

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Thursday August 11th, A. D. 1921, 4 p.m.

PRESENT: Honorable O. B. Black, Mayor, Presiding, and Commissioners Pfeiffer, Lambert, Rieden and Wright.

Minutes of the previous meeting were ordered approved.

MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Commissioner of Fire and Police:
 For better water service on East Crockett and Canton Streets.
 Citizens of Highland Park for better water supply.
 Ford Dealers Supply Co. for permit to install 250 Gal. boiler tank and pump.
 V. L. Rasmussen, For special building permit.
 Ehrlich Undertaking Co., for permit to erect electric sign.
 Citizens on Hansford Street, for a better water supply.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Commissioner of Taxation.
 A. V. Williams, for correction of assessment.
 Mrs D. A. Jacobs, for remission of penalty taxes and costs.
 H. D. Neal, for reduction of assessment.
 Mrs. M. C. Fly, for correction of assessment and cancellation of taxes.
 Back Tax Collector, for cancellation of improvements on Lots 1 and 3, City Block 318.
 Central Christian Church for remission of taxes.
 Bessie J. Webb Hilgers, for correction of assessment.

The following petitions were read and referred to the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements.
 Conopus Club, Requesting that the name of Losoya Street be given Avenue C and River Ave. in the event of a change in the name of these streets.
 Property Owners on Mesquite St. from East Commerce St. to Dakota Street to have same paved.

Petition for the establishment of Jitney Route over Cameron, Castro and Zarzamora Streets, was read and referred to Mayor Black.

Commissioner Wright made the following recommendations which were adopted.
 Wm. J. Krochel, for permit to install gasoline tank at 201 Meerscheidt St, Granted.
 J. Mantecon, for permit to erect a tent at Lakeview and Cibolo Streets for one week only, Granted.
 A. H. Kahn, for permit to install gasoline pump and tank 731 East Houston Street, Granted.
 Sophie Lewis, for permit to put shingles on shed, not granted.

Tabulated bids from the office of the City Purchasing Agent's Office to furnish brooms for the use of the City for one year were returned to him with instructions to arrange for a supply for six months.

The bid of Kirkwood and Wharton for installing a boiler in the City Hall was accepted.

The bid of Ed Steves and Sons to furnish lumber to the City was accepted.

Bids for constructing a bridge across Martinez Creek on West Woodlawn Ave. were read and referred to the City Engineer.

Commissioner Wright recommended that petition for an Arc-light on Jones Ave. and Euclid Ave. be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Rieden introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Lambert, Rieden, Wright.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF BEXAR
 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

AN ORDINANCE *MD-1526*

Accepting proposal of S. P. Bennett for grading Rigsby Avenue and authorizing contract and appropriating money therefor.

(For full text of this Ordinance see Street Improvement Records Vol. 8, Page 528.)

Commissioner Rieden introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted.

RESOLUTION

Accepting the paving on Leigh Street, from Labor Street to S. Presa Street by the

Uvalde Company.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the paving constructed by the Uvalde Company on Leigh Street, from Labor Street to South Presa Street, the date of acceptance being hereby fixed on the 8th day of August, 1921, in accordance with report of the City Engineer, filed with the Board of Commissioners on August 8th, 1921.

 Commissioner Pfeiffer recommended that the petition of City Back Tax Collector for Cancellation of Taxes on Lots A-7 and A-9 City Block 111 be granted. Adopted.

The following Ordinances were read and adopted by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit:
 Ayes, Black, Pfeiffer, Lambert, Rieden, Wright.

No. 102.

AN ORDINANCE *MD-1527*

Appropriating the sum of \$195. to pay six months interest on \$30,000 balance of purchase price of lot out of New City Block 872 extension of Market Street, according to the terms of deed to said property dated January 29th 1921 said warrant payable to W. H. Maverick holder of said notes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO: That the sum of \$195, be and is hereby appropriated out of the Street Widening fund for Market Street 1919 bond issue, to pay the interest for six months on \$30,000 balance of purchase price of part of Lot No. 88 out of New City Block No. 872 for the extension of Market Street, said interest being due on the 22nd day of July 1921.

Second. That warrant for said amount be made payable to W. H. Maverick, holder of said notes.

No. 103.

AN ORDINANCE. *-1528*

Appropriating the sum of \$175. to defray the expenses of Claude E. Convers City Electrician to the Annual Convention of Municipal Electricians at Colorado Springs Colorado, September 6th to 10th.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO: That the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars, be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1921 General Fund to pay the expenses of C. E. Convers, City Electrician to attend the Convention of Municipal Electricians at Colorado Springs Colorado, to be held September 6th 1921.

And that warrant be drawn in his favor to pay said expenses.

