

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH, A.D. 1923, 4 P.M.

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

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

---MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS---

The G. H. & S. A.R.R. submitted an acceptance of an ordinance adopted Dec. 14, 1922, granting said railroad the right to make certain changes in their tracks on Duval Street under certain conditions, which was read and referred to the City Engineer for a report.

Petition of the S.A & A.P.R.R. for permit to construct spur track across Lombrano Street into C.B.1038 was read and referred to City Engineer.

Petition of Mistletoe Creameries, for permit to cut curb to change grade of sidewalk in front of their property on Austin Street, was read and referred to City Engineer.

Petition of Woodmen of the World (Camp Libertad) for use of San Pedro Park May 1 to 6, 1923, was read and referred to Commissioner of Parks, etc.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Taxation:
J.F. Alvarado, for refund of taxes.
H.S. Affleck, for cancellation of taxes.

The following petitions were read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police:
L.C. Roosevelt, to erect drive-in filling station Porter St. and New Braunfels Ave.
For Street light, Burleson and N. Mesquite Streets.

Commissioner Wright recommended that petition of Hy. Wagner for permit to move gasoline tank to 2101 Dakota Street be granted. Adopted.

The recommendation of the City Engineer that the bid of H.E. Gillett to construct curbing around Mahncke Park be accepted was adopted.

Bids for pipe and fittings on Golf Club House were opened and referred to City Purchasing Agent.

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

AN ORDINANCE

Granting permission to the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Railway Company (Southern Pacific Company) to construct, operate and maintain a switch or spur track on Austin Street at the intersection of Milam Street and across said Austin Street into New City Block No. 497.

(For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "G", page 39)

AN ORDINANCE

Granting permission to the International & Great Northern Railroad Company to construct operate and maintain a switch or spur track on San Marcos Street, across Lombrano Street into City Block #2080 in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. (For full text of this ordinance see Ordinance Book "G", page 39)

His Honor, the Mayor, presented the following communication:

March 8th, 1923.

To the Commissioners of the City of San Antonio:

Gentlemen:

In order to comply absolutely and technically with Section 39 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, the Mayor submits herewith to the Board of Commissioners the reports made upon his request to him by the respective commissioners of the City, showing the operations of their departments for the preceeding year, together with a report of a detailed estimate of the operating and contingent expenses for the current year. The Mayor has had this matter under consideration with each of the commissioners for many weeks and now formally submits for the consideration of the Board of Commissioners above reports, and requests the commissioners to take the same very carefully into consideration in the matter of adopting the final budget for the City of San Antonio for the present fiscal year, and in so doing, submits herewith and makes a part hereof the temporary budget in the sum of \$2,300,000.00, which has been heretofore acted upon by this body, and calls the attention at this time of the commissioners to the following facts:

The Commissioner of Finance will need, in addition to his temporary budget heretofore allowed him, the sum of approximately \$1,600.00 to finance his department for the remainder of the fiscal year.

In the Fire and Police Departments, no additional sum will be required in addition to the temporary budget to finance the same.

Commissioner Lambert will need \$700.00 in the department of rivers and ditches, in addition to the temporary budget heretofore allowed him, and in the Parks and Plazas Department will need approximately \$26,000.00, while in the Garbage and Street Cleaning Departments he will need, in addition to the budgets heretofore given him, the sum of \$28,000.00.

In the department under the Street Commissioner, William O. Rieden, there will be needed \$45,000.00 to complete construction of streets now in progress. \$30,000.00 is needed to provide for the necessary repairs to streets by the Street Commissioner for the remainder of the year, and about \$30,000.00 will be needed to take

care of the amount already expended and contracted for, over and above the budget allowance.

In the Contingencies Department there will be required an additional \$30,000.00.

You will note that by an addition of these sums, there will be necessary to add to the temporary budget, if the same is adopted and made permanent and final, the above sums, which amount to approximately \$200,000.00. The Mayor is now working upon ways and means to devise this money and for the purpose of making a loan of same from the City depositories, in accordance with the City charter, and will be ready to report within a very short time.

The matter of finance is of vital importance to each commissioner, and you are urged to give the same very earnest consideration.

Yours very truly,
O. B. Black
Mayor of San Antonio.

The Mayor requested the Commissioners to meet with him Tuesday, March 13th, at 9.30 A.M. to take up matters connected with the Budget.
On motion, duly carried, the Commissioners agreed to take final action on the Budget on Thursday, March 15th, 1923.

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

APPROVED

O. B. Black
MAYOR

ATTEST:

A. C. Smith
CITY CLERK.