

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, A. D. 1917, 4 P.M.

PRESENT: Honorable Clinton G. Brown, Mayor, presiding, and Commissioners Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

Minutes of previous meeting were ordered approved.

----MEMORIALS AND PETITIONS----

The Clerk read the following communication from the Mayor:

To the Citizens of San Antonio:

The Mothers Council and other public spirited citizens of our City have arranged to co-operate with the Health Department to hold the second Baby Health Conference at the St. Marks Parish House, 315 Pecan Street (Travis Park) on May 1st., 2nd., 3rd., 4th., and 5th., thus observing National Baby week in San Antonio in 1917.

Much has been accomplished during the last few years in observing child life in San Antonio, and one of the largest factors of recent years was the Baby Health Conference held last year. We must have the hearty co-operation of all good citizens, especially the women of our City, in order to further develop this work. It is hardly necessary to state that this field seems particularly fitting for the hearty support of our Churches.

I therefore ask all the good people of San Antonio to co-operate with the Committee in charge of this work and urge the mothers to enter their babies in the Second Health Conference, especially if baby is not doing so well as he might, so they may receive the greatest benefits to be derived from the examinations to be made by a corps of our most eminent physicians, assisted by graduate nurses, who will point out on a score card which will be sent the mother, the defects, if any, and instruct her how to overcome them, as well as advise the mother what to feed baby and otherwise how to care for him.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of San Antonio, this 15th day of March, 1917.

Clinton G. Brown,

Mayor, City of San Antonio, Texas.

Petition of San Antonio Humane Society, relating to the establishment of drinking troughs for animals, was read and referred to Commissioner of Parks, Sanitation and Public property.

Petition for water mains on Simon Street, was read and referred to Commissioner of Sanitation, Parks and Public Property.

A communication from the City Electrician relating to the condition of the poles in the streets and alleys belonging to the San Antonio Telephone Co. was read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Petition of Illg Bros, for permit to erect an electric sign, was read and referred to Commissioner of Fire and Police.

Petition of Sociedad de la Union for use of San Pedro Park for Cinco de Mayo celebration, was read and granted on recommendation of Commissioner Lambert, duly seconded and carried.

On motion of Commissioner Kearny, duly seconded and carried, a hearing was granted to owners of property interested in the improvement of S. St Mary Street, from Market Street to Nueva Street.

(See Record of Hearings, page 17)

Commissioner Kearny recommended that petition of Louisa Bohnet and Bertha Stumberg in re opening old Alamo Ditch, be referred to Commissioner Lambert for action.

Petition of Moody's Sanitarium for permit to erect certain iron poles was granted on recommendation of Commissioner Kearny, subject, however, to revocation by the Commissioners if in their opinion it is desirable to do so. The petition follows:

March 16, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners,
San Antonio, Texas.

Gentlemen:

With a view of beautifying and enlarging the grounds at the Sanitarium, at 315 Brackenridge Avenue, and thereby making them more useful and more comfortable in the treatment and care of our patients, I take this method of asking if you will be kind enough to grant us the privilege of placing two nice, large, ornamental posts twenty four feet apart each in the following streets and running our lawn fence to these posts; the space between the posts being continuously open without obstruction, and making a nice entrance through the streets; the first entrance being at the beginning of Barnard Street on Brackenridge Avenue, and the other entrance being at the end of Benard Street, at Terrell Avenue, a distance of two blocks, one block of which has never been opened, this being the block between Stanley and Terrell Avenue. Second entrance at the beginning of Stanley Avenue at Pine Street and then the other, two blocks east on Stanley Avenue at Tendick street. Stanley Avenue ends abruptly one half block east of Tendick Street, where it runs up against Government Post grounds and fence. Beyond Tendick Street toward post grounds the street is not cleared. North Pine street ends abruptly at Humphreys street, Humphreys Street being a continuation of Stanley Avenue. Bernard Street and Stanley Avenue are absolutely not used at all now, except occasionally by us and some delivery wagon delivering to us, as there is no where to go on these streets, and we own all of the land on each side of these two streets and within the space mentioned; Bernard Street as explained above, being only two blocks long, and Stanley Avenue being two and one half blocks long. There is no one this can inconvenience in the least, and it will enable us to add very much indeed to the comfort and pleasure of our patients, and to make the grounds a great deal more beautiful in the line of City beautification.

Attached I beg to enclose a little crude sketch of these streets, which explains how they lay, and the dotted lines will show the new extension of fences and posts on the streets above mentioned, all the land enclosed within these lines belongs to the Sanitarium.

