

Maury Maverick
Mayor

Attest: H. L. Dillashaw
City Clerk

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Commissioner Hein introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

No. 359 77R-639 AN ORDINANCE (2464)

APPROPRIATING \$99.55 OUT OF THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #15 FUND, FOR PAYROLL.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$99.55, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Improvement District #15 Fund, for payroll for the period ending October 15, 1940, for account of:

River Beautification Project \$99.55

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 24th day of October, 1940.

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Commissioner Steffler introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler, and Lipscomb.

No. 360 77R-640 AN ORDINANCE (2465)

APPROPRIATING \$276.08 OUT OF THE STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND OF 1937 TO PAY
FOR PAVING SKIPS AND INTERSECTIONS OF STREETS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the sum of \$276.08, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the Street Improvement Fund of 1937 to pay for paving skips and intersections on various streets as per approved invoice on file in the City Auditor's Office, payable to Rodgers & Stewart Incorporated.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 24th day of October, 1940.

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No. 361 77R-641 AN ORDINANCE (2466)

APPROPRIATING \$100.00 TO REIMBURSE WILLIAM P. WITT, RECREATION DIRECTOR,
FOR EXPENSES INCURRED AND PAID BY HIM ON TRIP TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That \$100.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1940 General Fund Recreation Account, to reimburse William P. Witt, Recreation Director, for expenses incurred and paid by him on trip to Cleveland, Ohio, September 30th, to October 5th, 1940, on official business of the City of San Antonio, as per itemized sworn statement attached hereto and made a part hereof.

2. PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, A. D. 1940.

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No. 362

MR-642 AN ORDINANCE (2467)

APPROPRIATING \$13.25 TO REIMBURSE C. D. SIKES FOR DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE ON ACCOUNT OF CITY TRUCK SIDESWIPING THE SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That \$13.25 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1940 General Fund- Judgments & Suits Account, to reimburse C. D. Sikes for damages to automobile on account of city truck sideswiping the same at the intersection of West Cypress and North Flores Streets, in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, on October 1, 1940.

2. Upon execution and delivery of release, approved by the City Attorney, the Auditor is directed to deliver to said C. D. Sikes city warrant in the amount of \$13.25.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, A. D. 1940.

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No. 363

MR-643 AN ORDINANCE (2468)

APPROPRIATING \$15.95 TO REIMBURSE MABEL BRYANT FOR ARTICLES LOST AT SAN PEDRO SWIMMING POOL.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That \$15.95 be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the 1940 General Fund- Recreation Department, to reimburse Mabel Bryant, of San Antonio, Texas, for articles lost at the San Pedro Swimming Pool checking room, after same had been checked into the checker on duty, during July, 1940.

2. Upon execution and delivery of release, approved by the City Attorney, the Auditor is directed to deliver to the above named Mabel Bryant, city warrant in the amount of \$15.95.

3. PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, A. D. 1940.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following ordinance, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

MR-644 AN ORDINANCE (2469)

REVISING, ESTABLISHING AND CORRECTING ELECTION PRECINCTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AFTER JANUARY 1, 1941.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. WHEREAS, as more fully appears by reference to the Minutes of the County Commissioners of Bexar County, Texas, on the 16th day of August, A. D. 1940, the County Commissioners acting by the authority vested in them by Article 2934, Chapter 2, Title 50, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, revised, established and corrected Voting Precincts within the City of San Antonio, NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

2. That the Voting Precincts within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio shall be, after January 1st, 1941, identical precincts as revised, established and corrected by the order of the County Commissioners Court of the County of Bexar, State of Texas, as promulgated by the order of the 16th of August, A. D. 1940, which order is included herein by reference as fully and to all intents and purposes as if it were copied herein, the said Voting Precincts being numbered 1 to 135, inclusive, and 169.

3. That Precinct No. 169, comprising Olmos Park Terrace, now annexed to the City of San Antonio was erroneously described in said order as a county precinct whereas it should be classified as a city precinct, and is here included in the list of city precincts provided for and designated in this ordinance.

4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

5. The above shall become effective on January 1, 1941.

6. PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, A. D. 1940.

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Mayor Maverick introduced the following resolution, which was read, passed and approved by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Maverick, Davis, Hein, Steffler and Lipscomb.