No. 104

AN ORDINANCE. *-1529*

Authorizing the acceptance of \$2299.75 cash from San Pedro Building Company and F. T. Maessen owners of lot A-7 in City Block #423 on the East side of Losoya Street, and cancelling assessment of \$4,789.75 and remitting interest on same, and authorizing acceptance of deed to strip necessary for widening said street.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO: That the Mayor be authorized to accept a deed to the strip of land off of lot #A-7 in New City Block #423 on the east side of Losoya Street, from the owners thereof San Pedro Building Company and F. T. Maesson, on the payment by them to the City of the sum of \$2299.75 cash, and that the assessment against said property of \$4,789.75 be and it is hereby cancelled and released.

And be it further Ordained that the interest on said assessment be cancelled as from the date of April 1st, 1921.

AN ORDINANCE. *-1530*

Levying special assessment on account of the costs of the improvement of Nueva Street by widening and straightening same from the east line of Garden Street to South Alamo Street, and providing for the issuance of assessment certificates and for other purposes.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, that WHEREAS, the Commissioners did, heretofore, to-wit; on the tenth day of January, 1921, by an Ordinance ordering the improvement on special assessment plan of that portion of Nueva Street in the City of San Antonio, between the intersection of said Street with the east line of Garden Street, and with the west line of South Alamo Street, by widening and straightening said street, and ordering that a hearing be given to the owners of property abutting thereon for the purpose of determining the amounts if any, that should be assessed against said owners and said property to defray their proportion of the cost of such improvement, and

Whereas, said improvements and the special assessment to be levied therefor and all proceedings, notices and instruments in connection therewith are governed by certain rules and regulations described in a certain ordinance, of this City, known as the Improvement Ordinance, passed and approved on the 8th day of March, 1920, which together with all subsequent amendments to said Ordinance and Chapter 11 of Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, are made a part of this Ordinance, and all such proceedings and other matters pre-requisite to the passage of this ordinance have been regularly had and performed and are hereby ratified and confirmed, and

Whereas, notice of the said property owner's hearing aforesaid, was duly given by publishing such notice three times in a newspaper published in this City, to-wit; in the San Antonio Light on January 12, 13, 14, 1921, and additional and cumulative notice of said hearing was also duly given, and

Whereas, the hearing was duly opened at the time and place mentioned in said Ordinance and notices, to-wit: on the 31st day of January, 1921, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall of this City, at 4 o'clock P.M., and continued from day to day and time to time until the ____ day of _____, A. D.; _____, at which time the hearing

was closed, and

WHEREAS, in said hearing all persons desiring to contest said proposed assessment or personal liability, or the regularity of the proceedings with reference to the improvement, or wishing in any manner to be heard concerning the benefit of said improvements to their property, or any other matter with reference thereto, were duly heard and their claim fully considered; and thereupon, all errors, mistakes and other matters requiring rectification were fully examined into and considered and corrected, and the Commissioners having also fully heard and examined and considered the evidence concerning frontage and other considerations, including said plat and statement of the City Engineer and the Citizen's Committee, and evidence concerning the benefits of said improvements to said property, and being of the opinion that the assessment herein below levied and the personal liabilities hereby declared are just and equitable, and that no such assessment is made herein in any case against any parcel of property or any person in excess of the actual benefit to the owner thereof in the enhanced value of his property by reason of such improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, be it further ordained

SECTION ONE: That the aggregate amount hereinafter shown, being less than three-fourths of the cost of said improvements, shall be and the same are hereby levied, charged, apportioned and assessed, on the front foot plan against the said abutting property hereinafter described and each parcel hereof, whether one lot or more, and against each of the several owners of said property below named in the respective itemized amounts and the total amount including same, set opposite to the name or names of each such person or persons and the description of each such parcel or property.

SECTION TWO: Each such lot or parcel of property so assessed is located in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, abutting on said highway or portion thereof so improved, and is hereunder described whenever practicable by the New City Block ("N" C.B.") number and by lot number in each such block; but each such parcel of property, if any, indicated hereunder in any such block by letters "A" "B" "C" Etc., in lieu of or in connection with the lot numbers in the same property indicated by the corresponding letter in the corresponding block as shown on said plat for said improvement now on file in the offices of the City Clerk and City Engineer, which plat is made a part hereof, and each of said lots and parcels of abutting property, and the frontage thereof on said highway as shown hereunder in feet in the column headed "Front Ft." and said letters, if any, indicating such parcels, and also all intersecting streets, are hereunder noticed and set forth for each side of said highway and for each block in the same order down the following list as same are found from Garden Street to Alamo Street in said plat and on the ground; and each such description and assessment shall be held to extend back from said line abutting on said highway and to include the entire depth and area of each such respective parcel, lot or lots of abutting property as same may be owned and bounded at this date; and the abbreviations "N" "S" "E" or "W" "SO" "EA" and "WE" when used before a lot number shall be taken to mean respectively the Northerly, "Southerly Easterly" or "Westerly" parts of the lot or block before the number of which any of said abbreviations may be placed; and the names of said owners, such description of said property and said amounts respectively assessed against them and it, are as follows, to-wit:

