

September 23, 1954

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1954
AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, WEST, RUSSELL, WHITE, EASLEY, LESTER, GONZALEZ

ABSENT: STEVENS, SCHENKER

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

Immediately after the minutes were disposed of, the Mayor called on Mrs. Jack Allensworth who had asked for time on the agenda to discuss the matter of a proposed charter change.

Mrs. Allensworth read the proposed address which follows:

"I am Mrs. Jack Allensworth, representing the League of Women Voters, here this morning to request the Council not to call the election to change the present charter. For many years the League has studied and worked for Council Manager government. We know that in San Antonio, as in 1,241 other United States cities, Council Manager government, properly carried out, can provide the most efficient and economical city government for each tax dollar expended.

Our present charter was drafted by a duly elected, representative commission. The commission worked during an entire summer in open meetings, with the benefit of expert advice, and after a public hearing, submitted the charter to the people. None of these steps has been followed in the case of the proposed amendments.

We are here to warn you that the amendments are both illegal and a threat to the rights of the citizens of San Antonio.

First, as to legality. Experts in municipal and state law say that the very form of some of the amendments is one that has been repeatedly overthrown by Texas courts. Are you willing to risk plunging this city into further litigation which could bring into question the entire authority of the city government?

A specific illegality is the provision for filing fees in city elections. For years Texas law has forbidden cities of this size to charge filing fees.

Next we ask you to consider the threats to the taxpayer's purse. The Council Manager charter for the first time protected San Antonio taxpayers because no appropriation can be made unless a detailed budget is adopted before the opening of the fiscal year. The budget tells us where the money is to come from and where it is to go. These controls are among the finest features and the greatest safeguards of our Council Manager charter. Although the proposed amendments seem to leave these budget provisions unchanged, a new section in the amendments conflicts with the present charter provisions and would override them. The new section itself appears to conflict with State law, and the resulting confusion might imperil the budgetary protection we now enjoy.

Are you prepared to explain to the taxpayers why the proposed amendments cut the taxpaying period in half, giving only a two-month period for tax payment instead of the present four months?

The League has found in the proposed amendments many other evidences of disregard for the protection of the taxpayer's dollar which the present charter now provides.

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Now I ask you to consider our general rights as citizens. Opponents of our Council Manager charter have mistakenly labeled it as undemocratic. I would have you look at certain provisions of the proposed amendments and see if they promote democracy.

It is proposed to change the date for city elections to the second Tuesday in January. We all know that the setting of elections near holidays is a characteristic maneuver of machine politics.

Our Council Manager charter prescribes that all meetings be open ones, but the proposed amendments do not. There is no provision for a quorum of the Board of Commissioners. By a very odd provision a Commissioner absent for any cause would be automatically recorded as voting "Nay". The combination of the last three factors would give a field day for manipulators. It would be particularly useful to a mayor to prevent his veto from being overridden. Under the proposed amendments, the double protection of publicity and sound parliamentary procedures that the Council Manager charter gives us would be totally lost.

The amendments would give the mayor a greater pardon power than the governor of Texas has. The governor can only pardon on the advice of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and after due publicity. But it is proposed that the mayor, alone and without requirements as to publicity, "shall also have the power to remit fines and grant pardons for all offenses arising under the ordinances of the City."

The opponents of the Council Manager charter say that it sets up a dictatorship. I would like to remind you that the amendments would give the mayor the unqualified power to raise his own private army. He could appoint for 120-day periods an unlimited number of special policemen, and dismiss the same at his pleasure.

Time has permitted me to enumerate only a few of the most dangerous provisions of these ill-conceived amendments.

The chief concern of the League of Women Voters is always good government, and we work for issues related to the principles of good government, solely in the public interest. We adhere to our strict nonpartisan stand as to individuals, but issues which are vital to the welfare of our community are involved, and on these issues we take a firm stand. We feel that the fundamental rights of the people of San Antonio are seriously endangered by the proposed amendments you are considering today. We have worked for sound, improved governmental procedures for many years, and, I wish to repeat, serious study by our League has shown that Council Manager government, properly conducted under a legal and clearly written charter, can give to the citizens the best and most economical form of government.

