

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ELECTED
TO SERVE UNDER THE NEW COUNCIL-MANAGER
CHARTER CONVENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
ON JANUARY 1, 1952 AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

Councilman Keller as Chairman of the Interim Council called the meeting to order. At his request the Invocation was given by Rev. W. Earl Waldrop of the Central Christian Church. All Councilmen were present.

The Chairman then announced that Ordinances and Resolutions were in order and recognized Mr. Schmidt who introduced the following ordinance which was unanimously adopted.

MR. SCHMIDT

AN ORDINANCE 16,894

PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, A. D. 1952 SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ENACTMENT

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The following ordinances and resolutions were then introduced by the various Councilmen each being unanimously adopted by roll call vote.

MR. GREEMAN

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING J. FRANK GALLAGHER AS THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO SERVE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MR. GREEMAN

AN ORDINANCE 16,895

FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. KELLER

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING A. C. WHITE AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND CONFERRING UPON A. C. WHITE THE TITLE OF MAYOR AND PROVIDING THAT HE SHALL SERVE AS SUCH DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE SAID CITY COUNCIL

After the passage of the above resolution Mr. Keller addressed the Council as follows:

"This is not only the beginning of a New Year. It is the beginning of a new era. It is a day, I am certain, that will be a turning point in the history of San Antonio.

This New Year's is a day many of us have looked forward to for 12 long years, for it was 12 years ago that the campaign to win Council-Manager Government for our city was launched.

In the intervening years, thousands of public-spirited men and women joined in what often seemed like a hopeless struggle to gain our objective.

As our city embarks on this new form of government, I want to urge the people of San Antonio to have faith in the charter, faith in the future, faith in their public officials. Remember that it was only faith -- and faith alone -- which inspired countless thousands of men and women to continue the struggle for better government for 12 years.

In this connection, I want to pay the highest possible tribute to the women of San Antonio for steady devotion to this cause and their hard work and invaluable assistance which helped make council-manager government possible.

The people of San Antonio owe a debt of gratitude to the business and professional men of our community who, through the Citizens Committee and the Bureau of Governmental Research, provided the machinery which brought about this civic victory. Beyond all question, these two organizations under able and inspired leadership, have proved to be San Antonio's greatest forces for good government.

However, we cannot now rest on our laurels. The people of San Antonio may be justly proud of our city's designation as an All-American City. Our citizens must carry forward the same high principles which brought us that honor. They must continue to take an active part in our municipal affairs and, by that activity, safeguard their victory for good government.

Symbolizing an awakened interest in public affairs by the business men of our community is Jack White. We are all familiar with his public-spirited decision to put aside his business and personal interests to take up the banner for council-manager government as a candidate for mayor in 1949. After his election, he was faced with a hostile council, and he encountered obstructions, set-backs and harassment. But at no time was he ever discouraged. I know that he must derive particular personal satisfaction out of this day.

It is most appropriate, therefore -- and I am particularly happy to have this opportunity -- to offer this resolution nominating Jack White to be San Antonio's first Mayor under council-manager government."

and turned the gavel over to Mayor White as presiding officer of the Council.

The Mayor, after a few brief remarks, then continued with the order of business and ordinances and resolutions were voted upon and each received a unanimous yea vote.

MR. CASSIDY

A RESOLUTION ✓

DESIGNATING SAM BELL STEVES AS MAYOR
PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
TO SERVE DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MR. LOZANO

AN ORDINANCE 16,896 ✓

APPOINTING CHARLES A. HARRELL THE CITY
MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. LOZANO

AN ORDINANCE 16,897 ✓

FIXING THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND PROVIDING
FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN EQUAL SEMI-MONTHLY
AMOUNTS

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MR. LOZANO

AN ORDINANCE 16,898 *del*

FIXING THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF EXPENSE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN EQUAL SEMI-MONTHLY AMOUNTS

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MR. ROPER

A RESOLUTION *del*

ELECTING SAMUEL F. BIERY AS A JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. ROPER

A RESOLUTION *del*

ELECTING HAROLD L. HALL AS A JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. LOZANO

AN ORDINANCE 16,899 *del*

FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICE OF JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. TUCKER

A RESOLUTION *del*

APPOINTING R. W. PATTON AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND DESIGNATING HIM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SAID BOARD

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MR. CASSIDY

A RESOLUTION *del*

APPOINTING PAUL ADAMS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. LOZANO

A RESOLUTION *del*

APPOINTING P. L. TSCHIRHART AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. STEVES

AN ORDINANCE 16,900 *del*

DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

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MR. STEVES

AN ORDINANCE 16,901 *del*

FIXING THE ANNUAL MEETING DATE OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE YEAR A. D. 1952

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January 1, 1952

MR. ROPER

AN ORDINANCE 16,902 ✓✓

CONSTITUTING THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION AS FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE SAID COMMISSION

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MR. TUCKER

A RESOLUTION ✓✓

FIXING THE TIME OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

MR. SCHMIDT

A RESOLUTION ✓✓

FIXING THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF MEETINGS
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
AND PRESCRIBING THE RULES OF ORDER FOR SAID
MEETINGS

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Mr. Charles A. Harrell, the newly appointed City Manager, was then called upon by the Mayor for remarks and the announcement of any appointments he might wish to make at once.

Mr. Harrell addressed the Council briefly setting forth his ideas of the cooperation desired between him as an employee and the Council as a Board of Directors and assuring them that the policies which they direct shall be followed to the best of his ability.

He then announced the temporary appointments of the following:

Thomas Coghil as Director of Public Works. ✓✓

Walter C. Gunstream as Director of Aviation. ✓✓

H. C. Kramme, Sr. as Director of Finance. ✓✓

Jack Tallent as Director of Parks and Recreation. ✓✓

The following were to continue as ~~De facto~~ heads of their departments on a temporary basis.

Robert Allen - Chief of Police ✓✓

Marcus L. Butler - Chief of Fire Department ✓✓

Jack Davis - City Attorney ✓✓

Dr. Austin E. Hill - Director of Public Health ✓✓

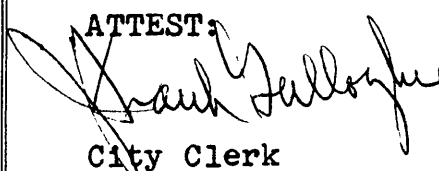
Mr. Harrell announced that additional appointments would be made by him in the near future.

On motion of Councilman Schmidt seconded by Councilman Lozano the meeting then adjourned.

APPROVED


MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk