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San Diego, California, April 30th 1906.

**To the Common Council
of the City of San Diego, California.**

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with Section 12, Article X, of the City Charter, I herewith transmit the reports submitted to me by the several Boards, officers, and other heads of Departments, of the official operations of the said Boards and officers of the municipal government for the year ending December 31st, 1905.

I also submit the report of the expert appointed by me, in compliance with section 3, Chapter 1, Article III, of the city charter, to examine the books and accounts of the city officers and Departments. This expert, after examining the various books and accounts of all officers—and checking all items—reports that all records, books and accounts have been correctly kept.

PROGRESS OF THE CITY.

The City of San Diego at the end of 1905 numbered, according to close estimates, about 30,500 inhabitants, a gain of 3,500, or approximately 13 per cent increase, over the year preceding, and consequently there ensued a decided augmentation in building operations for both residence and commercial purposes during the year.

This growth of the city is noticeably reflected in a largely increased volume of business transacted in all departments generally of the municipal government.

Reference to the reports of these several departments of the municipal government is made in the following order, viz:

- No. 1. City Attorney.
- No. 2. City Treasurer.
- No. 3. City Auditor.
- No. 4. City Clerk.
- No. 5. Board of Public Works:
 - No. 5 (a) Secretary of the Board of Public Works;
 - No. 5 (b) City Engineer;
 - No. 5 (c) Superintendent of Streets;
 - No. 5 (d) Superintendent of Water Department;
 - No. 5 (e) Chief Clerk Water Department;
 - No. 5 (f) Superintendent of Sewers;
 - No. 5 (g) City Boiler Inspector.
- No. 6. Secretary Board of Health;
 - No. 6 (a) City Health Officer.
- No. 7. Secretary Board of Fire Commissioners.
- No. 8. Chief of Police.
- No. 9. City Justice.

- No. 10. Cemetery Commissioners.
- No. 11. Board of Park Commissioners.
- No. 12. Secretary Board Library Trustees.
- No. 13. City Poundkeeper.
- No. 14. City Expert.

CITY ATTORNEY.

The duties of the City Attorney are very exacting, requiring extensive research concerning many subjects and the preparation of a large number of opinions, resolutions, ordinances, contracts and other documents.

For detailed information respecting this office I invite your careful attention to the full report of the city attorney.

At various times resolutions and ordinances have been prepared by parties not connected with this office and frequently adopted by your Honorable Body without reference to the City Attorney. In so doing unfortunate errors have at times resulted, producing faulty legislation, as also on occasions causing vexatious delays. Nearly all public offices gradually adopt a "form" for certain classes of documents to meet requirements of law, and in such it is desirable that a certain uniformity should be maintained.

It is therefore much safer to adhere to the conservative custom of requiring the City Attorney to prepare and submit for the consideration of the municipal Legislative Body all proposed resolutions and ordinances.

CITY TREASURER AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR.

The report of this official shows in full the amounts of money received from the several city departments.

Total amount received during the year,	\$951,055.27
which includes the amounts for payment of completion of several large municipal improvements for which bonds were voted some time ago.	
Balance on hand January 1st, 1906,	\$314,736.25

On stated occasions the executive, assisted by other members of the Auditing Committee, counted and verified the cash on hand as required by section 4, Chapter 1, Article III, of the city charter.

As Tax Collector the following amounts were handled:

Taxes for 1905,	\$228,545.25
5 per cent discount and costs,	3,492.18
Delinquent Taxes,	457.00
Tax Deeds,	55.00
Liquor Licenses,	31,761.65
Municipal Licenses,	839.50
Dog tax,	658.00
Balance on hand January 1st, 1906,	3,137.29

Total,	\$268,945.87
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CITY CLERK.

I invite especial attention to the report submitted by this officer, from which report the following extract is taken:

3,929 documents were filed in this office as compared with 3,655 for the year 1904.

433 ordinances were adopted as compared with 397.

500 resolutions were adopted as compared with 456.

14 concurrent resolutions were adopted as compared with 10.

1,592 pages of record were used in recording ordinances as compared with 751.

681 pages of record were used in recording resolutions as compared with 344.

The number of pages used in transcribing the minutes of the proceedings of the common council is 1,500 as compared with 3,884. The saving of 2,384 pages of record is occasioned on account of there being only one board, and for the further reason that during the year 1904 the record of one of the boards was written in long hand. All of the record work of this office has practically been written on typewriting machines.