A RESOLUTION (2470)

WHEREAS, the Council-Manager Committee of the City of San Antonio, composed of the following members:

Harold Keller	Chairman
Stanley Banks	
Mrs. R. D. Bell	
Leroy G. Denman	
Edward G. Conroy	
Henry B. Dielmann	
H. H. Dietz	
Gilbert Lang	
Oscar Miller	
Howell J. Mueller	
Mrs. W. A. Pugh	
Brother Gerald Schnepf, S.M.	
A. B. Wacker	
Leo Brewer	

has completed the work of writing and revising certain proposed Charter Amendments, including mainly a Council-Manager form of government for San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners desire to express their deep appreciation to these committee members for their unselfish and valuable work in this respect; THEREFORE:
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That each and all of said committee members be publicly thanked for their services, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council. Further, that a copy hereof be mailed to the chairman of the Committee, as well as each member.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, A. D. 1940.

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Bids to bind Assessment Sheets were opened, read and referred to the Purchasing Agent.

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The City Clerk read the following ordinance for the second time and it was laid over:

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THE DATE HEREOF, UNTO THE SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY, ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND FRANCHISES HERETOFORE GRANTED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO UNTO THE SAID SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE CERTAIN RAILROAD TRACKS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, UPON, ALONG AND ACROSS THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AND VARIOUS STREETS, AVENUES AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AS NAMED IN THE ORDINANCES MAKING SUCH GRANTS TO SUCH COMPANY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE BEING TO GRANT AND EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS FROM THIS DATE UNTO THE SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY THE PRIVILEGES HERETOFORE GRANTED TO IT BY TWO SEPARATE ORDINANCES HEREINBELOW REFERRED TO, SO THAT IT MAY BRING THE GRANTS CONTAINED UNDER THE SAID ORDINANCES HEREIN MENTIONED UNDER ONE ORDINANCE, ALL OF SAID TRACKS BEING NOW USED AND OPERATED BY THE MISSOURI-KANSAS-TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY OF TEXAS, AS LESSEE OF THE SAID SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY AS PARTS OF ITS MAIN LINES, SIDE TRACKS, SWITCHING, INDUSTRIAL AND TERMINAL FACILITIES, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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The following comments were made in regards to the City Manager Plan as a whole:

R. S. MENEFE: I want to file another instrument with the City Clerk.

MAVERICK: Your petition was accepted.

MENEFE: You did accept it, but the council has not acted on it. Now I wish to present this.

MAVERICK: It is a little to late. We made the statement a lot of times when we met that we wanted every body who had something to say to do so.

MENEFE: (Started reading from paper)

MAVERICK: Why don't you tell us what it is instead of reading that thing.

MENEFE: May I read you one paragraph. (began reading)

"We have no personal criticism, except in highest praise, of the worth, as individuals, of all members of the Committee, selected by some groups or some individual unnaunced and appointed by you with instructions to hurriedly prepare and present for your approval, your addition, your subtraction and/or your submission to voters, 'amendments' to our existing Charter. That the committee is representative of the highest type of our local citizenship is not to be questioned.

We do question, however, the wisdom of presenting, in the very midst of Christmas Holiday Festivities--a visiting season--at a time when candidates are already announcing for city offices, while others are placing the hopes of their ambitions--thus entering into the special election factional strife--on the success or defeat of the proposed amendments, when headlines in all newspapers as well as Radio Announcers, have mothers and fathers almost terror-stricken and /or saddened with wars and rumors of wars, while momentous problems both in business and civil life changes detract from sober government poanning, while a many of our best citizens are away from home as volunteers in their country's interest, while thousands of others are being conscripted for war.

MAVERICK: Is that one paragraph?

MENEFEE: Yes sir. or defense, preparedness, and while a heated National Election and its after-math of bicherings is in full sway to call an election as important as the one proposed.

I think it is fair.

MAVERICK: And you don't want to have all this on account of the Conscription Act.

MENEFEE: I am in favor of the Conscription, I am in favor of war.

MAVERICK: I don't mean to be irpolite, but I would like to follow or go on with the business with the City Clerk.

HEIN: He brings in there the fact that candidates are alread announcing for city offices. Well, maybe some of us have announces. . . .

MENEFEE: Interrupted. (nothing important)

MAVERICK: I am for it, I am for the City Manager Plan. I am trying to put myself out of office by this City Manager Plan.

MENEFEE: It is prohibition.

MAVERICK: Don't you say this is prohibition.

MENEFEE: I want to file this with City Clerk. (handing out his paper)

MAVERICK: Thank you very much. Gentlemen I want to present a resolution here that we voted on. Didn't we? Well, that is what we want to do vote on it, and give it to the newspapers.

