

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 1952
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

LOZANO, SCHMIDT, KELLER, TUCKER, ROPEL, CASSIDY, GREEMAN, STEVES

ABSENT:

WHITE

Mayor Steves Presiding.

Invocation by Rev. Kenneth L. Mauldin

On motion of Mr. Roper seconded by Mr. Greeman the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The following ordinances and resolutions were presented and were passed and approved by unanimous vote.

APPRO. NO. 1793

AN ORDINANCE 17,573

APPROPRIATING \$17,692.57 OUT OF THE POLICE & FIREMEN'S PENSION FUND TO PAY PENSION PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 541)

APPRO. NO. 1794

AN ORDINANCE 17,574

APPROPRIATING \$3,688.43 OUT OF THE TRENCH MAINTENANCE FUND PAYABLE TO UVALDE ROCK ASPHALT COMPANY FOR ASPHALT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1952

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 541)

AN ORDINANCE 17,575

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK (1053 Ivy Lane)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 541)

AN ORDINANCE 17,576

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF J. K. STARK (1049 IVY LANE)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 542)

AN ORDINANCE 17,577

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF E. P. GROSSMAN & CO. (812 RIDGEMONT AVE)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 542)

AN ORDINANCE 17,578

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE PETITION OF A. H. WILLMANN (229 TILTON RD.)

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 542)

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AN ORDINANCE 17,579

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF ARTEX ROOFING CO. BY H. L. ARRINGTON
(909 Dwight)
(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 543)

AN ORDINANCE 17,580

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF CLAUD A. HARMES AND MRS. PEARLIE HARMES
(311 Moursund)
(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 543)

The time for a hearing on the proposed interim budget having arrived, the Clerk read a letter from the City Manager recommending a \$10,000.00 increase for Urban Redevelopment. This amendment was approved and the Mayor asked if others wished to be heard on the subject of the Budget. No one offering further suggestion he called for the vote on the Budget Ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE 17,581

PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JUNE 1, 1952, AND ENDING JULY 31, 1952, AND APPROPRIATING
AND SETTING ASIDE THE NECESSARY FUNDS OUT OF THE GENERAL
AND OTHER REVENUES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR SAID
FISCAL YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF VARIOUS
DEPARTMENTS AND FOR THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS
OF THE CITY
(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 543)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,582

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A PIPE
LINE LICENSE AGREEMENT FROM THE MISSOURI-KANSAS
TEXAS RAILROAD COMPANY OF TEXAS, DATED THE 25TH DAY
OF APRIL, 1952
(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 545)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,583

GRANTING THE PETITION OF PALM HEIGHTS CHURCH
OF CHRIST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOT
2, BLOCK 15, N.C.B. 3420, IN THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 545)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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AN ORDINANCE 17,584

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF AMERICA FOR EXEMPTION FROM CITY TAXES ON LOTS 24 & 25, BLOCK 3, N.C.B. 6226, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 545)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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AN ORDINANCE 17,585

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT COMPANY A PERMIT TO PERATE SAN PEDRO SHUTTLE BUS LINE

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 546)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the ordinance restricting and licensing bootblacks be repealed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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AN ORDINANCE 17,586

REPEALING CHAPTER 11 OF THE SAN ANTONIO CITY CODE

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 546)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

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AN ORDINANCE 17,587

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 16,792, PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 18, 1951" ACCEPTING PROPOSAL OF CAGE BROS. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY 6000 L.F. OF CONCRETE CURB, AND APPROXIMATELY 9000 SQ. YDS. TWO COURSE SURFACE TREATMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$8900.00 OUT OF THE 1951 GENERAL FUND-PROCEEDS OF NOTES-STREET MAINTENANCE."

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 546)

When the Ordinance proposing to lease land in Olmos Basin to C. H. Klein for a driving range for Golfers was read Councilman Schmidt protested against the action without bids being asked, saying he believed others should be given a chance to compete for this privilege.

