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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, JULY 26th, 1945.

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

The Clerk read the minutes of the meeting of July 19, which minutes were approved, as read, on motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

The following petitions were presented and referred:

Petition of The Little Church Around the Corner, asking exemption from taxation on property at 306 East Martin St.; and

Petition of First Baptist Church, asking exemption from taxation on property at 2224 Durango St., both referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

Petition of the Texas Co. for permission to make gasoline installation at 716 San Pedro Avenue, referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Petition of residents in favor of proposed changes in San Pedro, Beacon Hill and North Flores bus lines. This petition was presented by representatives of the San Antonio Transit Co. and was laid over until later in the meeting, when the Transit Company's petition for permission to make these changes was to be acted upon.

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

APPRO. NO. 119

AN ORDINANCE (2448)

TRANSFERRING \$4,400.00 FROM BACK TAX GENERAL FUND AND \$4,000.00 FROM 1944 GENERAL FUND TO 1945 GENERAL FUND.

APPRO. NO. 120

AN ORDINANCE (2449)

APPROPRIATING \$25,009.59 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY ONE NOTE, No. 11, OF THE 1945 GENERAL FUND SERIES & ACCRUED INTEREST.

APPRO. NO. 121

AN ORDINANCE (2450)

APPROPRIATING \$177.30 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES FOR MONTH OF JULY 1945.

AN ORDINANCE (2451)

GRANTING PETITION OF HOME MISSION BOARD OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL 1945 AND YEARS SUBSEQUENT THERETO ON NORTH ONE-HALF OF LOT 13, BLOCK 11, IN STONEWALL ADDITION TO CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

AN ORDINANCE (2452)

GRANTING PETITION OF HARRIMAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (NOW FIRST CHRISTIAN, INC.) FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES FOR FISCAL YEARS 1943, 1944 and 1945, ON LOT 2, BLOCK 6, N.C.B. 3875, AT 227 GIVENS ST., IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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

APPRO. NO. 122

AN ORDINANCE (2453)

APPROPRIATING \$15.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY STEWART TITLE CO. FOR COMPLETING ABSTRACT TO LOTS 10, 11, 14 & NORTH PART OF LOTS 9 & 12, CITY BLOCK 114, LA VILLITA PROPERTY.

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

APPRO. NO. 123

AN ORDINANCE (2454)

APPROPRIATING \$1920.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, ENGINEERING DEPT., PAYABLE TO JOHN HAGY FOR TEST BORING.

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APPRO. NO. 124

AN ORDINANCE (2455)

APPROPRIATING \$6605.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE, PAYABLE TO JESS McNEEL MACHINERY CO. FOR ONE ADAMS 412-8 MOTOR GRADER.

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On recommendation of the City Engineer and on motion of Commissioner Steffler, seconded by Commissioner Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the Council approved the plat vacating the subdivision known as "Beverly Park", submitted by Raymond Edwards as attorney for Ed Steves & Sons.

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At this point, Commissioner Anderson suggested that in the consideration of future plats, the City seek to obtain dedications for parks and playgrounds in new sections of the city.

Mayor Mauermann agreed that the Council would take up this suggestion.

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On recommendation and motion of Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Callaghan in each case, and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Council granted the following four petitions:

Two petitions of Humble Oil & Refining Co. asking permission to make gasoline installations at 914 Broadway and 115 Arthur St.; and

Two petitions of Magnolia Petroleum Co. asking permission to make gasoline installations at 2722 Nogalitos St. and 203 North New Braunfels Ave.

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

APPRO. NO. 125

AN ORDINANCE (2456)

TRANSFERRING \$13,000 FROM 1945 GENERAL FUND, PARKING METER ACCOUNT, TO POLICE AND FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND.

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AN ORDINANCE (2457)

TERMINATING AETNA GROUP POLICY FOR FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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A RESOLUTION (2458)

DIRECTING PURCHASING AGENT TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR PARKING METERS.

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The following two ordinances, which were introduced on first reading by Commissioner Anderson on June 20, 1945, and ordered published in accordance with the Charter requirement, were re-introduced by Commissioner Anderson and passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson.

AN ORDINANCE (2459)

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF OLMOS PARK.

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AN ORDINANCE (2460)

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY ADJACENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF TERRELL HILLS.

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

APPRO. NO. 126

AN ORDINANCE (2461)

APPROPRIATING \$315.00 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, VARIOUS DEPTS., PAYABLE TO DAN QUILL, POSTMASTER, FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

APPRO. NO. 127

AN ORDINANCE (2462)

APPROPRIATING \$32.69 IN PAYMENT TO T. D. COBBS, JR., CITY ATTORNEY, OF EXPENSES INCURRED ON TRIP TO GALVESTON, TEXAS, ON CITY BUSINESS.

AN ORDINANCE (2463)

ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF NOGALITOS LUMBER CO. TO PURCHASE APPROXIMATELY 20,000 BOARD FEET OF USED OAK FLOORING LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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

APPRO. NO. 128

AN ORDINANCE (2464)

APPROPRIATING \$5,739.35 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND TO PAY ESTATE OF GEORGE W. BRACKENRIDGE, DECEASED, NOTE NO. 1 AND SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST ON NOTES NO. 1 TO 10 INC.

The following bids were opened and publicly read and referred to the Purchasing Agent:

Bids to furnish the Garbage and Sanitation Dept. with twenty truck chassis with cabs and six trucks equipped with steel dump bodies and hydraulic hoists;

Bids to furnish the Rivers & Ditches Dept. with one gasoline power unit; and

Bids to purchase nine trucks located at Garbage and Sanitation Dept. yards.

