

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH, A. D. 1916. 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Garland.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved. 

-----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS-----

On motion of Commissioner Kearny a hearing was given owners of property interested in the improvement of Lavaca Street, between Water Street and Labor Street.

(see page 289 Record of Hearings)

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Streets, Bridges and Public Improvements:

Petition of F. E. Harris and A. W. Seeligson relating to the opening of Jackson Street.

Proposition from Mrs. Mary Hesse and Mrs. E. V. Wilke, offering to deed a strip of land on Bowie Street in consideration of the City building sidewalks.

Communication from H. D. Manton relating to property line at West Travis and Flores Streets.

Petition of Lone Star Brewing Co. to have Grand Avenue paved.

In the matter of the communication relating to the numbering of houses, from Geo. C Eichlitz and Co., on motion, duly seconded and carried, Commissioner Kearny was instructed to furnish the help required in the work of correcting the house numbers where found necessary.

Petition of J. B. Flannery, for S. P. Perry, for correction of assessment, and petition of Sarah S. King for correction of assessment, were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:
Petition of C. T. Dixon for permit to install gasoline equipment at 412-414 Bowie Street.

Petition of W. W. McAllister for permit to erect an Electric Sign on building at 418 Navarro Street.

Petition of Henry L. Halff for building permit.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Public Property:

Petition of Citizens for water mains on Polaris Street, from Commerce Street to Nevada Street.

Communication from A. Simon, giving notice to the City to remove a sewer from his property in City Block 2309.

Petition of C. M. Baer for refund of taxes was read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

Petition of C. S. Fowler, Chairman State Democratic Convention, for use of Market Hall May 23rd and 24th, was granted.

On motion of His Honor the Mayor, the claim of A. C. Ritchie for damage to property on N. St. Mary's Street was referred to Commissioner Kearny to be adjusted between him and Judge Matlock, Attorney for claimant.

Reporting on the petition of Citizens for the opening of St. Catherine Street Commissioner Kearny recommended that the petition be not granted as the property involved is shown to be of private ownership, and no funds are available for purchase. Adopted.

Commissioner Kearny introduced an ordinance authorizing the M.K. & T.R'way Company of Texas to extend its tracks to accommodate Texas Refining Company, which was read once and laid over.

Commissioner Kearny submitted the following:

May 16th, 1916.

Mr. Hans Helland, City Engineer,
City of San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Beg to advise that we have completed paving South Presa Street, between the G. H. & S. A. Railroad Crossing and Mitchell Street, with the exception of lot A-6, N.C.B. 2978, 128 front feet. This is a homestead belonging to Mrs Agnes Flury and it was impossible to get her to sign a contract or make any arrangements to have her part paved.

We would like for you to inspect this street and have same accepted at the next meeting of the City Commissioners.

We are enclosing you herewith a memorandum for investigation of homestead claim for the property of Mrs. Agnes Flury.

Yours very truly

Texas Granitoid Company

Walter W. Taylor, Genl Mgr.

May 18, 1916.

Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners,
City.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the paving on South Presa Street, between the G.H. & S.A. Railroad Crossing and Mitchell Street, has been completed with the exception of Lot A-6, N.C.B. 2978, 128 feet frontage, homestead of Mrs. Agnes Flury, in accordance with the contract entered into with the Texas Granitoid Company and has this 18th day of May, been accepted by me for account of the City of San Antonio.

Yours truly,

Hans Helland

City Engineer.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Accepting paving constructed on South Presa Street, between the G.H. & S.A. Railroad crossing and Mitchell Street, by the Texas Granitoid Company.

BE I T RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the pavement constructed by the Texas Granitoid Company on South Presa Street, between the G.H. & S.A. Railroad Crossing and Mitchell Street, allowing and proving the omission of Lot No. A-6, N.C.B. 2978, 128 feet frontage, homestead of Mrs, Agnes Flury; the date of acceptance being fixed on the 18th day of May 1916, as per certificate of the City Engineer filed with the Board of Commissioners on the 18th day of May 1916.

The Committee appointed to recommend auditors for the books of the City submitted the following report, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent

Garland.

