

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
SITTING AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE MAYOR'S
OFFICE OF THE CITY HALL, AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A.M., ON
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler, Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.
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The meeting opened with a general discussion of the revenues available and the needs of the various departments, to be provided for in the tentative budget.

In a revision of the approximate figures on estimated unallocated revenues, Comm. Callaghan said he had found assessments that should bring in \$21,000 more revenue than had been previously estimated. Mayor Mauermann said he might cut his allocation for the two airports and Corporation Court to \$275,000, making \$25,000 more available for the unallocated funds. City Auditor Tatsch estimated this would make available a grand total of \$148,000 in unallocated funds, and it was agreed that this amount would be divided as follows:

Comm. Callaghan's Department, \$15,000; Comm. Hein's Department, \$30,000; Comm. Steffler's, \$38,000, and Comm. Anderson's, \$65,000.

The Commissioners agreed to accept this tentative division of unallocated funds by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson. The Auditor was ordered to prepare the tentative budget and get notices out for advertising the public hearing. It was also agreed that all would make every effort to raise more money, the first raises, if any, to be allocated to Commissioners Anderson and Hein.

Comm. Anderson stated he did not think the budget was sufficient for any of the departments, and that he was going on record in favor of the agreement and would certainly try to see that all assessments are equalized.

Comm. Callaghan suggested the Zoning Commission do some re-zoning in those areas, formerly residential, which have changed to commercial uses: to-wit, West Commerce St., Fredericksburg Road, Zarzamora Street, and similar areas. The Mayor suggested that Comm. Callaghan call this matter to the attention of the Zoning Commission immediately.

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Next discussion concerned efforts to obtain for the City's public playgrounds the stands to be removed from Tech Field by the Transit Co. Mayor Mauermann suggested the Council "go on record that we want them."

Comm. Callaghan moved that Comm. Hein be authorized to negotiate for these stands and try to save them for the City at the best possible terms. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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The following Petitions were discussed and acted upon:

Petition of S. W. Jackson to close alley in C.B. 4027, on Mission Road. Denied on motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of Universal Concrete Products Co. to purchase S. Trinity St. between Kemper and Merida Sts. Denied on motion of Comm. Steffler, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of Geo. Evers for relief under Parks Concessions contract due to polio ban. Denied on motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of Karl G. Stephan for refund on building permit at 621 Howard St. Denied on motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Callaghan and carried by roll call vote, to-wit:

Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of Ben E. Weber, and others, asking that name of Losoya St., from Commerce to Houston Sts., be changed to Broadway. Denied, due to great number of protests, on motion of Comm. Anderson, seconded by Comm. Hein and carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of Texas and New Orleans R. R. Co. for relief of drainage condition at intersection of Milam and Hackberry Sts. Comm. Steffler stated the Railroad had brought this condition upon themselves, by putting in a storm sewer that was too small and having the City close the street. Comm. Callaghan moved that the Railroad be requested to make the needed improvement themselves. After a second by Comm. Anderson, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of J. O. Vann for permission to operate a sight-seeing railway in Brackenridge Park. After discussion, Comm. Anderson moved that the petition be referred to the City Attorney for an opinion as to the legality of using the park for this purpose, and, if found legal, the matter then to be referred to Comm. Hein to work out the details. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of R. L. White Co. to close part of Olmos Drive between island and City Block 7279; by agreement, was referred to City Engineer for investigation.

Petition of Casimiro Garcia, and others, asking the installation of water main between the intersection of Delgado and N. Zarzamora Sts. Comm. Anderson moved that the petition be referred to the City Water Board, with a recommendation from the City Council that it be granted. After a second by Comm. Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

Petition of C. L. Hockman, asking that an alley in City Block 1909 be opened by the removal of a fence across it. Comm. Hein moved that the City Engineer be instructed to verify this complaint and, if found true, have the fence removed by the Police Dept. Seconded by Comm. Steffler and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Petition of Board of Education of Los Angeles Heights Independent School District to acquire NCB 8339, 8346 and 8347 for a school site. Comm. Anderson said he might need some of this land for a fire-house site. Mayor Mauermann pointed to the precedent in a similar matter in which the City gave land for Alamo Stadium, and said he thought a reasonable proposition might be worked out. Comm. Anderson moved the Mayor be authorized to negotiate with the petitioners and report back. The Mayor added that he would hold up negotiations pending a decision from Comm. Anderson on the need for a fire-house on this site. After a second by Comm. Steffler, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

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