We earnestly request that you not vote to hold an election on these charter amendments."

Mr. Russell then thanked Mrs. Allensworth and told her the council had discussed the matter of possible charter changes at a pre-council meeting and he believed that it was possible certain changes in the charter could be agreed on and voted on at a later date but no action was contemplated at present.

Mr. Scherlen also congratulated Mrs. Allensworth for the work done by her organization.

Mr. Wm. A. Cowen then spoke in favor of action as soon as possible to permit a vote on the return to Commission form of Government so we can get away from pressure groups.

Councilman West made a statement that it seems to be the concensus of opinion that a charter writing group should be formed to make recommendation for changes needed in the charter.

Mr. Gonzalez stated he was opposed to doing anything with the charter unless 10% of the voters petitioned for a change.

Mr. Arthur Michael, for the Taxpayers League, told the council his group would fight any change from Council Manager form of Government.

Councilman Easley suggested the council should have a selected group from various organizations should recommend needed changes.

After this discussion, Mr. Russell then moved that the notice of intent to call an election dated August 26, 1954 be rescinded. Seconded by Scherlen, the motion carried; AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens and Schenker.

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Mrs. Mattie Lee Williams and Mrs. Henrietta Pyle also addressed the council.

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens and Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,537

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF C. E. MCDANIELS AT 514 LOOKOUT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 286)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, and Schenker

AN ORDINANCE 20,538

AN ORDINANCE TO USE THE CITY SANITARY SEWERS BY
A CONNECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY LIMITS ON THE
PETITION OF MARIEN H. WILSON AT 238-240 RIDGECREST

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 287)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,539

APPROVING A SETTLEMENT OF A CERTAIN LAWSUIT PENDING IN
THE 73RD DISTRICT COURT, WHEREIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
IS BEING SUED BY PETER TREASE AND THE CITY BY CROSS ACTION
IN THE SAME SUIT IS SUING PETER TREASE FOR TITLE AND POSSESSION
OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE WHICH THE CITY HAS APPROPRIATED AND USED
IN STRAIGHTENING THE CHANNEL OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN THE 5TH
AND 7TH STREETS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENDORSE APPROVAL
OF ANY AND ALL JUDGEMENTS AND TO EXECUTE ANY QUIT CLAIM DEED OR DEEDS
THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE SETTLEMENT OF SAID LAWSUIT EFFECTIVE.

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AN ORDINANCE 20,540

APPROPRIATING \$5,767.19 OUT OF CIVIC ADVERTISING FUND, CODE 93-15-00 (9-03), to CLAUDE ANIOL, IN PAYMENT OF INVOICES FOR CIVIC ADVERTISING

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 287)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Schenker, Stevens.

AN ORDINANCE 20,541

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS ITALIAN SOCIETY TO USE THE 200 BLOCK OF MORALES STREET AS A CARNIVAL SITE, ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, IN CONNECTION WITH COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION; AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO CLOSE SAID BLOCK TO TRAFFIC ON THE DAYS DESIGNATED.

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 288)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; nays, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,542

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM H. V. TAFOLLA AND WIFE, NETTIE TAFOLLA, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO LOT 17, BLOCK 3, N.C.B. 6082, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,590.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 288)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,543

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM JAMES LESLIE DANIEL AND WIFE, ANITA LOUISE DANIEL, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO 1.12 ACRES OF LAND, A PORTION OF A 4.54 ACRE TRACT IN THE JUAN FRANCISCO GOMEZ SURVEY, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,120.00 TO PAY FOR SAME

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 288)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,544

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A DEED FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO LADY PATRICIA BRADY, A FEME SOLE, COVERING A STRIP OF LAND TWELVE FEET IN LENGTH AS HEREINBELOW DESCRIBED; ACCEPTING A DEED FROM LADY PATRICIA BRADY, A FEME SOLE, TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COVERING A PORTION OF LOT 17, NCB 2910 AS HEREINBELOW DESCRIBED; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) OUT OF THE RIVER AUTHORITY FLOOD CONTROL R.O.W TRUST FUND 7-39; AND CLSOING AND ABANDONING A TWELVE FOOT STRIP OF LAND HERETOFORE USED AS AN ALLEY, SAID LAND BEING DESCRIBED HEREINBELOW

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 289)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Schenker, Stevens.

