

November 12, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1954 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, RUDELOFF, DILLASHAW, RUSSELL, WHITE, LACY, BARRETT, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: OLIVER

Mayor R. N. White presiding.

Invocation by Rabbi David Jacobson.

On motion of Mr. Rudeloff, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The Clerk read a letter from Ramon Galindo resigning his membership as a Trustee of the San Antonio Public Library and also as a member of the Special Advisory Committee on Expressway Rights of Way purchases.

On motion of Mr. Gonzalez, the resignations were accepted with regret. Mr. Gonzalez then submitted for further consideration, the name of Joe Martinez for Library Trustee.

The Clerk read a letter from the Insurance Advisory Committee with regard to the request of the San Antonio Police Officers Association for separate personal public liability coverage for officers driving police cars. The Board recommended that individual members purchase their own insurance in connection with their personal cars or secure separate operators policies in the event they have no cars.

Mr. Rudeloff moved that the report of the Insurance Advisory Commission be accepted and the City do not enter into agreements to purchase policies. Seconded by Dillashaw; AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett; NAYS, Gonzalez; ABSENT, Oliver.

The following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

AN ORDINANCE 20,732

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF LEON LASKA AT 130 INSPIRATION DRIVE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 376)

AN ORDINANCE 20,733

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CLARENCE THORNE AT 202 ROLLING GREEN

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 377)

AN ORDINANCE 20,734

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF CLARENCE THORNE AT 202 SUNNYCREST

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 377)

AN ORDINANCE 20,735

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF E. MONROE BIB AT 1409 WILTSHIRE

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 377)

AN ORDINANCE 20,736

GRANTING "HARLANDALE HOUSING CORPORATION" A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL AND CONNECT SEWER LINES IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED PUBLIC STREETS TO EXISTING CITY SEWER MAINS AT ITS OWN EXPENSE AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO CHARGE FOR CONNECTIONS THERETO

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 377)

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, R. N. White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver

A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS, ETC., PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 3, 1938, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIBED HEREIN: CASES NOS. 400, SPENCER LANE, KRAUS ROAD AND VANCE JACKSON ROAD; AND 401, PORTION OF NEW CITY BLOCK 2952, WEST HUISACHE STREET; AND CASE 397, ADINA STREET AND WEST THEO STREET

The following ordinance were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, R. N. White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

AN ORDINANCE 20,737

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BID OF GILLESPIE MOTOR COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TWO UTILITY SEDANS, LESS TRADE-INS NET \$3,135.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 378)

AN ORDINANCE 20,738

PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 2.25 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF THE JUAN FRANCISCO GOMEZ SUEHE, IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL AND MIXED, CONVEYED TO THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, BY D. F. YOUNGBLOOD, ET UX, BY DEED DATED AUGUST 3, 1936, TO SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, A CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 379)

AN ORDINANCE 20,739

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF KAR-TROL SIGNAL COMPANY AND GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WITH CERTAIN VEHICLE DETECTORS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS FOR A TOTAL OF \$10,951.55

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 380)

AN ORDINANCE 20,740

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$66.00 OUT OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS, ACCOUNT #55-01-01, TO CORPORATION COURT PETTY CASH FUND AND TO VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS FOR REFUNDS OF FINES REMITTED

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 380)

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AN ORDINANCE 20,741

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF SAN ANTONIO MACHINE AND SUPPLY COMPANY AND SIMMS FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH FIRE HOSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$15,560.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 381)

AN ORDINANCE 20,742

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE "YOUTH CONSERVATION AND STUDY COMMISSION"

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 381)

AN ORDINANCE 20,743

REFUNDING TO THE LIONS CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO THE AMOUNT OF \$67.50 PAID BY SAID CLUB FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR THE KING BROS. CIRCUS

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 382)

AN ORDINANCE 20,744

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW BID OF MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH 16 RADIO UNITS FOR MOTORCYCLES FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,320.00

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 382)

AN ORDINANCE 20,745

APPROVING A SETTLEMENT OF A SUIT AGAINST THE CITY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,250.00 TO EFFECT SAID SETTLEMENT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 382)

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

A RESOLUTION

APPOINTING AND DESIGNATING WALTER C. GUNSTREAM, DIRECTOR OF AVIATION, AS ACTING CITY MANAGER, IN THE ABSENCE OF DR. GEORGE W. RICE, CITY MANAGER, FOR THE PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 1954

The following letter from the City Clerk was read:

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

The following petitions were received by this office and referred to the City Manager for his recommendation or action.