The manner in which the duties of this office have been transacted is especially pleasing; a larger amount of current business than ever before passing through the office has been methodically and systematically handled.

In addition much back work in the way of indexing, briefing, &c., that had been allowed to fall behind has been brought up to date.

All this has been accomplished with the aid of one less deputy than was authorized by Your Honorable Body, and the office force is so organized that I am confident that even a much larger volume of business can easily be handled without other extra clerical assistance.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

The report of the Board of Public Works transmits the reports of the Secretary of the Board, City Engineer, Superintendent of Streets, Superintendent of Water Department, Chief Clerk of the Water Department, Superintendent of Sewers, and the City Boiler Inspector, and refers briefly to a number of the leading features of several of said reports.

The Board also makes some most appropriate recommendations.

I would invite your especial attention to the following suggestions made:

Asphalt Paving on Concrete Base:

- “H” street from Atlantic to Fourth street;
- “H” street repaved from Sixth to Sixteenth street;
- “D” street from Sixth to Sixteenth street.

Asphalt Paving on Present Macadam:

- “D” street from Third street to Atlantic street;
- Fourth street from “A” street to Ivy street.

Storm Drains:

“There should be good substantial drains placed at the foot of Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth streets for the purpose of carrying for the storm waters.”

Structural Steel Bridges:

One at “D” and 15th streets, estimated cost	\$13,157.86
One at “H” and 14th streets, “ “	5,720.60
One at “F” and 15th streets, “ “	4,961.61

The first two bridges named would carry the tracks of the San Diego Electric Railway Company, which company has offered to contribute towards the cost of construction the sums of \$2,500 and \$2,000, respectively.

The third bridge will carry the tracks, when completed, of the street railway now under construction by the Bartlett Estate Company, which Company has offered to contribute towards the cost of construction the sum of \$2,000.

It is not improbable that in the not far distant future it may be determined necessary to confine in some form of a permanent nature the water that now escapes through this natural depression.

In which event it would seem to have been preferable to have constructed concrete arches over these streets instead of steel bridges.

Should Your Honorable Body adopt the plan of concrete arches instead of steel bridges, I venture to say that the two street railway companies interested would willingly join in contributing their proportion of the cost of the same.

Secretary of Board of Public Works.

The business of this office has been systematically and efficiently handled. During the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1905, this office received and deposited with the city treasurer the following amounts:

RECEIPTS:

Engineer Department, grade stakes,.....	\$4,400.00	
Opening Streets and Moving Buildings,....	60.50	
General,.....	216.90	
Street Advertising, Grading and Side-walking,.....	1,125.29	
		<u>\$ 5,802.69</u>
Opening and extending National avenue,...	3,587.81	
Opening and extending Kearney avenue,...	1,889.27	5,477.08
		<u>5,477.08</u>
Total,		\$11,279.77

Contracts.

Nine (9) Contracts were entered into for street grading.

Nine (9) Contracts were entered into for street sidewalking and curbing.

One (1) Contract was entered into for street lighting.

One (1) for wood pipe on ElCajon avenue.

One (1) for cast iron water pipe.

One (1) for crude oil.

One (1) for distillate.

One (1) for hay and grain.

One (1) for repairing elevator at City Hall.

Records.

Received from the common council 165 ordinances and 154 resolutions.

In the office over 4,000 documents were filed and properly indexed under the card system, all of which were cross-indexed at least five times.

218 permits for sewer lateral connections, duplicates of which were made to the Health Department.

Seven hundred and thirty-four building permits were issued, representing an aggregate property value of more than \$1,194,370.

It is very satisfactory and interesting to observe the marked and steady increase in the record of these building permits for the past five years.

Year	No. Permits Issued	Valuation
1901	252	\$ 123,285.00
1902	127	432,140.00
1903	267	710,123.00
1904	505	914,967.00
1905	735	1,194,370 00

Street Work

There have been nine (9) assessment rolls made for street grading improvements, representing a cost to the property owners of \$64,978.95, and nine (9) assessment rolls for sidewalk improvement, representing a cost to the property owners of \$4,959.80.

In addition to the foregoing public contract work, 533 permits were issued to do sidewalking under private contract, representing approximately twelve miles of sidewalk, estimated cost of which is about \$60,000.

Permanent Improvements.

Permanent improvements were made during the year as follows:

Expended under City Contract.

Main line sewer extensions (Auditor's office).....	\$ 93,226.64
Main line water extensions (Auditor's office).....	120,311.15
Fire Department improvements (Auditor's office)	7,633.25
Street lighting, (Auditor's office).....	19,123.13
Sidewalks, (under Vrooman Act).....	4,959.80
Streets graded (under Vrooman Act).....	64,978.95
Total,	<u>\$310,232.92</u>

Expended under Private Contract.