San Antonio, Texas, May 18, 1916.

Hon. Clinton G. Brown, Mayor of San Antonio,
City.

Dear Sir:

Your committee appointed to recommend auditors for the books of the City of San Antonio begs to report that it has gone over the bids of the various competitors and has decided to recommend that you employ the Audit & Bond Company of America, of St Louis, to audit the books of the City of San Antonio. We want the City to feel to select either one of the propositions offered by this Company but our preference would be for Bid No. 2-B.

Herewith we hand you the bid of this Company together with their various references, etc., etc.,

Respectfully,

J. K. Beretta
Chairman.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

AN ORDINANCE **MA-913**

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

THAT, WHEREAS, a Sheriff's Deed was executed to the City of San Antonio to Lot No.(6) Six in Block No. 4, in Moore's sub-division of George Mavericks First Addition to the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, New City Block No. 2072; and

Whereas, the said lot was sold to the City of San Antonio for taxes which had accumulated and become delinquent thereon; and

Whereas, P.H.McDavitt and Mrs. Jim McDavitt, owners of the aforesaid lot, have petitioned for a Quit Claim Deed from the City to them to the said lot setting up the fact that all the taxes involved in the suit and sale of the aforesaid property have been by them paid off and satisfied; and it appearing that this is a fact:

It is therefore hereby ordered that a Quit Claim Deed to all of the City's right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid lot be executed and delivered to the said P.H.McDavitt and Mrs. Jim McDavitt; and the Mayor is hereby directed to execute the same accordingly.

A communication from the Health Officer, Dr.W.A.King, requesting the Commissioners to designate June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd as "Clean-up Days" was adopted on motion of Commissioner Lambert, duly seconded and carried.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Authorizing City Purchasing Agent to advertise for bids to supply City with coal for the coming fiscal year.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City Purchasing Agent be, and he is hereby authorized, to advertise for bids to supply the City of San Antonio with three hundred tons, more or less, of coal, for use by the various departments of the City of San Antonio for the coming fiscal year.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Kearny, Lambert and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

AN ORDINANCE **MA -914**

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

That there be and there is hereby appropriated out of the 1915 General Fund the sum of Twenty eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$28.50) for which warrant shall be made payable to the Bexar Bus Co., this being on account of the failure to exercise the rights in a certain license to operate a jitney bus by reason of defects in the engine, such license having been issued on the 3rd day of March, A.D.1916; all in accordance with the petition made by the said Bexar Bus Co.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

AN ORDINANCE **- 915**

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

That there be and there is hereby appropriated out of the 1915 general fund, the following sums of moneys for the hereinafter designated purposes:

TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$2.80) (the school portion being \$.90), warrant for which is to be made payable to Miss Clara L. Fest on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1914 on the improvements on lot No. 8 in N.C.B. No. 2856, on the North side of Simon Street, on valuation of \$230.00.

Thirty seven Dollars and Twenty five Cents (\$37.25) (the school portion being \$10.00), warrant for which is to be made payable to James Wahrenberger, on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1915 on Automobile #1391, buggy, three horses, cow, jewelry, piano, and household, and kitchen furniture, on valuation of \$2500.00

Commissioner Uhr recommended that petitions of J. O. Bailey and Sam Alkek for change in jitney routes be not granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Uhr introduced the following ordinances, which were read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

MA-916 An ordinance granting permit to L. Fritze to operate Car No. 8345 in Local Street Transportation.

- 917 An ordinance granting permit to Wm. Kleid ~~for permit~~ to operate Car No. 4274 in Local Street Transportation.

- 918 An ordinance granting permit to August Weilbach to operate Car No. 9359 in Local Street Transportation

Commissioner Uhr recommended that petitions of Stires Out Door Advertising Co., and San Antonio Poster Advertising Co., for Bill Posters License; also petition of Sunset Garage, for permit to install gasoline equipment at 108 Heiman Street be granted. Adopted.

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

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

APPROVED

[Signature]
MAYOR

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MONDAY, MAY 22ND A. D. 1916 4 P. M.

PRESENT: Honorable Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Absent, Garland.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

Proposition of the San Antonio Water Supply Company offering to sell land at Brackenridge Park to City, was read and laid over.