On motion of Mr. Lozano action was deferred for further consideration.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,588

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2 OF AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1921, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING LOCAL STREET TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONS BY JITNEYS, MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES, AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF JITNEYS, MOTOR BUSES AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR SUCH TRANSPORTATION ON THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, EXCEPT AS HEREIN PROVIDED FOR, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES" AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING PARAGRAPH 16 THEREOF

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 547)

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A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,589

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MONTHLY CONTRACT TO FURNISH RADIO DISPATCH SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR TO THE CITY OF CASTLE HILLS

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 548)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,590

ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE ALAMO JUNK COMPANY FOR SURPLUS SCRAP METAL; AND MAKING A BILL OF SALE THEREFOR

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 549)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,591

CLOSING AN ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 8716; AND MAKING QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO J. J. SCHAUPP

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 549)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,592

FORFEITING THE \$35.00 BID CHECK POSTED BY THE PYRAMID ERECTION COMPANY FOR FAILURE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE AVIATION DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE A SALE OF SURPLUS WATER TOWER AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 550)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR CONCESSIONS PRIVILEGES IN THE BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE, THE RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE, AND WILLOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE CLUB HOUSE

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolution be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A RESOLUTION

GRANTING THE PLAYLAND PARK CORPORATION OF SAN ANTONIO A PERMIT TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON THE PREMISES OF PLAYLAND PARK ON JULY 4, 1952

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petitions dealing with the proposed route of the Iowa Bus Line. It was recommended that the Supervisor of Public Utilities study the question in detail and to make any further recommendations which are pertinent both in the light of the present ordinance and the petitions.

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read with regard to petitions filed by the Laura Steele PTA and Emerson PTA requesting additional policemen at school crossings. The Chief of Police reported that he has included in the Police Department's budget for the next fiscal year the request for sufficient funds to hire approximately 100 Civilian School Crossing Guards and hoped that by September, 1952 the school crossings would be adequately protected.

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the petition filed by V. R. Guerra for location of a filling station at 2602 Ruiz Street be approved and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the petition filed by Golden West Oil Company for permission to install underground storage tank at Mission Driverless Car Co. be approved and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following resolutions and ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

✓ A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE APPLICATION TO STATE OFFICIALS FOR A GRANT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINANCING OF A NEW CITY HEALTH CENTER

✓ A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HAVE AN APPRAISAL MADE OF THE PRESENT HEALTH BUILDING AND TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS TO PARTIALLY FINANCE THE PROPOSED NEW HEALTH CENTER

✓ A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW HEALTH CENTER SITE, AFTER SAME HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE STATE

✓ AN ORDINANCE 17,593

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EMPLOY AYRES & AYRES, ARCHITECTS, TO PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED NEW HEALTH BUILDING

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 550)

A letter from the City Manager was read recommending that the following ordinance be passed and the recommendation was approved by the Council.

AN ORDINANCE 17,594

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENDORSE
AND TRANSFER A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2000
TO THE WITTE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

(Full text in Ordinance Book X. page 550)

✓ The following letter from the City Manager was read:

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

Gentlemen:

Last year a contract was approved by the then City Commission between the City of San Antonio and Public Administration Service for the purpose of re-valuing all real estate properties with improvements, in the City of San Antonio. In addition, certain maps and records were to be developed. The estimated cost of this tax re-valuation was \$500,000. The contract, however, was an "open-end" one, which means that the City would be required to absorb all costs.

For the further information of Council, Public Administration Service was requested to give the City a "closed-end" contract, -- that is, a guaranteed lump sum figure. To date they have been unwilling to do this.

During the course of this re-survey many problems have arisen which have given the administrative branch of the government serious concern. Some of these may be enumerated as follows:

- (1) It is very doubtful, at the present rate of progress, that the survey will be completed in time for use in connection with the 1953-54 Assessment rolls.
- (2) The installation in many instances would apparently be too elaborate.
- (3) The laws of the State of Texas are very definite in dealing with tax and assessment matters. It is questionable whether some of the methods recommended to be used would conform with these statutes. Public Administration Service has conformed to the rulings of the Legal Department, but have continued to proposed and advocate procedures which the City Attorney definitely feels would be illegal.
- (4) At the present rate of progress it has been estimated by the Director of Finance that the cost will be not less than \$640,000.

The recommendation made below is based upon many conferences between the Director of Finance, the City Attorney, and the City Manager, three of these conferences being attended by Mr. Pope, who is the director out of Chicago of Public Administration Service.

It would be the recommendation of the City Manager:

- (1) That the present contract with Public Administration Service be terminated as of June 1.
- (2) That the Director of Finance be authorized at once, utilizing everything which has been done to date which can be used, to continue to proceed with a re-valuation of all properties in the City of San Antonio as indicated above.
- (3) That predicated upon estimates of the Director of Finance, which will be prepared and submitted to the Council at an early date, the Director of Finance be authorized to employ the necessary staff on a temporary basis to proceed with this project.