Ralston Realty Company graded 12 miles of streets (estimated).....	\$ 15,000.00
Bartlett Estate Company, sewer extensions,.....	8,000.00
Bartlett Estate Company, street grading,.....	6,000.00
Folsom Brothers, street grading,	6,000.00
12 miles sidewalk (estimated).....	60,000.00
218 lateral sewer connections (estimated).....	10,900.00
456 new buildings, } 279 building repairs }	1,194,370.00
Total,	<u>\$ 1,300,270.00</u>

Expended under city contracts.....	\$ 310,232.92
Expended under private contracts....	1,300,270.00

Total, \$ 1,610,502.92

City Engineer.

In addition to the great volume of current business transacted, an exceptionally large amount of work has been performed in the office of the city engineer by reason of the extensive improvements made on water and sewer extensions under contracts from proceeds of bond issues. The management of the office is good, and the various maps, documents and records are well and conveniently kept.

The following list names the subdivisions in brief of what may be regarded as current work, viz:

- 38 estimates for street grading,
- 58 reports on construction sidewalks and curbs,
- 52 recommendations for official grades,
- 51 ordinances adopted by council for official grades,
- 17 changes of official grade elevations,
- 46 streets and alleys closed,
- 21 maps of additions and subdivisions filed,
- 2 streets opened, extensions,

7 streets and alleys opened to correct errors,
36 proceedings for street improvements under Vrooman Act.
41 estimates filed on general miscellaneous subjects.

In addition to the foregoing, 37 detail drawing and plans prepared.

20 contracts under control of city engineer.

61 field surveys for which reports had not been completed up to February 1st, 1906.

Miscellaneous Work.

A large amount of work has been done for the various departments of the city government, viz: For the Assessor's office, Sewer Department, Legal Department and Water Department.

Receipts.

According to the books of the Secretary of the Board of Public Works there was collected during the year 1905 the total sum of \$4,400.00 for fees earned by this office.

It is estimated that the contracts to be awarded during the coming year, for work estimated upon during the last year, will require the payment of fees amounting to fully \$4,500.00.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

The present incumbent of this office is a man of great energy, with much practical sense, and possessing ability to handle men in a manner to obtain the best results from their efforts. His report is presented in a way that clearly indicates the controlling principles in the system established by him for carrying on the work of the Street Department.

Shortly after assuming the duties of Superintendent of Streets, the effort was promptly and successfully made to obtain a permanent increase of men, serviceable horses and new material, and also to dispose of horses and material that could not be worked or handled efficiently or economically. Having improved the equipment of the Street Department, the Superintendent then wisely adopted the policy of concentrating his efforts by using the major part of his force in a certain locality until the particular task had been accomplished. In this way the results of the labor expended produce at once a notable improvement, and also a better supervision of the work is maintained.

Much of the old sheet iron water pipe lately replaced by new cast iron pipe has been taken and used by the Street Department

in constructing drains under the streets where required. This has been a very simple and inexpensive way to secure improved drainage for many localities. Vitrified pipe drains have been placed in many localities where a more substantial and permanent improvement of this nature has been demanded.

The work on repairs to asphalt streets was interrupted for a protracted period by the burning out of the kettle for heating the asphalt, but has since been resumed in a satisfactory manner.

Cleaning and sweeping the paved streets in the business sections of the city has been done very regularly.

Several experiments for the purpose of comparison have been made in oiling streets, and also in surfacing streets with disintegrated granite. When properly applied oil seems to produce a fair roadway for residence streets with comparative light traffic. The disintegrated granite, when well packed and watered regularly, forms an excellent roadway for average use.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT.

The report submitted from this office gives a good detailed statement of the machinery and mechanical appliances belonging to the city water system.

The high water in the San Diego River on February 3rd, 1905, interrupted the use of the wooden box flume and put the various auxiliary pumping stations out of commission.

Under Superintendent Alverson, who assumed charge of the Water Department June 7th, 1905, Wells Nos. 2 and 13, Auxiliary Plant No. 1 and Auxiliary Plant No. 2 were thoroughly overhauled and put in excellent shape, and served to furnish the main supply of water to the city.

The Main Pumping Plant was repaired and adjusted to perform the work required in an economical manner.