AN ORDINANCE 20,545

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM MANUELA N. VALERO, A WIDOW, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO LOT 15, BLOCK 3, N.C.B. 6082, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,165.00 TO PAY FOR SAID LOT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 290)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Schenker, Stevens.

AN ORDINANCE 20,546

ACCEPTING A DEED FROM JUAN RAMIREZ AND WIFE, HORTENCIA RAMIREZ, CONVEYING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, LOT 19, BLOCK 3, N.C.B. 6082, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,439.00 TO BE USED IN PAYMENT FOR SAID LOT

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 290)

The following resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Schenker, Stevens,

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THROUGH HIGHWAY ROUTES THROUGH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AND AUTHORIZING THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE ROUTE MARKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAP ATTACHED HERETO

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 291)

The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Schenker, Stevens.

AN ORDINANCE 20,547

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF SOUTHWESTERN MATERIALS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC ENGINEERS WITH ONE SIGN IMPRINTING MACHINE FOR \$1,189.95

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 291)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,548

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF FERD STAFFEL COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS DEPARTMENT WITH 22,000 POUNDS RYE GRASS SEED FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,307.80

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 291)

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The following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote:

AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, White, Easley, Lester, Gonzalez; NAYS, none; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

AN ORDINANCE 20,549

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BIDS OF INGRAM EQUIPMENT COMPANY AND INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ONE TRUCK CHASSIS AND ONE BITUMINOUS DISTRIBUTOR MOUNTED FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,624.70

(Full text in Ordinance Book AA page 292)

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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 Dr. George W. Rice, Acting City Manager, for his recommendation or action.

- 9-14-54 Petition of Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Archbishop of San Antonio, requesting taxexemption of Lots 1, 2, and 3, New City Block 2578.
- 9-16-54 Petition of Ridgeview Development Co., Inc. requesting annexation of 53.481 acres of land known as Ridgeview Subdivision Unit Number Two.

Yours very truly,

J. Frank Gallagher
City Clerk

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Mr. R. N. White then moved that the matter of a hearing on obscene and unsavory comic books can be held at 9:00 A.M. September 29th instead of 30th. The motion was unanimously carried.

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The Clerk presented the resignation of Mr. Herbert M. Schenker which follows:-

Members of the City Council
San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen:

When a person accepts the position of Councilman under our Council-Manager form of government, he does so at a considerable personal sacrifice. If our efforts materially contributed to the welfare of our City, this sacrifice would be well worth-while.

However, it must be crystal clear to anyone who is not a rank idiot that we are accomplishing nothing. There is absolutely no chance to make this form of government work for the people.

The government of the City of San Antonio, under our present Charter, has been operated solely and exclusively for the benefit of the power hungry politicians who never run for office but seek to control all of the governmental affairs of the City.

Every member of the City Council, with but one exception, has suffered financially by seeking to serve his City. All of the Councilmen have neglected their personal affairs in favor of public service.

For our efforts we are subjected to a constant stream of abuse. The vituperations of intellectually honest people who have been cruelly misled are only exceeded by the filthy and cunning innuendoes of the clever and cunning political bosses who seek to rule or ruin.

When I agreed to accept appointment to the City Council, I was immediately condemned because I had the effrontery to accept public office without first having been cleared by the back-stage boss who owns ~~wo~~ members of this Council lock, stock and barrel.

When we appointed the only independent city manager this city has ever had, the boss immediately started a recall movement because he could no longer control the city.

Peculiarly enough, some well meaning people ~~wo~~ obviously have not had an opportunity to know the true facts, seem to approve of this foul political atmosphere.

I trust that, in the not too distant future, our citizenry will rise in indignation and insist that our municipal affairs be once again vested in all of the people of San Antonio. I candidly feel that our only hope for restoring good government to San Antonio lies in a prompt call for the election of a Charter writing Commission directed toward the end of drafting a workable Charter for the City.

Because I can be of political service only under a democratic and intellectually honest governmental system, I have no alternative but to irrevocably tender my resignation as Councilman to become effective at once.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Herbert M. Schenker

No action was taken at that time.

