

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1963, 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, DE LA GARZA, JONES, KAUFMAN, COCKRELL, GATTI, PADILLA, PARKER and BREMER.

The invocation was given by Reverend Asa Franklin Avant, Minister, Cokesbury Methodist Church.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Mayor recognized Mr. Harry Auth, Governor of Area 4, Toastmasters International, head of a delegation comprised of members of 15 groups with 300 members in the area, who brought to the attention of the Council that Toastmasters in 35 countries were this week observing the 39th Anniversary of Toastmasters. Mr. Auth, on behalf of the Toastmasters in the vicinity, presented the Mayor a certificate making him an Honorary Toastmaster in appreciation for the help given them.

The Mayor accepted the certificate with appreciation and subscribed to the Toastmasters motto of better speech, better thinking and better listening. He extended best wishes for continued growth of this organization.

The Mayor then recognized Mr. Harvey Smith, who is considered Dean of Architects in San Antonio. Mr. Smith was the Architect in charge of designing and restoration of the Governors Palace.

Mr. Smith stated that he was also in charge of the restoration and preservation of the Missions including the Alamo. He presented the Mayor with a map of the Mission Trail, which is a proposed project in the forthcoming bond issue. He said that tourism was one of San Antonio's greatest assets and with a trail connecting the missions, would be a great boost for this industry. The map, which shows a group of sketches of historical buildings as well as a layout of the Mission Trail, was accepted by the Mayor who said the Council is giving serious consideration to the needs and advantages of a Mission Road.

The following ordinances and resolutions were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote:
AYES: McAllister, de la Garza, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 31,849

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF THE MAYFAIR AGENCY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CERTAIN PERIODICALS FOR ONE YEAR PERIOD FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,202.53.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,850

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF M. JACKS FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH FOUR DEMAND BREATHING APPARATUS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,269.76.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,851

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED TO TOM R. CALLAHAN AND WIFE FOR SURPLUS CITY WATER BOARD PROPERTY FOR \$950.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,852

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,875.00 OUT OF CERTAIN FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR U. S. 90 WEST PROJECT; SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION PROJECT AND LEON CREEK SEWER OUTFALL LINE PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 31,853

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$2,034.69 FOR INSURANCE TO ARTHUR G. RANDOL, GROTHAUS COMPANY, L. C. BERRY AGENCY, AND F. F. LUDOLPH & COMPANY, OUT OF GENERAL FUND 1-01, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,938.00, WORKING CAPITAL FUND 6-01, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.89, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION FUND 8-04, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28.60, AND STINSON AIRPORT FUND 8-05, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66.20.

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A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK MANUPPELLI TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ERNEST A. RABA ON THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. (Term expiring May 31, 1965.)

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The Mayor announced that the Council was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Harry Burns, President of the San Antonio Branch, N. A. A. C. P., regarding a 1941 ordinance on discrimination. He said November 14th has been set as the date when the matter will be acted upon and all interested parties are to be notified.

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The Mayor introduced Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clements, from Miami Beach, Florida, who were accompanied by Mrs. W. W. McAllister, their Hostess. Mr. Clements is President of Chase Federal Savings Association in Miami Beach, and Past President of the United States Savings and Loan League. He is also active in civic work and for nine years has served as Councilman in his City.

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The Mayor announced the Council is giving serious consideration to plans for a Convention Center. One of the plans under consideration is in Las Vegas, Nevada. Since he is to be in San Francisco all of next week, the suggestion has been made that he stop in Las Vegas and meet some of the members of the Council to inspect this convention center.

Mayor McAllister reminded the Council of the Texas Municipal League convention in Houston, and asked those planning to attend to advise the City Manager.

Mayor McAllister stated that he visited this past week with the four firemen who were injured at a fire at a Tire Repair Store on South Flores Street. Through a mistake and bad judgement, three firemen were treated at the hospital and sent home because their injuries were believed to be superficial. The injuries turned out to be more serious and the firemen were returned to the hospital. He said the men were receiving satisfactory treatment since their return to the hospital. He suggested to the City Manager that it would be well for the Fire Chief and his staff to give consideration to ordinances concerning the housing of chemicals and see if it is reasonable and proper that notice be given as to the location of any material that is explosive.

Mr. James Johnson, Operator of Playland Park, stated that twenty years ago he opened an amusement center in Brackenridge Park under a lease from the City. After study of the lease by the City Attorney, the lease was cancelled because it was in violation of the George W. Brackenridge deed. He objected to the proposed Skyride for the park as being in violation of the deed. He said that he had filed suit against the Miniature Train ride but had dropped it because he had no justiciable interest in that he did not own land next to the park.

The Mayor informed Mr. Johnson that this criticism will not apply in this case because the proposed Skyride will not be on the property deeded by George W. Brackenridge. The Mayor stated that he understands that the ride would be located on the Koehler Park property near the zoo, and on land near Sunken Gardens which is land granted to the City by the King of Spain.

The City Manager was instructed to check this question out.

The Clerk read the following letter:

October 31, 1963

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

The following petition was received and forwarded to the Office of the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

10-23-63 Petition in form of a Resolution of the San Antonio Homebuilders Association recommending that certain changes be made in the Electrical Code of the City by amending certain paragraphs.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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