An inventory of the property on hand is recited at length in the report of this office. Also a full list of streets where new pipes were laid in 1905 under the bond issue of \$199,000, with a list of fire hydrants, gates, &c., placed under same procedure.

Water Supplied.

Water pumped during year,	360,801,575 gallons
Water purchased from San Diego Flume,	398,760,000 gallons

Total supplied,	759,561,575 gallons
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Of the above 360,801,575 gallons pumped, only 9,588,600 was

pumped direct into the low service.

The total water consumption was 761,022,655 gallons.

The main pumping plant was shut down from February 3rd, to July 1st, 1905, except during two days in June, and was operated 210½ days, pumping 360,801,575 gallons, or on an average of 1,714,022 gallons per twenty-four hours.

Cost per 1,000,000 Gallons 400 Feet Dynamic Head:

For the year 1905.

For salaries,.....	\$ 14.73
For fuel,.....	9.51
For oil, stores and lighting,.....	.70
For repairs,.....	.95
For miscellaneous expenses,.....	.61
	\$26.50

or 2 65-100 cents per 1,000 gallons.

If there had been a daily average of two and one-half million gallons pumped, the cost would have been \$19.50 per million gallons, or 1 95-100 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The cost of furnishing water to the main plant from the auxiliary plants is about one cent per thousand gallons, including engineers' salaries, fuel, ordinary repairs, &c.

During the year the Water Department earned in excess of cost of operation and necessary repairs, over \$37,000, which was expended in making new extensions and re-laying old parts of the distributing system.

Service Extensions During Year.

¾ inch service,.....	15,176 feet
1 inch service,.....	231 feet
2 inch service,.....	38 feet
	Total, 15,445 feet

Pipe Lines Laid.

Diameter in inches	Put in linear feet	Taken out linear feet
1 inch	46	111
1¼ inch	1,145	0
2 inch	29,803	0
2½ inch	3,333	5,109
3 inch	1,958	60
4 inch	27,067	0
6 inch	852	0
8 inch	0	122
18 inch	1,134	0
	65,338	5,402
Service extensions,	15,445	
New pipes laid,	65,338	

Total,

80,783 or 15.3 miles laid

by Water Department during the year.

There was also laid by private parties over 15,000 feet of pipe which, while not public property, the city receives revenue from water furnished through these private lines. The physical condition of the distributing system has been much improved by these additions.

Many dead ends, especially through the business district, have been connected up to give a more uniform pressure and service.

However, with the additional pipes laid and dead end connections made, we have hardly more than kept apace with the growth of the city. There are pressing needs of a greater reservoir capacity, and another principal main to the business section, to be laid west of Fifth street.

I invite especial attention to the recommendations made in detail for the necessary extensions referred to in the exhaustive report of the Superintendent of the Water Department.

Chief Clerk of the Water Department.

Total amount of money collected from all sources and turned over to the city treasurer, \$103,455.38

Earnings and Collections.

General Public,.....	\$103,737.45
Municipal,.....	16,737.96
Total,	<u>\$120,475.41</u>

Number of Consumers.

Total active Rate accounts,	1,253
Total active Meter accounts,.....	3,252
Total,	<u>4,505</u>

Miscellaneous Collections.

Permits for new taps were issued as follows:

$\frac{3}{4}$ inch taps,.....	608
1 inch taps,.....	6
2 inch taps,.....	4
Total new taps,	<u>618</u>

New service extensions,.....	13,153 feet
New meters,.....	554
Air valves,.....	10

Comparative.				Annual Receipts
	General	Municipal	Total	
Earnings for 1905,..	\$103,737.45	\$16,737.96	\$120,475.41	\$103,455.38
Earnings for 1904,..	98,201.73	15,275.12	113,476.85	97,771.25
Increase,	5,535.72	1,462.84	6,998.56	5,684.13

Consumers' Accounts.

	August 1, 1901, Date city took charge	1904	1905
Active Rate Accounts,	1834	1282	1253
Active Meter Accounts,	1542	2762	3252
Total,	3376	4044	4505

There has been a total increase of 1,129 active accounts since August 1st, 1901, when the city took charge of the Water Department. The meter accounts show an increase of 1710, while 581 old rate account consumers have changed to meters. The records show that fully 80 per cent of the applications for new taps call for meters.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWERS.

This office reports that 218 permits were issued for lateral sewer connections during the year, all of which have been laid and inspected with the exception of a few that were taken out for the new sewer line and remain unconnected.

A number of old sewers were taken up and re-constructed, some of which were straightened, and much better service thereby obtained.