The following ordinance was then introduced by Mr. Scherlen who moved its adoption, seconded by Russell.

AN ORDINANCE

ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1954, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY THE PROPOSITION OF "SHALL R. N. (DICK) WHITE, JR., BE REMOVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL BY RECALL."

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

That an election is hereby ordered to be held in the various voting precincts in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, hereinafter enumerated, on Saturday, the 30th day of October, 1954, and the Mayor is hereby directed to issue his proclamation calling said election, at which time ~~sa~~ll be submitted to the qualified voters of said City the following proposition:

SHALL R. N. (DICK) WHITE, JR. BE REMOVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL BY RECALL

The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is directed to expend such money as is necessary and to do all acts necessary in providing for proper officials, materials, ballots and any and all matters relating to the election.

The Council of the City of San Antonio does determine hereby that voting machines shall be used for the casting of votes and of absentee votes in this election, and that a voting machine shall be placed in the office of the City Clerk, and the City Clerk or any Assistant City Clerk is charged as the person with authority to hold such election; all in the manner made and provided by the Statutes of the State of Texas on the subject

Said election on the proposition set forth above shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and all qualified voters of the City of San Antonio holding a poll tax receipt or a certificate of exemption for the year 1953 shall be allowed to vote in said election. The proposition of "Shall R.N. (DICK) WHITE be removed from the City Council by Recall" shall be printed on the ballot and below such question the following shall appear:

"FOR THE RECALL OF R. N. (DICK) WHITE, JR."

"AGAINST THE RECALL OF R. N. (DICK) WHITE, JR."

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections and the sections of the Charter of the City of San Antonio shall be followed relating to a recall election.

A copy of this ordinance signed by the Mayor shall serve as due and sufficient notice for said election; and a sufficient proclamation thereof; and the City Clerk is directed to cause notice of such election to be published in some newspaper in the City of San Antonio forthwith and in any event not later than thirty days before the date of said election as set out above.

That said election shall be held within the bounds and limits of the City of San Antonio as fixed and established by Ordinance No. 20,245, passed and approved May 31, 1954, and in each and all of the various election as said election precincts are fixed and established; that said election shall also be held within the area contiguous and adjacent to said City Limits as hereinafter described, known as the deannexed area, and each and all of the various election precincts within said area as the same have been fixed and established; that said election ordered herein shall be held during the hours required by law and at the place in each respective election precincts set opposite the number of each precinct in the following table, to-wit:

ALL PRECINCTS DESIGNATED WITH LETTER "A" ARE SITUATED IN THAT AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "DEANNEXED AREA" AND BEING THAT AREA SITUATED BETWEEN THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AS FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20,245, DATED MAY 31, 1954 AND THE BOUNDARY LINE FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18,115, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1952

PRECINCT NO.