- 10-29-54 Petition of First Mexican Fundamental Baptist Church requesting tax exemption.
- 10-29-54 Petition of Ignacio M. Rodriguez, et al, requesting the extension of sanitary sewers to the 900, 1000 and 1100 blocks of West Mayfield Blvd.
- 11-1-54 Petition of Mrs. P. A. Hoffman requesting refund of \$10.00 paid for permit No. 1501 which was not used.
- 11-1-54 Petition of Carl E. Niemeyer requesting refund of \$112.00 paid for building permits on property which is not located in the City of San Antonio.
- 11-2-54 Petition of Mrs. L. Perez, President of St. Agnes Church Women's Club requesting a street light at the corner of N. San Jacinto and Leal Street.

Yours very truly,

/s/ J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

Mr. Dillashaw moved that the City Manager be directed to take the steps necessary to effect the plan for issuance of \$810,000.00 in bonds for rehabilitation and enlarging the Sewage Disposal Plant as heretofore submitted by M. E. Allison & Co., et al. The motion was adopted by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett; Gonzalez, not voting; Nays, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

Zoning Case #393 was next called. To re-zone Lots 1 through 9, pt of 10 in NCB 3196 on Rigsby Avenue from "C" Residence to "F" Local Retail. No one appearing to be heard, the motion of Mr. Russell, seconded by Rudeloff, to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved. AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

Zoning Case #398 to rezone property bounded by Inca Drive, Castroville Road, Gen. McMullen Drive and NCB 11247 from C Res. to "F" Local Retail was next called. No one appearing to be heard, the motion of Russell, seconded by Rudeloff to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission was adopted. AYES, Scherlen, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Oliver.

Mr. Dillashaw then brought up the question of salaries of the Assistants to the Board of Equalization. He said that the present salary of \$20.00 was inadequate and he would like to see it increased to \$30.00 per day. After discussion, action was delayed one week.

Finance

Mr. C. L. Aldridge, the Director of Finance, then gave the council a quarterly report on the financial condition of the city and explained various items and answered questions of members.

The Mayor then asked if any citizens would like to be heard. Mrs. Brink of the Madison School PTA asked the council again for sidewalks in the vicinity of the school to protect the children attending school. Mr. Barrett, for the committee appointed last week by the council to investigate the matter, reported that the committee had reached the conclusion that the problem could not feasibly be solved by the building of sidewalks and his committee did not recommend such action.

Discussion was held generally by all members of the Council, members of the PTA, Kristjen Bredvad, the Acting City Engineer and the City Manager. After a prolonged discussion it was decided to let the committee make further efforts to solve the problem.

On motion of Mr. Lacy, seconded by Mr. Russell, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

R. N. White
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Halliday
City Clerk

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ADDENDUM

At the conference in the City Manager's office before the council meeting, the Mayor called upon Mr. J. V. McGoodwin to explain the details of the plan to finance improvements and enlargements at the sewage disposal plant. Mr. McGoodwin explained in detail the plan heretofore presented and on record in the office of the City Clerk and stated that they, the San Antonio Water Corporation, were still ready to go on with the plan. Mr. Sylvan Lang, Chairman of the Health Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, then explained to the council his committee's interest in the sewage plant and told the council of the need for action at once. He presented a copy of a resolution presented by his committee to the Chamber of Commerce as follows:

"The Public Health Committee recommends that the Chamber of Commerce request the City of San Antonio to proceed immediately to make all the proposed improvements and additions to the present sewer plant in the amount of approximately \$800,000, even if this requires the issuance of revenue bonds bearing a higher interest rate than general obligation bonds."

Mr. Lang stated that the Chamber of Commerce had approved the above resolution unanimously.

Mr. Chas. Weimer of the same committee also spoke and Mr. George Judson, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce urged action. Mr. Wells, the superintendent of the plant, showed plans and photographs illustrating what should be done. Mr. Barrett bore out Mr. Wells' statement 100%.

The matter of a general bond issue for a new plant was discussed and it was decided that no action be taken thereon until the committee to see the U. S. Engineers has reported.

Mr. Dillashaw then moved that the City Manager be instructed to take whatever steps necessary to put the wheels in motion to issue \$810,000.00 in bonds to do the work on the plant. All voted AYE except Mr. Gonzalez, who refused to vote.