The Council then proceeded to hear more testimony on the application of the San Antonio Transit Co. for permission to discontinue service on the North Flores bus line and make changes in the routes of the San Pedro and Beacon Hill bus lines. This hearing had been continued from a previous meeting.

Mr. Laurence Wingerter, Transit Co. vice president, presented additional testimony on the reasons why the changes were necessary and beneficial.

Judge O. M. Fitzhugh, spokesman for the residents protesting the changes and discontinuance of the North Flores line, answered for the opposition.

Both sides presented residents of the affected areas as additional speakers.

Early in the hearing, Commissioner Anderson gave a preliminary report on a traffic survey he had ordered made in the affected areas, especially at the intersection of San Pedro and Woodlawn avenues, where traffic would be increased by the proposed changes. He offered as a substitute proposal to the Transit Co. that the Beacon Hill line be routed over Summit Ave. to provide service to residents who now use the North Flores line.

Mr. Wingerter also presented in evidence a letter from Mr. Al Reynolds, City Manager, Interstate Theatres, approving the proposed change in the San Pedro line, and a petition signed by residents favoring the proposed re-routing of the San Pedro Bus Line and the proposed combination of the Beacon Hill and North Flores lines.

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At the conclusion of the testimony, Mayor Mauermann asked Commissioner Anderson if he wished to make a recommendation, since this matter properly came under his department.

Commissioner Anderson said he thought it would be best for all concerned to "maintain the status quo".

In reply to questions from the Mayor, Commissioner Hein said he was ready to follow whatever recommendation Commissioner Anderson would make as head of the department concerned, and Commissioners Callaghan and Steffler said they were ready to vote.

Mayor Mauermann asked Commissioner Anderson if he would submit the ordinance which had been prepared to establish the new route on the San Pedro and Beacon Hill bus lines.

Commissioner Anderson replied that he would submit the ordinance so the Council would have something before it, but would not recommend it or offer it for a vote at this time.

Mayor Mauermann then announced he was introducing, for roll call vote, the following ordinance, which was rejected by roll call vote, to-wit: Aye, Mauermann; Nays, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 1ST OF DECEMBER, 1921, REGULATING LOCAL STREET TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ESTABLISHING NEW BUS ROUTES ON THE SAN PEDRO LINE AND THE BEACON HILL LINE.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Steffler and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting was recessed to 3:00 o'clock, P. M., of the same day, July 26, 1945, at which time the Council was to canvass the result of the special election held July 25, 1945.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 3:00 o'clock, P. M., on Thursday, July 26, 1945.

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

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In accordance with the purpose of this recess, the Mayor and Commissioners proceeded to canvass the result of the Special Election held July 25th, 1945.

Upon completion of the canvass, Mayor Mauermann introduced the following ordinance, which was passed and approved by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein and Anderson; Nay, Steffler (absent).

AN ORDINANCE (2465)

DECLARING THE CANVASS AND THE RESULT OF A SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1945, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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On motion of Commissioner Hein, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Anderson; Nay, Steffler (absent), the meeting was recessed to Tuesday, July 31, at 10:00 o'clock, A. M.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS of the meeting of July 26, the Council reconvened in the Council Chamber of the City Hall at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., on Tuesday, July 31, 1945.

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

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The following petitions were presented and referred to the Commissioner of Fire & Police:
Petition of Texas and New Orleans Railroad Co. for franchise to lay a track in Walnut St. and across Florida St.

Petition of residents protesting the opening of a funeral home at 1614 El Paso St.

Petition of Catholic Women's Assn. for installation of a street light between the Catholic Women's Assn. Building and the Boelhauwe home.

Referred to City Engineer:

Petition of Mrs. C. DeWinne for approval of plat of subdivision of Lot 34, Block 35, N. C. B. 3694, in Edgewood Addition.

Two petitions of Mr. Earle L. Benke asking approval of two plats respectively vacating and re-subdividing Lots 7, 9 and 11, Block 2, N.C.B. 1007.

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

APPRO. NO. 129

AN ORDINANCE (2466)

APPROPRIATING \$95,939.87 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND FOR SEMI-MONTHLY PAYROLLS.

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APPRO. NO. 130

AN ORDINANCE (2467)

APPROPRIATING \$2.50 OUT OF PAYROLL ACCOUNT PAYABLE TO U. S. GOVERNMENT TAX ACCOUNT.

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

AN ORDINANCE (2468)

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2457 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TERMINATING AETNA GROUP POLICY FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENT", PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 26TH OF JULY, 1945.

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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, Anderson.

APPRO. NO. 131

AN ORDINANCE (2469)

APPROPRIATING \$193.80 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., PAYABLE TO F. GUENTERT FOR CARPENTER WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH HEALTH BUILDING.

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APPRO. NO. 132

AN ORDINANCE (2470)

APPROPRIATING \$38.50 OUT OF 1945 GENERAL FUND, HEALTH DEPT., PAYABLE TO F. GUENTERT FOR CARPENTER LABOR.

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AN ORDINANCE (2471)

PROVIDING FOR THE LEASING OF THE "WESTFALL LANDS" IN WILSON COUNTY FOR OIL AND GAS AND OTHER PURPOSES.

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Mayor Mauermann announced that the Mayor and Commissioners would meet with representatives of the various railroads operating in San Antonio in the Council Chamber at 10:00 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, August 1st. He explained the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss

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with the railroad representatives the matters of necessary grade separations and changes in the railroad lines to coordinate them with the overall plan for the post-war improvement of San Antonio streets and highways.

On motion of Commissioner Callaghan, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermam, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson, the meeting adjourned Tuesday, July 31, 1945.

APPROVED:

Frank Mauermam
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank A. Brady
City Clerk

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(For full text of all ordinances passed at this meeting and two recessed meetings, see Ordinance Book "M", pages 650 through 663.)

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