1. Navarro School, 623 S. Pecos
2. Briscoe School, 2015 S. Flores
3. Burbank School, 1002 Edwards
4. Hillcrest School, 211 W. Dittmar
5. Morrill Ward School, 5200 S. Flores
6. Huff Avenue School, 115 E. Huff
7. Harlandale High School, 300 W. Huff
8. Stonewall Elementary School, Stonewall & Commercial
9. Fire Station No. 25, Dwight Avenue
- 9-A. Fred Miller Motors, 2207 Quintana Road
10. Graebner School, 530 Hoover
- 10-A. Kelly Loan Office, 2208 Frio City Road
11. Collins Garden School, 167 Harriman Place
12. Johnson School, 1811 S. Laredo
13. Sidney Lanier School, 1514 Durango
14. Crockett School, 2814 W. Commerce
15. J. T. Brackenridge School, 1214 Cupples Road
16. Edgewood School, 525 Cupples Road
17. Barkley School, 1112 S. Zarzamora
18. DeZavala School, 2418 Durango
19. S. A. Tech High School, 637 Main Avenue
20. Bowie School, 439 Arbor Place
21. Margil School, 1319 Morales
22. Irving Jr. High School, 2215 Morales
23. Ogden School, 2215 Bal
24. Coronado School, 435 S. San Dario
- 24-A. Garage Building at Henry Van De Walle Home, Acme Road, 1200 Ft. south of Hwy 90 W.
25. H. K. Williams School, 3014 Rivas
- 25-A. Pechecano & Sons Office, 4200 Block Culebra Road
26. Fenwick School, 1930 Waverly
27. Nelson School, 1014 Waverly
28. Locketts Drug Store, 1815 W. Poplar
29. Eleanor Brackenridge School, 831 Brooklyn
30. Fire Station No. 4, 301 Camden
31. Hawthorne School, 127 W. Josephine
32. McKinley Elementary School, 400 E. Magnolia
33. San Pedro Playhouse, San Pedro Park
34. Fire Station No. 6, 503 W. Russell
35. Mark Twain School, 2411 San Pedro
36. Beacon Hill School, 1411 W. Ashby
37. Woodlawn School, 1717 W. Magnolia
38. Monte Vista RR station, 535 W. Hollywood (Missouri-Pacific)
39. Fire Station No. 17, 947 W. Gramercy
40. Fire Station No. 19, 1911 W. Hildebrand
41. Thomas Jefferson High School, 723 Donaldson
42. Benjamin Franklin School, 1915 Olmos Dr. W.
43. Woodrow Wilson School, 1421 Clower
44. Fire Station No. 1, 801 E. Houston
45. Fannin School, 1931 E. Houston
46. Elizabeth Tynan School, 925 Gulf
47. Wheatley School, 415 Harrison
48. Robert E. Lee School, 700 Lamar
49. Fire Station No. 5, 1011 Mason
50. Milam School, 1103 Austin

- 51. Pioneer Hall, Brackenridge Park
- 52. Grande Courts, 755 E. Mulberry
- 53. Will Rogers School, 620 McIlvaine
- 54. Woodridge Elementary School, Woodridge at Larkwood
- 54-A. Combined with Precinct 126-A, Serna School, Austin Highway
- 55. Fire Station No. 23, San Antonio International Airport
- 56. San Antonio Independent School District Office, Lavaca and Matagorda
- 57. Burnet School Annex, 406 Wyoming
- 58. Smith School, 823 S. Gevers
- 59. St. Phillips Jr. College, 2120 Dakota
- 60. Poe School, Aransas Avenue at Cooper
- 61. Herff Elementary School, 966 S. Hackberry
- 62. Victoria Courts Office, 400 Labor St.
- 63. Bonham School, 925 S. St. Mary's St.
- 64. Brackenridge High School, 1623 S. St. Mary's St.
- 65. Highland Park School, 2011 S. New Braunfels Ave.
- 66. Steele School, 722 Haggin
- 67. Fire Station No. 20, 2903 S. New Braunfels Avenue
- 68. Page School, 401 Berkshire
- 69. Riverside Park School, 202 School St.
- 70. Hot Wells School, 400 Hot Wells Blvd.
- 72. Madonna Village Office, 114 Orchid
- 72-A. Winston School, Roselawn at General McMullen Drive
- 78. Combined with Precinct 9, Fire Station No. 25, Dwight Avenue
- 78-A. Hutchins Ave. School, Zarzamora and Hutchins
- 79. Quincy Lee Office, 402 Hutchins
- 79-A. Goodwill Industries Store, 3822 Pleasanton Road
- 90-A. Woodlawn Hills School, 110 W. Quill
- 91. Quincy Lee Office, Vance Jackson and Cherry Ridge
- 91-A. Sky Ranch Courts, 5500 Fredericksbrug Road
- 95. Children's Center, 5322 San Pedro
- 102. Busby Realty Office, Nacogdoches & ~~Military Drive~~ New Braunfels
- 102-A. Acme Butane Co., Nacogdoches & Military Drive
- 103. Combined with Precinct 123, Justice of Peace No. 8 Court Room, San Pedro and Nova Mae
- 103-A. Oblate Seminary, 285 Oblate Drive
- 107. Vacant Building, 203 Bambridge Drive
- 107-A. Sam Houston School, Holmgreen Road
- 113. Combined with Precinct 69, Riverside Park School, 202 School Street
- 113-A. Hot Wells Lodges, 5503 S. Presa
- 114-A. San Juan School, Bergs Mill
- 118. New Harlandale High School, 346 Gerald Ave.
- 119. Collier School, 834 Southcross Blvd.
- 120. Rayburn School, Rayburn Drive & Commercial
- 121. Carroll Bell School, Pleasanton Road at Harding
- 122. Basse Road Automotive Service, 2430 Basse Road at West Ave.
- 122-A. Bartlett Mill & Lumber Co. 4410 West Avenue
- 123. Justice of Peace No. 8 Court Room, San Pedro & Nova Mae
- 123-A. Schupp Woodworking Plant, 5007 Blanco Road
- 124. Fire Station No. 28, 815 El Monte
- 126. Souder Hardware Store, 1013 Rittiman
- 126-A. Serna School, Austin Highway
- 128. James Madison School, 2900 W. Woodlawn
- 129. Dorie Miller School, Aurelia Avenue at Sterling
- 130. Vacant Store, 3219 West Avenue
- 132. Chas. Arnold School, Freiling at Panda
- 132-A. Combined with 122-A, Bartlett Mill & Lumber Co. 4410 West Ave.
- 135-A. San-An-Tone Courts, Military Hwy. (Loop 13) & Blanco Road
- 136. State Cleaners, 2324 Hicks Avenue
- 137. Highland Hills Elementary School, 734 Glamis
- 138-A. Gable Lodges, 3345 E. Commerce (Hwy 90. East)
- 139. Combined with Precinct 55, Fire Station No. 23, San Antonio International Airport
- 139-A. Gerfers Red & White Store, No. Loop Road, Corner Jones Maltsberger Road.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ A. D. ____.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

The notice required by law shall be given by the publication of this Resolution in the Official Publication of the City of San Antonio.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 1954.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Mr. White informed the council that the matter of adequacy of the clerk's recall certification was now in the courts and that he would vote against calling an election until such time as a decision was reached at which time he would be happy to

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follow the court decision.

During roll call Mr. West signified that in all possibility if a recall were voted and members of the council were replaced, a court decision could conceivably invalidate their occupancy of the posts and creat turmoil therefore he voted "no".

Mr. Gonzalez also explained his vote.

Mr. Russell asked the City Attorney if there was any legal impediment to holding a recall election. The answer was "no".

The final tally of the vote was as follows: AYES, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez. NAYS, West, White, Easley, Lester; the ordinance thus failed of passage.

Mr. Scherlen then introduced the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

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Said election on the proposition set forth above shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and all qualified voters of the City of San Antonio holding a poll tax receipt or a certificate of exemption for the year 1953 shall be allowed to vote in said election. The proposition of "Shall Ralph V. Easley be removed from the City Council by Recall" shall be printed on the ballot and below such question the following shall appear;

"FOR THE RECALL OF RALPH V. EASLEY"

"AGAINST THE RECALL OF RALPH V. EASLEY"

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections and the sections of the Charter of the City of San Antonio shall be followed relating to a recall election.

A copy of this Ordinance signed by the Mayor shall serve as due and sufficient notice for said election; and a sufficient proclamation thereof; and the City Clerk is directed to cause notice of such election to be published in some newspaper in the City of San Antonio forthwith and in any event not later than thirty days before the date of said election as set out above.

That said election shall be held within the bounds and limits of the City of San Antonio as fixed and established by Ordinance No. 20,245, passed and approved May 31, 1954, and in each and all of the various election precincts as said election precincts are fixed and established; that said election shall also be held within the area contiguous and adjacent to said City Limits as hereinafter described, known as the deannexed area, and each and all of the various election precincts within said area as the same have been fixed and established; that said election ordered herein shall be held during the hours required by law and at the place in each respective election precincts set opposite the number of each precinct in the following table, to-wit:

ALL PRECINCTS DESIGNATED WITH LETTER "A" ARE SITUATED IN THAT AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "DEANNEXED AREA" AND BEING THAT AREA SITUATED BETWEEN THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AS FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20,245, DATED MAY 31, 1954, AND THE BOUNDARY LINE FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18,115, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1952.