Thanking you, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
G.H.Moody.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

MB-483 AN ORDINANCE

Declaring the inability of the City of San Antonio to agree with the owners of certain property located on the northwest corner of City Block No. 581, on the east side of Walnut street, belonging to R.A.Campbell and Delia Campbell, which property is necessary for the widening Walnut Street and Crockett Street to their full widths, and directing that condemnation proceedings condemning said property be instituted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1: That the City declines to pay the price set upon the property herein-after described because same is unreasonable and exorbitant and in excess of the reasonable market value of the property.

Section 2: That the widening of Walnut Street and Crockett Street at the point where the property hereinafter described is hereby declared to be necessary to the widening of said streets, and that for the purpose of so widening said streets it is necessary for the City of San Antonio to appropriate by condemnation proceedings the following described

property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point in the correct established south line of Crockett Street, 87.0 feet east of the correct established east line of Walnut Street and 55.6 feet south from the North line of Crockett Street. Thence in a westerly direction with said corrected established south line of Crockett Street, a distance of 87.0 feet to the correct established east line of Walnut Street. Thence in a southerly direction with the said correct established east line of Walnut Street, which is parallel and 27.8 feet apart from the original center of Walnut Street, a distance of 171.0 feet to the south line of Lot #1, City Block #581. Thence in a westerly direction with the extended south line of said Lot No. 1, City Block #581, a distance of 7.5 feet to a former fence line, as shown on accompanying plat. Thence in a northerly direction along the said former fence line a distance of a 183.1 feet. Thence in an easterly direction along a fence line as shown on said plat, a distance of a 12.1 feet to the point of beginning.

THAT WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has been to agree on the price of said property with R.A.Campbell and Delia Campbell, who are the owners and claimants of said property, and reside in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED:

That the City of San Antonio proceed without delay to condemn said property in the manner provided by law, and that the City Attorney be and is now hereby directed to institute the necessary proceedings and represent the City of San Antonio in the condemnation proceedings now here provided for, and that a plat of the property proposed to be condemned be filed with the City Clerk.

That the City Attorney is instructed to make any and all necessary parties defendant in the condemnation proceedings, including any mortgagors, lien holders or lessees, or any parties owning or claiming any interest of whatever character in the property.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

MB-484 AN ORDINANCE

Declaring the inability of the City of San Antonio to agree with the owners of certain property located upon the corner of Soledad and Houston Streets, the same being a portion of what is known as the Witte property, which property is necessary for the widening and straightening of Soledad Street, and directing that condemnation proceedings condemning said property be instituted.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1: That the City declines to pay the price set upon the property hereinafter described because same is unreasonable and exorbitant and in excess of the reasonable market value of the property.

Section 2: That the widening and straightening of Soledad Street at the point where the property hereinafter described is located is hereby declared to be a public necessity, and the property hereinafter described is hereby declared to be necessary to the widening and straightening of said street, and that for the purpose of so widening and straightening said street it is necessary for the City of San Antonio to appropriate by condemnation proceedings the following described property to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot(12) Twelve, City Block One Hundred and Twenty Eight (128), in the north line of West Houston Street, Thence in a northerly direction with the old west line of Lots Twelve (12), Eleven (11), Ten (10) and nine (9), a distance of eighty seven and three tenths (87.3) feet to the north line of lot

Nine (9). Thence in a westerly direction with the north line of lot(9) Nine, a distance of seven and eight-tenths (7.8) feet to the new established west line of Soledad Street.

Thence in a southerly direction with said new established west line of Soledad Street to the South line of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Lot Twelve (12), City Block No. 128, which is also the North line of Houston Street. Thence in an easterly direction with the South line of Lot Twelve (12), a distance of Eleven and one-tenth (11.1) feet to the point of beginning.

THAT WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has been unable to agree on the price of said property with Alfred G. Witte, independent executor of the estate of Mary G. Witte, deceased, and A. G. Witte, George Witte, Edwin H. Witte and Mrs. Richard Tommins, who are the owners and claimants of said property, and reside in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

THEREFORE, IT IS NOW FURTHER OPDAINED:

That the City of San Antonio proceed without delay to condemn said property in the manner provided by law, and that the City Attorney be and is now hereby directed to institute the necessary proceedings and represent the City of San Antonio in the condemnation proceedings now here provided for, and that a plat of the property proposed to be condemned be filed with the City Clerk.

That the City Attorney is instructed to make any and all necessary parties defendant in the condemnation proceedings, including any mortgagors, lien holders or lessees, or any parties owning or claiming any interest of whatever character in the property.

Commissioner Garland recommended that petition of First Baptist Church for correction of assessment be granted. Adopted.

Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

MB-485 AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That, by petition filed to-day and the facts ascertained to be true, all City taxes upon the property owned and described as the east one half of lots one and three in Block 45, in New City Block 356, situated in this City have been paid; and that on May 3rd, 1904, in Cause No. 15333, City of San Antonio vs. Juan F. Rodriguez, the City of San Antonio bought in title at its own taxsale, and received deed therefor, which deed is recorded in deed records of Bexar County, Volume 231, at page 591; and that said deed constitutes a cloud upon the title of H.A. Reuter, the present owner; It is therefore considered, and is hereby ordered that the Mayor be and he is hereby directed and authorized, to execute and deliver to the said H.A. Reuter quit claim deed of the City of San Antonio to the aforesaid property.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.
No. 301

- 486 AN ORDINANCE

Authorizing the payment of wages to City Laborers for the week ending March 15, 1917, ~~and that the following amount be and is hereby appropriated~~ and making an appropriation therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to issue warrants for the payment of

wages to City Day Laborers for the week ending March 15, 1917, and that the following sums be and are hereby appropriated out of the several special funds for that purpose, to-wit:

General Fund of 1916	\$1716.65
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Commissioner Garland introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

No. 300 **MB-487** AN ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the 1916 General Fund, the following sums of moneys for the hereinafter designated purposes:

Twenty seven and 37/100 (\$27.37) Dollars (the school portion being \$6.76), warrant for which is to be made payable to George B. Karges, Agent for George Kottle r on account of erroneous assessment and collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1911 on lot Number eight (8) in New City Block No. 2877 on valuation of \$2040.00

Commissioner Lambert read a letter from the San Antonio Water Supply Company, relating to the charge for water to be furnished the animal drinking fountains proposed to be erected by the S.A. Humane Society, upon which action was postponed, pending definite arrangements for such charges, to be concluded by Commissioner Lambert and the Water Company.

Commissioner Uhr made the following recommendations, which were adopted:

S.A. Light, for permit to stretch a temporary sign across Soledad Street.
Granted.

S.A. Light, for permit to erect a tempory tent at 128 Soledad Street. Granted.

Anna L. Smart, for building permit: Granted.

Commissioner Kearny introduced the following ordinance, which was read and adopted by the following vote on roll call, to-wit: Ayes, Brown, Garland, Lambert, Kearny and Uhr.

- 488 AN ORDINANCE

Ord ering the laying of sidewalks etc. on various streets, under the penalties for failure to comply with said order.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

WHEREAS the City Commissioners ~~of the City of San Antonio~~ in the exercise of the Police power, finds and hereby declares a public necessity for the laying of sidewalks, etc. as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS by an ordinance heretofore on the 10th day of August, A. B. 1914, passed and approved this City Commissioners provided for such cases; said ordinance being entitled "An ordinance prescribing specifications for Sidewalks and Curbing for Public Streets and Places, and providing measures to compel the laying, Construction and repair of same by owners of abutting property, requiring the cost thereof to be paid by the owners of such property and declaring such cost a personal liability of such owners, and a first and prior lien and charge against such property; and prescribing the manner of ordering and compelling the construction of such work, and the punishment for failure to comply with such orders", and proceeding hereupon in

accordance with said previous ordinance, which is made a part hereof;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED:

Section One: That the construction of Cement sidewalks be and the same is hereby ordered along or in front of the entire extent of each parcel of the property and premises herein-after described, and that the owners of such premises proceed immediately to construct said improvements, or to cause same to be constructed at their cost and expense, on the streets and public places hereinafter named; the respective premises herein referred to, the owner or owners thereof to whom this order is addressed and each such respective street or public place being as follows, to-wit:

OWNER	LOT OR LOT NO.	NEW CITY BLOCK NO.	LOCATION
A.J.Krueger	47-48	1256	Grayson Street.
H.Lee Ransom	12	810	Lexington Ave.
Kate Thomas	29	574	Crockett St.
R.G.Prelat	10-11-12	1770	Howard and Magnolia Sts.
E.A.Stribling	7 to 9 & 17 to 22	2953	Magnolia, Howard & Huisatch Sts.
Frank T. Walsh	A-6	117	Military Plaza
Mrs. Louisa Simmang	A-8	117	Military Plaza
Albert Kronkowsky	6	254	Laredo St.
D.O'connor	8-9	254	Laredo St.
J.C.Meredith	10	254	Laredo St.
Joe Cassiano & Wife	13	254	Laredo St.

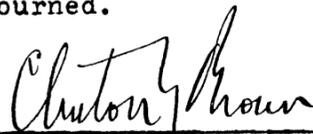
Section Two. That said improvements shall be constructed promptly in accordance with the specifications and other provisions contained in said ordinance of August 10, 1914, and that said work shall be commenced within thirty days after the service of notice on this order, and that said notices shall be given and all other things shall be done as therein provided; and that for failure to comply with or violation of this order, any person, association of persons, or corporation found guilty of such offense shall be fined not less than Five (\$5.00) Dollars nor more than Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, all under as in said ordinance of August 10th, 1914, provided.

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

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED


MAYOR