There were twenty-four stop-ups in the main sewer during the year, some serious, others were of a trifling nature.

CITY BOILER INSPECTOR.

The report submitted gives dates of inspection, locations pressure and condition of all boilers inspected under provisions of Ordinance No. 1142, for the six months ending December 31st, 1905.

The total number of boilers inspected was forty. A list of fifty boilers insured and not subject to inspection, with names of owners, is also appended to report.

SECRETARY BOARD OF HEALTH.

The report submitted by this officer contains a tabulated statement of the work performed as Sanitary Inspector, as well as

a recital of the general nature of the duties of the Clerk of the Board of Health. I invite careful attention to the statistics and information given therein.

The following amounts are shown as received and deposited with the City Treasurer as required by law:

For Plumbing Permits,.....	\$ 356.00
For Certificates of Death,.....	11.20
For Bodies Shipped out of City,.....	10 00
For Fumigating,.....	7.00

Total,	\$384.20
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City Health Officer.

The report submitted by this officer presents, with other matters, the vital statistics of the city. I invite careful attention to the statement of the Health Officer of the failure upon the part of physicians, midwives and parents to report all births to the Board of Health within five days after their occurrence.

Garbage.

Attention is invited to the manner of collection and disposal of garbage in the city. Ultimately there is no doubt but what this work, as the city grows, must become a municipal responsibility, for the present, however, I think the matter can be handled by private contractors, though the existing methods can and should be materially improved. Only parties who have secured permits should be allowed to collect or carry garbage through any public street, and only water tight, metallic wagons that permit no leakage, with a suitable covering, should be permitted on our public streets.

Inspection of Food Supplies.

A vigilant general observation should be maintained by the Health Officer of milk and perishable food supplies and prosecution instituted against all parties selling or offering for sale any such articles unfit for human consumption. I feel that for a year or so these inspections could be made sufficiently often by the Health Officer to secure a compliance with the law upon the part of dealers in the commodities named. Later on, as the city grows in population, it will naturally follow that officers for food inspection exclusively will constitute a department of the Board of Health.

SECRETARY BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

The report submitted by the Board of Fire Commissioners

and the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department enumerates in detail the property on hand belonging to the Fire Department, and makes recommendations for additional men and equipment deemed necessary to maintain the efficiency of the department.

The total cost of maintaining the Fire Department for the year ending December 31st, 1905, was \$20,700.57.

The department responded to fifty-three alarms during the year.

The total amount of insurance loss on the fires amounted to \$13,693.00, which includes both the buildings and contents.

The total loss on the buildings and contents where the flames originated amounts to \$27,253.00, while there was insurance in the sum of \$86,000 carried on them.

The total value of buildings and property at stake is estimated at \$230,000.00.

The discipline of the department is excellent, but an increase in men, horses and apparatus is necessary. Reference to items wherein an increase is considered most important and imperative will be made under head of "Recommendations in General."

CHIEF OF POLICE.

The report of the Chief of Police for the year ending December 31st, 1905, summarized, exhibits the following data:

Schedule A—Offenses.

Arrests,	988	
Convictions,		662
Dismissed,		114
Held to Answer,		25
Forfeited Bail,		175
Pending,		12
Total,	988	988

Schedule B—Fines, &c.

Fines and Forfeitures,	\$ 3,211.50
Rewards,	104.00
Total,	\$ 3,315.50

Schedule C—Expenditures.

Boarding Prisoners,	\$ 493.20
Hack Hire,	384 00
Repairs to city bicycles,	26.50
Office,	47 30
Target,	29 91
Ordinance 748,	166.00
Interpreter,	36.00
Clock,	10.00
Typewriter,	106.75
Total,	\$1,299 66

Lost and stolen property recovered, \$1,348.20.

The Police Department is rendering good and efficient service, but the number of officers authorized is inadequate to now fully meet the demands upon the department. The out-lying districts of Point Loma, Pacific Beach and La Jolla are growing rapidly and are in need of police protection.

It is also very desirable to increase the number of officers on duty in the business section of the city.

City Justice.

The report of the City Justice for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 1905, exhibits the following data:

Total number of cases filed,.....		732
Divided as follows:		
For violation Ordinance against intoxication,	607	
For violation other city ordinances,.....	99	
For violation State law,..	26	
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	732	732

Receipts.

Receipts, total,.....		\$2,279 75
Fines and forfeitures,.....	\$2,175.75	
Fees,.....	104.00	
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Total,	\$2,279.75	\$2,279.75

As no expenditures were made by the City Justice, the cost of maintaining the City Justice Court may be obtained from the records of the City Auditor.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS.

