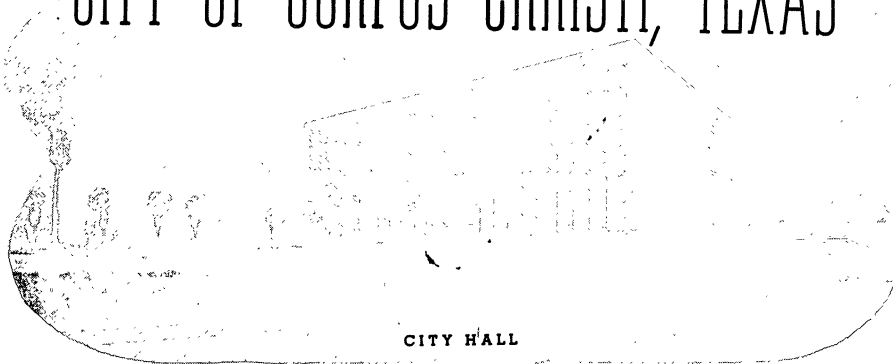


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March 10, 1955

Dr. Hector Garcia
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

You recently inquired as to the status of street lighting service for the Molina section which was recently annexed to the City.

I have instructed our Director of Utilities, G. C. Letch, to include a request for this in his budget which he is now preparing for the fiscal year starting August 1, 1955. The pattern that is followed is to include street lighting for the major thoroughfares where there is the most traffic as the most people benefit from this expenditure. As a whole Corpus Christi has a low standard of street lighting. Expenditures here are less than .30¢ per year per capita while the minimum that is recognized nationally is \$1.00 per capita per year.

The rates for street lighting service charged by Central Power & Light Company are very reasonable and are actually less than it costs them to provide the service but they consider street lighting essential and are willing to encourage it with a low rate structure. I am hoping that the City Council when it considers the budget for this next fiscal year will be willing to increase the tax rate enough to improve the street lighting throughout the City. I have already obtained approval for the principle of providing a high standard of street lighting for such new street improvement projects as Baldwin Boulevard. As we provide better lighting for these major thoroughfares it will promote the desire for better lighting in the neighborhoods and should result in good support from our citizens for this important municipal service.

You also inquired as to the construction of the next fire station. After a re-study of the need for fire protection in the area recently annexed the Fire Chief and the State official that determines our fire insurance rating have concluded that it would be more economical to

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use the site which was originally selected at Rabbit Run and Horne Road for a fire station to serve that section. In addition, another fire station is to be provided in the Shell Road area to serve the needs in that area.

As I informed you over the telephone the contract has been awarded for the station at Kostoryz and Sunnybrook. I expect to be able to include the amount needed to man that station in our budget for the fiscal year starting August 1, 1955. This will be a substantial item.

The next station to be built is the one in which you are interested and as soon as the new City Council is elected I will submit a request for an appropriation for the architectural service.

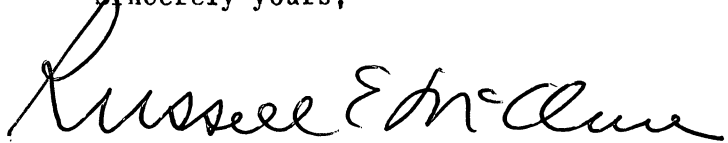
As you know one of the things which is troubling us now is the litigation in connection with the annexation election. Until this litigation is settled it is impossible for us to sell the bonds to provide the improvements in the annexed area. I wonder if the residents of that area realize that the improvements are being delayed for this reason.

In order to keep the delay at a minimum I obtained approval of the City Council to proceed with the engineering studies necessary to determine a site for the sewage treatment plant to serve the annexed area using the regular operating funds since the bond funds have been tied up with the litigation. This report is to be available about April 1.

You are to be commended for the progress that is being made to encourage the residents of the Molina area to save now so that they will have the funds to provide the minimum plumbing for connections to the sewer system. This is a fine example of "self-help" and you deserve recognition for your contribution.

Do not hesitate to call me or write me at any time about any phase of the City operations in which you are interested.

Sincerely yours,



Russell E. McClure
City Manager

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