Sanitation

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Parks and Public Property:

Riverside Land and Improvement Company, offering privilege of bathing beach, etc.
 J. C. O'Hair, relating to land for Park purposes.
 Colored Citizens, for use of Brackenridge Park.

Petitions of C. B. Watters, and J. B. Kelly, for correction of assessment were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Streets, Bridges and Public Improvements:

Property owners protesting against the acceptance of paving constructed on St. Marys Street and Oakland Street, from River to Ninth Street.
 Petition of property owners on Diaz-Street to have same paved.
 Protest of property owners against street paving charges on San Pedro Avenue.
 Steam Engineers, requesting advance in salaries.

Commissioner Kearny submitted the following:

San Antonio, Texas, May 17, 1916.

Mr. Hans Helland,
 City Engineer,

Dear Sir:

We have completed the paving of El Paso Street., from Laredo to Brazos Streets with the exception of the following cut-outs:

Lot	1	Block	2415,	49	Ft.	owned by	M. Juarez
"	2	"	2417	52.7	"	"	Mrs. Juan P. Mechaca
"	1	"	2417	53.6	"	"	Abraham Rodriguez
"	B	"	2441	36.8	"	"	Juan E. Garza
"	23	"	312	43	"	"	Mrs. J.H.de Sandoval
"	24	"	312	94.34	"	"	Mrs Rosa T. De Leal
"	7	"	278	163.65	"	"	Mrs. Margarita Costella
"	B	"	239	40.8	"	"	Mrs C.C.Green
"	5	"	2414	42.4	"	"	Mrs. P.M.de Morales
Part	"	"	2415W	31.6	"	"	M.A.Higgins
"	"	"	2438E	59.7	"	"	Jesus & Petra V de Herrera

The above are all homesteads, and occupied by the present owners who refused to sign any lien.

We trust that you will make an inspection of this street at the earliest possible moment with a view of recommending to the Mayor and Commissioners its acceptance.

Yours truly,
 Standard Paving Company
 By E. E. Krueger

May 22, 1916

Honorable Mayor & Board of Commissioners,
 City of San Antonio.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the paving on El Paso Street, from Laredo to Brazos, has been completed in accordance with the contract entered into with the Standard Paving Company, allowing the following homestead omissions:

Lot	1	Block	2415	49	Ft.	owned by	M. Juarez
"	2	"	2417	53.7	"	"	Mrs. Juan P. Mechaca
"	1	"	2417	53.6	"	"	Abraham Rodriguez
"	B	"	2441	36.8	"	"	Juan E. Garza
"	23	"	312	43	"	"	Mrs. J.H.de Sandoval

Lot	24	Block	312	94.34	Ft.	owned by	Mrs Rosa de Leal
"	7	"	278	163.65	"	"	Margarito Costella
"	B	"	239	40.8	"	"	Mrs. C.C.Green
"	5	"	2414	42.4	"	"	Mrs P.M.de Morales
Part	"	4	2415	W31.6	"	"	M.A.Higgins
"	"	1	2438	E59.7	"	"	Jesus & Petra V.de Herrera

Same hqs been accepted by me for account of the City of San Antonio, this 22d day of May 1916.

Yours truly,
Hans Helland,
City Engineer.

Kearny
Commissioner introduced the following resolution which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Accepting pavement constructed on El Paso Street, from Laredo to Brazos, by the Standard Paving Company.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the pavement constructed by the Standard Paving Company on El Paso Street between Laredo and Brazos Streets, allowing and approving the following homestead omissions:

Lot	1	Blk	2415	49	ft.	owned by	M. Juarez
"	2	"	2417	53.7	"	"	Mrs Juan P. Mechaca
"	1	"	2417	53.6	"	"	Abraham Rodriguez
"	B	"	2441	36.8	"	"	Juan E. Garza
"	23	"	312	43	"	"	Mrs. J.H. de Sandoval
"	24	"	312	94.34	"	"	Mrs. Rosa T de Leal
"	7	"	278	163.65	"	"	Margarita Costella
"	B	"	239	40.8	"	"	Mrs. C.C. Green
"	5	"	2414	42.4	"	"	Mrs. P.M. de Morales
Part	"	4	2415	W 31.6	"	"	M.A. Higgins
"	"	1	2438	E 59.7	"	"	Jesus & Petra V. de Herrera