The Cemetery Commissioners report that the grounds of Mount Hope Cemetery are in good condition, drives and walks in good shape, free from weeds and rubbish, trees trimmed and in good condition and all graves well mounded and kept free of weeds.

Interments during the year, 360.

Summary of Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.		
Received from sale of lots and foundations, . . .	\$	3,132.10
Superintendent's balance on hand, Jan. 1st, 1905,		291.59
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Total,		\$3,423.69
CREDITS.		
Expenditures,.....	\$	2,938 21
Balance in superintendent's hands,		485.48
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Total,		\$3,423 69

ASSETS.	
Reservoir, cost.....	\$ 710.00
Vault, cost.....	500.00
Office and fixtures,.....	200.00
Store house and tools,.....	125.00
Fence and pipe,.....	600.00
Lots sold, unpaid,.....	587 50
Cash in superintendent's hands,.....	485.48
Cash in treasurer's hands,.....	1,535.10
Total,	\$ 4,743.08

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Park Commissioners presents an interesting report of park matters in detail and the work connected therewith accomplished since May 1st, 1905, when this body assumed charge of the public parks of the city.

The conditions of the various sections now improved in any manner bears substantial evidence of the interest, care and good judgment displayed by the Board of Park Commissioners in the management of the public parks.

New Town Park and the Plaza are maintained in excellent shape.

In New Town Park the Board has erected a much needed tool house, with toilets for public use, and contemplates an early general fertilizing of the grounds and planting of new trees and shrubbery where necessary.

The Plaza, located very close to the business center, though comparatively small in area, is improved in the manner best adapted to afford the greatest pleasure to the general public. This square is kept in excellent condition, and should always be maintained chiefly as a place for public assemblage.

The La Jolla Park, on account of its exceptional location promises much for a future development. The Board granted certain parties a permit to erect an ornamental bath house on park lands, thereby providing a well recognized attraction very generally desired by the public.

In the City Park the greatest improvement is to be noticed. The comprehensive plan which had its inception a few years ago through the efforts of the "Park Plans Committee", has been further developed and extended. The fruits of the labor of those individuals first interested in the matter are now shown by the very satisfactory growth and unusually good appearance the trees and shrubbery have now attained.

A continuation of the present development of this park will in a few years secure to the city one of the most beautiful and inspiring large parks of the world.

The Golden Hill portion of this park is deservedly very popular and much used by citizens residing in that part of the city.

The Board of Park Commissioners takes occasion to gratefully acknowledge the assistance given them by the Fraternal Grove Association in commemoration of the deceased members of its affiliated societies.

Expenditures.

The following is a summary of expenditures for the various purposes of development and maintenance of the parks:

Administration and supervision,	\$ 202.75
New town park and plaza,	894.61
La Jolla,	50.00
City Park,	5,615.15
Total,	<u>\$ 6,762.51</u>

SECRETARY BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

The report submitted regarding the affairs of the public library for the year 1905 is most complete in detail furnished, and evidences an intelligent and efficient management of this institution.

The receipts and expenditures, summarized, are as follows:

RECEIPTS.

From city taxes from February 1, 1905, to February 1, 1906,	\$ 8,303.15
Library fines, fees, etc.,	403.45
Left over from year 1904,	519.29
From Wednesday Club for special books,	18.90
Total,	<u>\$ 9,244.79</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books, etc.,	\$ 2,470.94
Outside binding,	380.75
Expenses library binding,	448.36
Salaries,	3,948.85
Stationery, supplies, etc.,	156.37
Telephone, laundry, etc,	61.25
Fuel, electric light and general maintenance,	1,164.10
Total,	<u>\$ 8,630.62</u>
Balance unexpended funds, Feb. 1, 1906, ..	614.17

\$ 9,244.79

Soon after February 1st, 1906, \$235.00 was paid from the cash balance of \$614.17 for books ordered in December.

Inventory.

Number of volumes Jan. 1st, 1905,	21,674	
Acquired during year,	2,509	
		24,183
Withdrawn and missing,		634
		23,549

Reference Room.

The Reference Room, much appreciated by clubs and schools, has been greatly developed and improved.

Circulating Department.

The home circulation for the year was 93,513, over 4,000 more than last year.

The hours during which the library is open to the public seem ample to afford all people an opportunity to receive its benefits.

Reading Rooms.

The Reading Rooms are well patronized.