Name of owner;	Block No.	Lot No.	Front Foot	Amount Front Foot	Total
Leonie Emelie Foutrel	125	5	304.5	\$15.00	\$4567.50.
Leonie Emelie Foutrel	126	2	85.9	"	1288.50
Leon Peters	126	3	53.4	"	801.00
Heirs of A. H. Shafer, Water P., James F., Rosa & Alma Shafer & Nellie Needham	126	4	81.2	"	1218.00
Jennie W. Campbell					
Jessie C. Woolard					
& R. Neil Campbell,	114	8	55.5	"	832.50
Lula M. Newsum	114	A-6	54.5	"	817.50
P. H. Wolf,	114	5 & 6	124.06	"	1860.90
O. M. Farnsworth,	134	8	191.00	"	2865.00
Sarah R. Farnsworth,	134	1	112.4	"	1686.00
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church,	155	14-15-16-17-18	141.5	No assess.	
Claude Hamilton,	155	12-13	71.2	No assess.	
Michael Louis Supple,	155	11	27.4	15.00	411.00
P. H. Wolf,	155	10	55.2	"	828.00
Jacob Hotz	155	7-8-9	86.5	"	1297.50
Solomon & Geo. Casseb,	155	6	90.1	"	1351.50
Oriental Oil Co.	127	1	50.0	"	750.00

Section Three; That those amounts specified as unpaid and hereby assessed against the respective persons and property named together with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from the first day of Sept--- 1921, shall be payable on the first day of Sept___, 1921, and the others one regularly on the first day of Sept___ of each year thereafter, with the privilege to said owners to pay any of the installments before maturity upon the payment of all accrued interest, and said amounts so assessed together with interest and the cost of collection of such sums, including reasonable attorney's fees if incurred, are hereby declared and ordained to be good and lawful liens upon the said respective parcels of property and a personal liability of the respective owners thereof, such assessments and liens shall be superior to all other liens and claims, except State, County, and Municipal taxes.

Section Four. That ten assignable certificates evidencing said respective unpaid amounts due from said persons above named shall be issued in the name of the City of San Antonio and made payable to the order of the City of San Antonio, which assessment certificates shall be dated the ___ day of ___, 1921 and shall be in such form as provided for by the Improvement Ordinance and the amendment thereto, and shall contain an adequate description of said parcel of property assessed, together with the designation of the owner's name and all other prescribed terms, recitals, and requisites.

SECTION FIVE: That all other matters and proceedings shall be regulated and conducted as provided by law and by said improvement Ordinance as far as applicable hereto and that full correction of any mistake or irregularity in any of said proceedings, and re-assessment, if any, shall be made in case the Commissioners may deem the same necessary or proper; the commissioners reserving the right to exercise all such powers as provided by the street improvement law and said Improvement Ordinance.

SECTION SIX: This ordinance, being of urgent importance, because of the need of said City to collect and use said amounts due to said City, the same shall take effect from and after its passage.

Commissioner Lambert recommended that a petition of the San Antonio, Bexar County Civic League protested against granting a permit allowing garbage cans be placed on the streets for advertising purposes be granted. The recommendation of Commissioner Lambert was lost by a majority vote of the Commissioners.

Commissioner Pfeiffer moved the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with the Sphynx Advertising Company to install trash cans on the streets in the city.

Commissioner Wright moved an amendment to the ordinance excluding certain down town streets from its provisions. The Amendment was lost by a vote of four to one. The motion of Commissioner Pfeiffer to adopt the ordinance was now put before the Commissioners and carried by the following vote on roll-call, to-wit: Ayes, Black Pfeiffer, Rieden, Naves, Lambert Wright.

AN ORDINANCE. *MD-1531*

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Sphynx Advertising System for the installation and maintenance of Automatic Trash Cans on the streets in the City of San Antonio.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO: that the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into a contract for a period of two years from this date, with the Sphynx Advertising System, a partnership composed of W. P. Bates, J. T. Forrest, and W. T. Beard, for the installation and maintenance of Automatic Trash Cans to be placed upon the streets and other public places in the city of San Antonio, Texas. A copy of said contract is hereto attached.

The City reserves the right to revoke and cancel this contract at whatever time it may appear that the Sphynx Advertising System is not complying with the terms of said contract.

Commissioner Pfeiffer recommended that the petition of Mrs Barbara E. Maestling for correction of assessment be not granted. Adopted.

His Honor, the Mayor, Directed the clerk to read the following telegram.

Austin Tex. Aug. 11.

O. B. Black

San Antonio, Tex.

We passed San Antonio bill with reference to warrants unanimously this afternoon it is now up to the House.

Harry Hertzberg.

The Clerk now opened and read proposals from the following named banks to act as City depositories and to furnish funds to the City for the fiscal year 1921. State National Bank, Security Bank and Trust Company, Guaranty State Bank, City National Bank, Commonwealth Bank and Trust Company, Central Trust Company. On motion of Commissioner Lambert duly seconded and carried consideration of the bids were postponed until Friday August 12th, at 4 p.m. and the meeting now adjourned until that time.

APPROVED

O. B. Black
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gas Simpson
CITY CLERK