The date of acceptance is hereby fixed on the 22nd day of May 1916, as per certificate of the City Engineer filed with the Board of Commissioners on the 22d day of May 1916.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

RESOLUTION

Accepting the roadways constructed in Brackenridge Park by the Finley Method Company.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that, the City of San Antonio does hereby accept the roadways constructed by the Finley Method Company in Brackenridge Park; the date of acceptance being fixed on the 22nd day of May 1916, as per the certificate of the City Engineer filed with the Board of Commissioners on the 22d day of May 1916, the maintenance period under the contract for said construction to begin on Dec 1 1915.

Commissioner Kearny submitted the following:

May, 22 1916.

Honorable Mayor & Board of Commissioners,
City of San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

This is to certify that the roadways constructed in Brackenridge Park by the Finley Method Company have been completed in accordance with the contract entered into and that same have this day been accepted by me for account of the City of San Antonio, on this 22d day of May 1916.

Yours truly,
Hans Helland, City Engineer.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

No. 906

AN ORDINANCE *MA-921*

BE IT ORDAINED by the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio, that,

WHEREAS there remains unused out of the appropriation No. 135 heretofore made for the paving of Medina Street, between Houston Street and Ruiz Street, the sum of \$7500.00, and Whereas, certain sums are required over and above the amounts heretofore appropriated for the improvement of the Streets hereinafter named; therefore, BE IT ORDAINED that the following sums be and are hereby ordered transferred from said appropriation No. 135, to pay final estimate on the following streets, to-wit:

El Paso Street, from Laredo to Brazos Street	\$3500.00
Cameron Street, from Houston Street to West Commerce Street	800.00
Starr Street, from Chestnut to Pine Street	306.00
Dakota Street	326.00

This ordinance is hereby declared to be of urgent importance for reasons of public welfare apparent herefrom, and the same shall take effect at once.

Commissioner Kearny reporting on the communication from H.D.Manton relating to property line on West Travis Street and Flores Street, stated that the facts mentioned in his letter are known, and on record in the City Engineers office.

MA-922

Commissioner Kearny recommended that the proposition of F.E.Harris and A.W.Seeligson relative to the opening of Jackson Street be accepted, and that the same be effective after June 1st, 1916. Adopted.

Reporting on the petition of the Lone Star Brewing Company to have Grand Avenue paved, Commissioner Kearny recommended that the paving of this Street be given consideration and that same be done when it is thought advisable to appropriate its cost from the General Fund. No funds are available from the Street paving fund as the money is now all appropriated. Adopted.

Commissioner Lambert recommended that the petition of O. T. Butler for permit to conduct dances under Bridge on Houston Street be granted, subject to inspection of City Engineer and to revocation by Mayor and Commissioners at any time; also to submit plans etc. before starting work. Adopted.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays, none. Absent, Garland.

AN ORDINANCE

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

That it shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive upon or over any of the parks squares, plazas, parkways or public enclosures of this City, and any person so doing shall be deemed guilty of an offense and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten (\$10.00) dollars nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and in default of payment be confined in the City Jail for not less than five nor more than thirty days.

Commissioner Lambert introduced an ordinance fixing the amount of wages to be paid City Laborers, which was read once and laid over.

Commissioner Lambert introduced the following ordinance which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr. Nays none. Absent, Garland.

No. 907.

AN ORDINANCE **MA-924**

Authorizing the payment of wages to City laborers for the week ending May 18 and 20, 1916, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending May 18 and 20, 1916, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose to-wit:

General Fund of 1915	\$659.45
Street Paving Fund	<u>401.50</u>
	\$1060.95

The petition of Henry L. Halff for building permit was not granted, on recommendation of City Building Inspector. Adopted.

Petition of Dr. J.C. Talcott for permit to recover roof was granted, on recommendation of City Plumbing Inspector.

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

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

APPROVED *[Signature]*
MAYOR