The City Manager is not prepared at this time to give Council an estimate as to what the cost to the City would be to complete the project under its own direction. To complete this project as it is now proceeding will cost approximately an additional \$500,000. To complete the project by employing other firms skilled in this type of work would probably cost something under \$300,000.

It is the opinion of the Director of Finance and the City Manager that under the direction of the Director of Finance this project can be completed at a figure under the lowest estimate indicated above.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ C. A. Harrell

City Manager

After the reading of the letter of the City Manager above Mr. Lozano read the following letter to the Council.

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council
 City of San Antonio, Texas
 % J. Frank Gallagher, City Clerk
 City Hall
 San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

At a meeting which was held today of the Board of Directors of the Research and Planning Council, which is the successor to the Planning Board of San Antonio and Bexar County, a resolution was unanimously adopted to request the Honorable City Council to defer action on the recommendation made by the City Manager, Mr. C. A. Harrell, in a letter dated May 6, 1952, addressed to them in relation to the contract with Public Administration Service for re-valuing all real estate properties, with improvements, in the City of San Antonio.

The Executive Vice President of this organization conferred at some length with City Manager C. A. Harrell in relation to this question on May 6, 1952, and urged Mr. Harrell to defer a recommendation on this question until a further opportunity could be obtained for a more careful exploration of the alleged facts stated in Mr. Harrell's letter of May 6, 1952. Although Mr. Harrell gave courteous consideration to our Executive Vice President's request for a reconsideration of this matter, he declined to defer his recommendation.

In view of the importance of the tax re-valuation program to the City of San Antonio, this organization would appreciate an opportunity for a committee of this organization to meet with the members of your honorable body, the City Manager, the Director of Finance, the City Attorney, and the members of the staff of Public Administration Service in order that a full opportunity may be gained for a more careful study of all of the issues involved.

Very truly yours,

Brooks B. McGimsey
 President

BBM/mgh

Mr. Lozano then moved that action be deferred one week and the motion was unanimously carried.

The following petitions were read by the Clerk and on motion of Mr. Keller seconded by Mr. Tucker were referred to the City Manager for action and recommendations.

Petition of H. C. Hull, et al, requesting rerouting of bus line on Hillwood Drive.

Petition of Marin B. Fenwick PTA for allocation of funds for school crossing guards.

Petition of Lena Tarin, et al, for extension of Denver Hts. Bus Line.

Petition of George H. Baker, et al, to open Mulligan Alley for public use.

Petition of Aldersgate Methodist Church for exemption from city taxes at 504 Kayton.

Petition of Villita Advisory Board for re-modeling of the "Old Power House of the Public Service Board" for public and beneficial uses.

Petition of Government Hill Church of Christ for exemption from city taxes at 2130 Lamar Street.

Petition of Mrs. G. W. Passailaigue, et al, for street light at Ashby and Elmendorf.

Petition of Desiderio Rivera, et al, for sanitary sewers in 100 & 200 block of Balboa Street.

Petition of Louis Cabrera for repair of Fite Street and Elvira Alley.

Petition of Joe Pecina, et al, for sanitary sewer line in 2300 block of E. Crockett.

Petition of Hot Wells Baptist Church for exemption from city taxes at 304 Montrose.

Mr. Keller then asked to be recognized to speak on the subject of wreckers. He stated he had received many complaints and he knew that some of the complainants were in the audience at this time who would like to be heard.

The Mayor permitted Mr. Samuel V. Stone, of the Peoples Paint & Body Co., 1200 S. Iresa to tell the Council what the objections to the Wrecker Ordinance were.

There was a lengthy discussion in which Councilman Roper, Greeman, Keller and City Attorney Hardy, City Manager Harrell and Director of Police Allen joined.

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Mr. Stone was then told to go into the matter with the Chief of Police and where anything was being done out of line it would be corrected.

/ Mr. Maury Maverick Sr. then addressed the Council and presented a petition on rezoning of Hildebrand Avenue and was told that when the matter reached the council he would be heard.

On motion of Mr. Lozano seconded by Mr. Keller and carried by a roll call vote: Ayes, Lozano, Schmidt, Keller, Tucker, Roper, Cassidy, Greeman, Steves; Nays, none, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED

James Hall Steves
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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