MENEFEE: Did you say you wished to have this printed in the paper?

MAVERICK: Yes, if you want us to give it to them.

MENEFEE: Well here it is. (handed the petition to the newspaper reporters)

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This was just said with reference to the Charter.

MAVERICK: Well, I want to present a resolution here and it reads as follows: (read resolution #). Now, I will ask for a vote on this. Call the roll.

CITY CLERK: Davis, Hein, Lipscomb, Steffler, and Maverick.

ALL: Aye.

MAVERICK: Now, may I ask that if any member of the Commissioner desires to discuss the matter of the City Manager Form of Government or the Charter which has been submitted to do so.

STEFFLER: I have a statement here that I would like to have put in the Minutes of the meeting. It is very short.

Although I have voted in the affirmative to submit all of the proposed Amendments for the consideration of our voters, I wish to have it clearly understood that I do not recommend the adoption of those Amendments which relate to changes in our form of City Government.

I have always been a firm believer in the Democratic principles of Government which give to our citizens the privilege of voting for the Executives of their choice. Under the City Manager plan this privilege is taken away, and the public will have no voice in the selection of Mayor, City Manager, and Directors of the various departments.

The other members of the City Commission are members of the Fusion Party and are pledged to the City Manager Form of Government. I have always been identified with another political party, one which does not favor the City Manager plan.

I have heretofore always expressed my frank opinion on all matters affecting the public welfare, and I am of the firm belief that the Commission form of Government, under which we now operate, is more applicable to the needs and wants of the cityizens of San Antonio and

I shall recommend to our Citizens, the rejection of the City Manager plan.

MAVERICK: Any other Commissioner desires to express himself?

LIPSCOMB. Your Honor, I would like to say that I am for the city manager form of government. I think that the new Charter is a fine amendment. The work has been honestly conceived and, personally, I am in favor of the amendments to the Charter providing for the city manager form of government.

HEIN: Your Honor: I would like to make this statement that we should submit this to a vote of the people and in the meantime, I believe everybody ought to become informed as to the effect these amendments will have on their City Government because it is definitely a change from the type of government we now have. I am now studying the effect that it might have on our City Government and I am doing it with an unbiased mind. I am trying to do it. I am not taking into consideration that I'll be walking out of office, but that is one of the changes that is being made and there is a number of others. I am telling you that we ought to go into this seriously, not with the idea of throwing the gang out somehow.

And if the City Manager plan can be shown as better for the City of San Antonio, I'll vote for it myself. Ever since the City Manager plan was brought before us I have been studying about it because I don't know anything about City Manager Form of Government, and everynow and then you will run into something that will make some movements. We can also make them in San Antonio.

I just like to bring that out to more or less get the people seriously interested in this themselves.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS: My position in reference to the proposed amendment #18 is this: I am in full accord with the proposition that adequate funds should be made available for social welfare work and direct relief. My sympathy is with the family who finds itself in want and need, and my desire is to be helpful in this serious matter. But to accomplish this, it should be done in such manner that the burden will fall equally upon all taxpayers of Bexar County. Relief is not a matter that should be met by the taxpayers within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio only; it is a problem for all the people of Bexar County.

The argument has been presented by some of the proponents of this measure that 50% of the necessary funds should be appropriated by the City and 50% by the County. Now let's examine this proposition and see about whom we are speaking. Who is the City and who is the County that is being referred to? It is perfectly clear to me that we are talking about the taxpayer in each instance. The only difference being that the property owner who holds property within the city pays both City and County taxes, while the owner whose property happens to be located outside the city limits pays only County Taxes.

Since this is a problem to be met equally by all Bexar County taxpayers, it is perfectly obvious that the only fair and equitable manner of distribution of the cost is to make one, and one only, of the taxing authorities responsible for raising funds- this should be the County.

I can see no justification for the County to levy a tax for relief against a property located within the city, and the City Assessor levy on the same property for identically the same purpose, while the property just across the city limits line is levied on but once.

To illustrate, I would like to take two properties worth \$10,000 each, one within the city and the other just across the street but outside the city limits. Let us say that a levy of 5¢ is decided upon for relief purposes by both the City and County.

The City assesses on a 75% basis. The assessed valuation in this case would be \$7,500 and the special tax would amount to \$3.75. However, the County must now collect for the same purpose. Its assessment is 40% of the full value or \$4,000, and the special tax collected amounts to \$2.00, making a total of \$5.75, this property owner has paid for relief, while across the street we find the identical property assessed only by the County and the special tax amounts to \$2.00 against that of his neighbor's tax of \$5.75.