Children's Departments.

A greater effort has been made during the year to supply the wants of school children with suitable books.

Numerous talks upon instructive topics have been given by well known citizens.

The Art Gallery.

This feature proved a decided attraction, and has done much to foster the interest in studies of this kind upon the part of many patrons.

The several recommendations made in general seem most appropriate, to all of which I invite most careful consideration.

CITY POUNDKEEPER.

The report of the City Poundkeeper presents the following data, viz:

		Stock.	
Released	Redeemed	Killed	Fees Collected
33	66	2	\$99.50
		Dogs.	
Released	Redeemed	Killed	Fees Collected.
0	0	492	\$492.00

List of Property in Custody of Poundkeeper.

One (1) four room dwelling house, and one (1) corral 100x150 feet, which is reported to be very much in need of repairs.

PUBLIC POLICY.

The general advancement made by the city in all respects during the past year have been greater than for any previous year, and it is evident to all that the year 1905 has produced conditions that promise a constant, safe and substantial growth for the City of San Diego.

It is naturally the sincere wish of all citizens to secure a continuation of these favorable conditions.

Increase in population and wealth in a city brings additional responsibilities in the way of providing sufficient extensions to meet all reasonable demands for a satisfactory service of public service utilities owned or operated by the municipality; there is also the grave responsibility of requiring and obtaining for the public at large a suitable and satisfactory service from all companies or individuals supplying any public utility or commodity that might be so classed.

For the benefit and interest of humanity such municipal regulation must be exacted and enforced, but both parties at issue should be dealt with fairly and equitably.

A recognition of the existence of such a municipal public policy will greatly tend to make permanent citizens out of many people who are only now viewed as frequent visitors.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

The financial administration and rating of the city is excellent.

Though the assessment roll for this year has not been fully computed, I estimate that the total valuation of all assessable property, personal and real, will be slightly less than \$20,000,000.

The valuation on outlying property in certain sections has been raised quite materially to approximate in some degree the selling prices which such property easily commands, but the bulk of property generally has only been given a moderate increase in valuation.

This policy of the Assessor seems to me most wise and prudent.

With an approximate valuation of \$20,000,000, the city has outstanding only \$1,246,050 in municipal bonds, or less than 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the present total valuation, whereas the legal limit of indebtedness is 15 per cent of the total valuation.

RECOMMENDATIONS IN GENERAL.

The city has recently made large extensions to the water and sewer systems, yet, as I have previously stated in this communication, there is now a growing demand for further extensions of both of these systems. More especially is this true of the water system.

With the rapid building up of many sections, and consequent increase in number of house connections to the water mains, these mains become overtaxed and are unable to deliver the water to the consumer even though we have in the reservoirs, as has been the case for a long time, ample water for every demand.

To relieve this condition additional water mains must be supplied in order to distribute the water properly. A most pressing need in this respect is for a main from University Avenue south, to be laid west of Fifth street.

Reservoir Capacity.

The city is also badly in need of a much greater reservoir capacity. The present University Heights reservoir occupies the west half of Block 122 of University Heights, the east half of which block also belongs to the city. I would urge that Your Honorable Body, at the earliest practicable time, take steps to raise the height of the present University Heights Reservoir, and also to construct a similar reservoir on the east half of said Block 122. In addition to Block 122, University Heights Addition, the city some time ago acquired Block No. 151, University Heights Addition, directly south of the present reservoir.

It will be only a comparatively short term of years before it will be found absolutely necessary to construct a reservoir on this Block in order to keep on hand sufficient water to supply ordinary demands.

The present reservoir at La Jolla is in bad condition and entirely inadequate in size.

I recommend that this reservoir be repaired and enlarged, or else a new site be selected and an entirely new and larger reservoir be constructed thereon.

I desire to here emphasize this recommendation regarding the La Jolla reservoir, as I believe that the necessary funds to provide for a suitable reservoir as here outlined can be secured from the earnings of the water department without drawing upon funds from the annual tax levy.

La Jolla Sewer System.

La Jolla is also badly in need of a sewer system; except in the case of certain instances where permission has been granted for the construction of private sewers, no sewer facilities exist in that place.

This condition of affairs is intolerable, and a grave menace to public health, as well as to the success of the Marine Biological Laboratory, which, though now only in its inception, has been recently endowed in the sum of \$50,000 by a prominent and generous benefactress, and bids fair to be the site of one of the world's greatest institutions for the study of marine life.

Police Department.

