and went into detail as to how the "Peoples Charter Revision Committee" and the Official Charter Revision Committee were appointed and gave some detail as to their work. He said that while the Mayor claimed 42,000 people in voting for him, indicated their wish to vote on a change in the Charter he was entirely wrong, in that a great number of these votes were "Against Callaghan", votes instead of "for" anything or anybody. He said he thought it was an insult to the intelligence of the people to say that they needed numbers to vote by.

James L. M. Miller an attorney, then gave some technical information relative to voting machines and Mr. Wallace Cook and Mr. Ulrich asked questions after which the vote was taken with the following results: Ayes Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, White. Mr. B. This Ordinance was vetoed by the Mayor. See page #249.

A recommendation of the Board of Examiners and Appeals, relative to ammendment of Building Code, was referred to the Commissioner of Fire and Police for his attention.

A recommendation of the Zoning Commission regarding Dashill Street, was referred to the City Attorney to draw a Resolution giving notice of a hearing.

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COMM. KNIGHT

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN ADVANCE OR
ADVANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCE PLANNING
OF NON-FEDERAL PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE TERMS
OF PUBLIC LAW 352, 81 ST CONGRESS OF THE UNITED
STATES, APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1949; AUTHORIZING
THE COMMISSIONER OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVE-
MENTS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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COMM. SOUTH:

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO
MAKE AN EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF TONE ONLY
DOOLITTLE FREQUENCY METER FOR POLICE DEP-
ARTMENT F.M. RADIO SYSTEM INSTALLATION
FROM FEDERAL TELEPHONE & RADIO CORPORATION.

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COMM. KNIGHT:

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A DITCHING MACHINE
FOR USE BY THE STREE DEPARTMENT.

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COMM. SOUTH:

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE CITY PURCHASING AGENT TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS TO FURNISH THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT WITH SIX SMALL APARTMENT SIZE
GAS COOK STOVE, BIDS TO BE OPENED ON
JANUARY 5th, 1950.

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The following bids were read aloud and referred to the Purchasing Agent, for tabulation:

BINDERS AND SHEETS:

Standard Printing Company, Paul Anderson Company, The Clegg Company, Maverick-Clarke.

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Standard Printing Company, Paul Anderson, The Clegg Company.

3400' C.I. PIPE:

San Antonio Machine & Supply Company.

SEWER CLEANING EQUIPMENT:

Flexible Sewer-Rod Equipment Co.

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THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WERE GRANTED:

The petition of A. F. Reininger, requesting approval of Lot # 17,18,19, City Block #8436, Stret No. 1803 West Avenue, for the location of a drive-in filling station, with the following notion; "It is recommended this petition be approved, provided the customers are not to be permitted to serve gasoline from pumps or any other manner on this property.

The petition of Thos. D. Jones, requesting the approval for the location of a drive-in filling station on Lot No. 16 & 17, City Block No. 8334, Street No.502 Bandera Rd.

The petition of Felipe Narvaez, requesting the approval of a drive-in filling station on Lot 36 & 37, Block 13, City Block No. 8096, Street No. 469 Romero St.

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On a motion by Commissioner Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by a roll call vote to-wit: Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South; Nays, none, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED

ATTEST:


J. Frank Gallagher,
City Clerk


A. C. White, Mayor.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CLAMBER OF THE CITY HALL THURSDAY DECEMBER 29,
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

WHITE, DAVIS, HEIN, KNIGHT AND SOUTH: Mayor White presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Paul Osborn, St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

On a motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Hein, ^{reading of} the minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with, motion carried by a roll call vote to-wit; Ayes, White, Davis, Hein, Knight and South: Nays, none.

THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WERE PRESENTED AND REFERRED:

Commissioner of Street and Public Improvements:

The petition filed by Universal Concrete Products Co., requesting the re-locating of South Trinity Street, between Kemper and Merida Streets.

Commissioner Fire and Police:

The petition filed by Fidel Saenz, requesting approval of a location for a drive-in gasoline filling station at Castroville Rd and Bertha Street.

The petition filed by Humble Oil & Refining Company, requesting approval of a location at Fredericksburg Rd & Rosewood for a drive-in gasoline filling station.

The petition filed by Pedro L. Hernandez, requesting permission to operate an open air theatre.