(Precincts same as copied in above ordinance for the recall of R. N. (Dick) White)

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ A. D. _____.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

City Clerk

September 23, 1954

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ A. D. _____.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

The notice required by law shall be given by the publication of this Resolution in the Official Publication of the City of San Antonio.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____ 1954.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

The above ordinance failed adoption by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, West, White, Easley, Lester; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

Mr. Scherlen then introduced the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

AN ORDINANCE

ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1954, TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY THE PROPOSITION OF "SHALL R. L. LESTER BE REMOVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL BY RECALL"

BE IT ORDAINEC BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That an election is hereby ordered to be held in the various voting precincts in the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas, hereinafter enumerated, on Saturday, the 30th day of October, 1954, and the Mayor is hereby directed to issue his proclamation calling said election, at which time shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said City the following proposition:

SHALL R. L. LESTER BE REMOVED FROM THE CITY COUNCIL BY RECALL.

The City Clerk of the City of San Antonio is directed to expend such money as is necessary and to do all acts necessary in providing for proper officials, materials, ballots and any and all matters relating to the election.

The Council of the City of San Antonio does determine hereby that voting machines shall be used for the casting of votes and of absentee votes in this election, and that a voting machine shall be placed in the office of the City Clerk, and the City Clerk or any Assistant City Clerk is charged as the person with authority to hold such election; all in the manner made and provided by the Statutes of the State of Texas on the subject.

Said election on the proposition set forth above shall be held in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and all qualified voters of the City of San Antonio holding a poll tax receipt or a certificate of exemption for the year 1953 shall be allowed to vote in said election. The proposition of "Shall R. L. LESTER be removed from the City Council by Recall" shall be printed on the ballot and below such question the following shall appear:

"FOR THE RECALL OF R. L. LESTER"

"AGAINST THE RECALL OF R. L. LESTER"

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections and the sections of the Charter of the City of San Antonio shall be followed relating to a recall election.

A copy of this Ordinance signed by the Mayor shall serve as due and sufficient notice for said election; and a sufficient proclamation thereof; and the City Clerk is directed to cause notice of such election to be published in some newspaper in the City of San Antonio forthwith and in any event not later than thirty days before the date of said election as set out above.

That said election shall be held within the bounds and limits of the City of San Antonio as fixed and established by ordinance No. 20,245, passed and approved May 31, 1954, and in each and all of the various election precincts as said election precincts are fixed and established; that said election shall also be held within the area contiguous and adjacent to said City Limits as hereinafter described, known as the deannexed area, and each and all of the various election precincts within said area as the same have been fixed and established; that said election ordered herein shall be held during the hours required by law and at the place in each respective election precincts set opposite the number of each precincts in the following table, to-wit:

ALL PRECINCTS DESIGNATED WITH LETTER "A" ARE SITUATED IN THAT AREA COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "DEANNEXED AREA" AND BEING THAT AREA SITUATED BETWEEN THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AS FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 20,245, DATED MAY 31, 1954, AND THE BOUNDARY LINE FIXED AND ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 18,115, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 1952

(Precincts same as copied in above ordinance for the recall of R. N. (Dick) White, Jr.)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ A.D. _____.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

The notice required by law shall be given by the publication of this Resolution in the Official Publication of the City of San Antonio.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 1954.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

The ordinance failed adoption by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, West, White, Easley, Lester; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

Mr. Gonzalez then called up the resignation of Mr. Schenker and moved its adoption. The vote as follows: AYES, Scherlen, West, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, White, Easley, Lester; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

Mr. Gonzalez then moved that nominations be in order for a successor to Mr. Schenker, seconded by Russell, the motion failed of carriage by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Russell, Gonzalez; NAYS, West, White, Easley, Lester; ABSENT, Stevens, Schenker.

The City Attorney ruled on request that the motion to accept the Schenker resignation had failed because of lack of a majority vote of the council.

Mr. Wm. N. Cowan, Mrs. Mattie Lee Williams and Mrs. Henrietta Pyle also talked to the council about charter changes.

On motion of Mr. Scherlen, seconded by Mr. West, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

R. L. Lester
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frank Mallozzi
City Clerk