I wish to again draw your careful attention to the great necessity for an increase in the police department. The police department is much below a safe limit for the proper care and surveillance of the municipal interests entrusted to its care.

The Board of Police Commissioners recently requested Your Honorable Body to add to this department two mounted men and four patrolmen, which request I approve, and I strongly recommend that Your Honorable Body enact the proper legislation to provide for this necessary increase at the earliest practicable date

Fire Department.

The public interests of the city at large require that most liberal additions be made in men, horses and apparatus to the present authorized strength of the fire department. It is most necessary to increase substantially the apparatus now on hand, to provide suitable fire protection for the many public and private interests of our growing city, and, furthermore, it is to be observed that much of the present equipment has been in active use for over fifteen years.

I strongly recommend that in providing for the needs of the fire department, Your Honorable Body include, amongst other items in this year's tax levy, the following:

One (1) new steamer and hose wagon for same,

One (1) chemical engine for La Jolla,

One (1) service wagon for the chief engineer,

The necessary horses and harness to properly equip this apparatus,

A life net, a cellar nozzle, and a reasonable increase in the number of firemen.

A new fire alarm system is greatly desired, and I recommend provision be made for the installation of such necessary new system, either by including the same in this year's tax levy or else by contracting for such system to be leased or paid for throughout a term of years. A prominent firm supplying different municipalities with appliances of this nature, has recently offered to enter into such contract.

Some time ago the city acquired lot J, Block 103, Horton's Addition, with the intention of locating a fire department house thereon, but has never used it for this purpose.

The city has remaining on hand as an unexpended balance the sum of \$4,258.80, voted in the bond election of 1903 for the purpose of building a house for Hose Company No. 3, and also purchasing a suitable lot on Florence Heights and building an engine house thereon.

This money has been on hand for a long time, but is not adequate for the purpose.

I recommend that the lot named be sold and the proceeds added to the sum of \$4,258.80, and with this fund so augmented a lot be purchased in a satisfactory section of Florence Heights and a new fire department house be constructed thereon.

Extension of Fire Limits.

With a most encouraging prospect for much new building in the business section, I invite your serious attention to the question of extending the present fire limits at a very early date.

The extension, at this time, of the present fire limits should be reasonable and not too great in area.

I think such limit, wherein brick or stone construction only should be permitted, can justly be established within the following named boundaries.

Commencing at the southwest corner of Seventh and Ash streets, thence west along the south line of Ash street to the southeast corner of the intersection of Ash and Third streets, thence south on the east side of Third street to the Bay front, thence along the Bay front to the intersection of the same with the west line of Seventh street, thence north along the west line of Seventh street to the southwest corner of Seventh and Ash streets, the place of beginning.

Repair and Construction of Bridges over San Diego River.

The work now under way by the Superintendent of Streets, under the direction of the Board of Public Works, on the Old

Town bridge and approaches, which were badly damaged by this season's high water, must be continued as outlined, at least until sufficiently far advanced to protect that part of the work now completed from probable loss or damage next winter.

In addition to repairing the Old Town bridge to full serviceability, I recommend that Your Honorable Body provide for a suitable bridge at either the present crossing of the Poway Road or else at some more advantageous location to the east of this crossing. A very large number of vehicles and people enter San Diego over this crossing of the river. It is practically at all times, either summer or winter, an indifferent crossing, and many times impassable for ordinary travel.

With a deep realization of the important responsibilities that will devolve upon Your Honorable Body in the consideration of the information, recommendations and data herein submitted, I am,

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. SEHON,

Mayor of the City of San Diego, Cal.



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**COMPARATIVE VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY,
AND TAX LEVY.**

Assessed valuation,.....	\$20,013,885
Real "	40,000,000

Tax Rate \$1.28 per \$100.

Apportionment to various Funds:

Fire	Fund		. 18
Salary	"	.....	.183
Street	"	.....	.262
Sewer	"	.....	.055
Street Light	"	.....	.105
Library	"	.....	.045
Health	"	.....	.006
Office	"	.....	.021
General	"	.....	.043
			.90
Total for Municipal Fund,.....			.90
Park Fund, (special) .....			.07
Bond Interest and Sinking Fund, .....			.31

Total, 1.28

Total Bonded Indebtedness, \$1,246,050

The equipment of the Fire Department has been recently increased by the following:

- One service wagon for chief.
- Twelve 3 gallon extinguishers.
- New fire alarm system.
- One new steam engine.
- Two combination hose wagons.
- One chemical engine.
- One life net.
- Four horses.
- Four extension ladders.

