

JUNE 25, 1946

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,  
TEXAS, SITTING AS THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1946, AT 10:30 A. M., IN THE OFFICE  
OF COMMISSIONER STEFFLER.

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

The meeting had been arranged at the Council Meeting of Thursday, June 20th, in order to give Mr. H. B. Zachry a chance to go into details concerning the bid submitted by him for constructing underground parking facilities under Travis Park. Mr. Zachry's proposal was first read, as re-submitted on June 20, 1946. Mayor Mauermann began the discussion by stating that he thought there were three phases to be considered, first, financing; second, the building itself, such as type of finishing, restrooms, ventilation, etc.; and third, operation.

Mr. Zachry then took up first the financing, explaining that he was making a proposal to the City which would not affect the tax rate in any way, which would give much needed relief on the parking problem and enhance the value of downtown property, without asking the City to put up any money; that he was obligating himself to buy the \$1,500,000.00 worth of revenue bonds, which would be secured by "an exclusive first lien on the net revenues derivable from the operation of said parking facilities and to be additionally secured by a mortgage on the physical properties"; the facilities to be operated by an operating company for 25 years under lease, at the end of which time the property would be turned over to the City in good operating condition. Mr. Zachry stated that unless the Commissioners were one hundred per cent in favor of the proposal, he did not wish to proceed further. A poll of the Council resulted in each one stating that he was "agreed in principle". Mr. Zachry then said that it was the opinion of his attorneys that a charter amendment would be necessary before the contract could be made, and this question was referred to City Attorney Cobbs for investigation before any further discussion was had.

City Engineer Coghill submitted the following recommendations on matters which had been referred to him, all of which were adopted by unanimous vote of the Council, after being duly moved and seconded:

The petition of Bonifacio W. Lopez et al to close an alley in the N. C. B. 462 and to purchase the land was denied.

The petition of William R. Walls that the City purchase Lot 29, N.C.B. 2585 for the purpose of opening Ellis Bean Street was denied.

Petitions of R. L. White Company and Better Homes Development Company to buy certain land were referred to the Commissioner of Taxation for re-appraisal.

The contract for operating concessions at the South San Antonio U.S.O. was referred back to the City Attorney for certain changes in its provisions.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: *Mauermann*

ATTEST:

*Olivia D. Hodson*

Ass't. City Clerk

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\* CORRECTION: In place of "City Attorney" should read "Commissioner Henry F. Hein".