

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, SITTING
AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE TAX COM-
MISSIONER AND THE OFFICE OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER, ON FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 8, 1946.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.
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The Mayor and Commissioners, who had been meeting as a Board of Equalization, were called into session as a Committee of the Whole by the Mayor at 9:15 o'clock, A.M., on Friday, November 8, 1946, in the Office of the Tax Commissioner.

After the roll was called with the result as recorded above, the Mayor outlined the background leading up to the purpose of this meeting of the Committee of the Whole. He explained that on May 31, 1946, the Council, with Mayor Mauermann and Commissioners Hein, Steffler and Anderson voting "aye" and Commissioner Callaghan voting "nay", had adopted an Ordinance "Directing the Tax Commissioner to Assess Property for Taxation at its Fair Value". He related that on June 4, 1946, in a meeting in Commissioner Steffler's Office, attended by Mayor Mauermann and Commissioners Hein, Steffler and Anderson, the Mayor had asked the support of these three Commissioners for impeachment or mandamus proceedings directed against the Tax Commissioner for not carrying out the directions of the "Fair Value Ordinance", but that Commissioners Hein, Steffler and Anderson had all refused to support the impeachment or mandamus proceedings.

Commissioner Anderson agreed that he and Commissioners Hein and Steffler had refused on June 4, 1946, to support the impeachment or mandamus proceedings, and added: "I didn't think it was the thing to do."

Commissioner Steffler added: "I still don't".

Commissioner Hein also agreed that what was said was substantially correct.

The Mayor then explained that, since the Board of Equalization discussions showed that tax assessments were not going to be raised, the City would not be able to keep its pledge to the National Bank of Commerce, this pledge having been voted unanimously in the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 30, 1946, when the Mayor was authorized to negotiate an emergency loan of \$430,000 from the bank and the Commissioners pledged unanimously to increase assessments in order to meet this emergency loan.

The Mayor then asked the Commissioners to readjust their needs under the emergency loan.

Commissioner Callaghan said he would turn back all of the \$70,000 he was to receive under the loan, but that the re-survey of assessments could not be done without this money.

Commissioner Steffler said he could turn back \$100,000 of the \$200,000 he received under the loan, but could not then complete repairs ~~of flood damage~~ to all the streets and bridges/ damaged by the flood.

Commissioner Hein said \$75,000 could be salvaged from his share. (This figure was later corrected to \$55,000 by the City Auditor.)

Commissioner Anderson said he would be glad to leave the adjustment of his portion to the Mayor's judgment.

MOTION: At the request of the Mayor, Commissioner Anderson then moved that the Mayor be authorized to go back to the bank and re-negotiate the loan and recondition the loan that was made to the City under the emergency.

After a second by Commissioner Hein, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Nay, Callaghan.

Commissioner Callaghan then commented: "This means that I lose my \$70,000. I will just have to operate my department until I exhaust my funds, and then I will turn it over to you."
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Committee of the Whole

The Clerk made an appointment for the Mayor to meet bank officials at 10:15 o'clock, A.M., this same day, and so reported back to the Committee of the Whole.

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Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the meeting was recessed to await the Mayor's return from the conference with bank officials, then to be reconvened at the call of the Mayor.

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PURSUANT TO THE RECESS, the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole was reconvened at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on Friday, November 8, 1946, at the call of the Mayor, in the Office of the Street Commissioner.

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PRESENT: Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson; Mayor Mauermann presiding.

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Mayor Mauermann reported he had conferred with the bank officials and had been asked by them to state the minimum needs for the emergency loan. He said he told them the Committee of the Whole had agreed to turn back the \$70,000 allocated to Commissioner Callaghan, \$100,000 of the amount allocated to Commissioner Steffler, and \$55,000 of the amount allocated to Commissioner Hein, the City Auditor's figures having shown that Commissioner Hein could turn back only that amount. The Mayor said the bankers said they would prefer that Commissioner Anderson's allocation not be decreased, in order that the policemen and firemen could keep their pay increase, which the bankers felt was deserved.

The Mayor stated that, in the light of these cut-backs, the bankers agreed to make the remaining emergency loan of \$205,000 to the City, based on the anticipated revenues submitted by the City Auditor.

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The Mayor questioned Commissioner Anderson about the progress of the proposed Taxicab Ordinance which was intended to raise \$30,000 in additional revenue, as reported by the Auditor. He said this would be needed to meet the decreased emergency loan.

Commissioner Anderson said he had talked on the previous day to Mr. J. M. Harris, owner of Yellow Cab Co., who had told him that he wanted to make proper payment to the City and wanted to do it in a legal manner. He said Harris agreed to arrange a meeting on the Taxicab Ordinance immediately.

Commissioner Anderson added that from the number of arrests being made and the increased efforts of Corporation Court to collect outstanding fines, he believed more revenue would be received from that source.

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The Mayor said the bankers told him they did not want the impression left that they were asking that the City raise taxes. He said they were definitely not taking that stand, that they were just lending the City the needed money on the representation of the Mayor and Commissioners and expected the Mayor and Commissioners to keep their representation.

The Mayor said the re-negotiated emergency loan would be presented in the form of an ordinance at the proper time.

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MOTION: Commissioner Hein moved that the action of the Mayor in re-negotiating the emergency loan be ratified. After a second by Commissioner Anderson, the motion was carried by roll call vote, to-wit: Ayes, Mauermann, Callaghan, Hein, Steffler and Anderson.

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Committee of the Whole

City Auditor Walter Tatsch presented the following tabulation of the tentative 1946 General Fund Budget as revised to include the \$205,000 emergency loan:

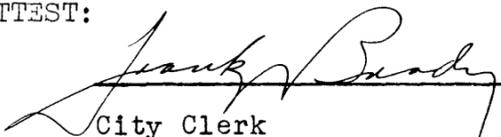
Mayor's Department	\$ 864,000
Taxation Department	130,000
Sanitation, Parks, etc. Department	1,035,000
Streets, etc. Department	792,000
Fire and Police Department	1,715,000
Extraordinary expenditures, agreed to by all Commissioners, to be taken out of a Contingency Fund	99,000
TOTAL:	<u>\$4,635,000</u>

Pursuant to motion duly made and carried, the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole was adjourned Friday, November 8, 1946.

APPROVED:


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

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