It can, therefore, readily be seen that taxpayers inside the city would be forced to pay nearly three times that of the taxpayers outside the corporate limits. Funds for relief are necessary but a plan must be advanced that will distribute this burden in an equal and uniform manner on all taxpayers of Bexar County, and while it so happens that I represent only the taxpayers of the city at the present time, I would conscientiously feel the same way about the matter if I were a county official and certainly would still be in the same position as a private citizen.

Let us consider a proposition that will put the burden of relief where it should be and that is on every section and subdivision of Bexar County alike. This can only be accomplished only by authorizing the Bexar County Commissioners Court and the County Assessor-Collector to levy and collect taxes for relief purposes. When the matter is handled in this manner all property owner-taxpayers will share equally in the cost of social welfare and relief.

MAVERICK: (Read address)

Friends and Fellow Citizens:

San Antonio has a mayor's complex, hard on the City and hard on the mayors. Bryan Callaghan died without a penny. Mayor Jones died a few months after taking office. O. B. Black's organization harassed Bell out of office, and Black in turn was harassed out by the old machine organization, and then he died. Tobin and Chambers were literally slaughtered in office: both would be alive today except for the job they held.

It is for the good things I have done that have brought the bitterest opposition. This Mayor and this administration have been honest and faithful; the submission of the City Charter means the Fusion Party has kept all its pledges 100%. When the time comes I will take the trouble to answer certain falsehoods and unfair newspaper stories as I care to. I long ago would have accepted certain other more remunerative opportunities, --- or at least certain opportunities where the abuse was less.

But I have realized I was elected to office, and that courage required I fulfill my own ideals and promises. Moreover I am tough enough, and strong enough, to fight it out, and that is what I am going to do.

We are doing great work in this administration - in every department. Several of our departments are models to the whole United States; our public services have been greatly increased; bankers say we have the best financial administration the city has ever had; - anyhow, we have balanced the budget and lowered the tax rate.

Villita, as everyone knows, and as I am not ashamed to say, is close to my heart. Right now it is lightly taken by some, but it is already deservedly famous in Canada, Mexico, South and Central America, and the Caribbean Nations. It is a symbol of peace for the Western Hemisphere - a contribution which I am sure San Antonio is proud to make.

On Monday night, October 21, an event of great importance, marking an epoch

in the world history, occurred there. It was the assembly of our own American, and the Latin-American officers for the purpose of mutual defense of our nations, and for constitutional government and freedom. This meeting may mean whether our type of civilization shall endure, or be wiped out, as Lt. Gen. Henry Brees said, in a memorable speech.

Indeed, San Antonio is now the very center and heart of world events. Therefore let us look with high vision, develop the Christian spirit, and take our place in the destiny of civilization, rather than wasting our time on mayor's complexes and superficial bickerings.

Indeed, the spirit of San Antonio has lately improved greatly: the River Festival, conducted by the Conservation Society, the football games at the Stadium, events at Villita, better business relations, show San Antonio has qualities of kindness, humanity and greatness. I am encouraged, and feel that sticking by my job has been worthwhile and that in doing my duty I have done well by the city of my birth.

And back to the City Manager Plan when we discuss it, let us discuss the plan instead of PERSONALITIES. Whether the plan is adopted or not, San Antonio has made a great step forward by its discussion of issues, and the sincere attention the people are now giving to public affairs.

I will present the City Manager Plan as an informational matter only, and will cast my vote for the plan. If it is adopted, it will kill the Mayor's job, but not me. There are many things worse than losing, one way or the other, the Mayor's job. In fact, if public consciousness is such that we will have good - or better government for San Antonio, whatever "form" it takes, I will be satisfied, for then everybody, including myself, will retain their self-respect.

What I principally want to say is, that I will be glad to cooperate for the welfare of San Antonio, and for the greater progress of sincere democracy. I want also to thank all the citizens' committees who have worked so hard for the welfare of San Antonio, but especially at this time the City Manager Charter Committee, whose members have worked arduously and sincerely night and day, and have done an excellent job.

This cooperation, and recent events I have mentioned, are hopeful omens for a better San Antonio.

(After completion)

Well, we have something here that I would like to present those members of the Committee that are here. I want to present them with one of these resolutions that we passed. Is there two of you here. (Went to Mr. Conroy) Will you see that the rest of them be delivered.

(Speaking directly to the City Clerk): Keep one for you.

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On motion, duly seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned.

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APPROVED: _____
M A Y O R

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

