

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1970.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES, HABERMAN; Absent: NONE.

70-38 The invocation was given by Reverend Bob Wideman, Trinity Baptist Church.

70-38 Dr. Nielsen requested that the minutes of August 13, the last paragraph of the subject of International Airport-Proposed New Runway, be amended by inserting a transcription of the statement by Mayor Pro-Tem Calderon in closing this discussion. The transcript is as follows:

"Mr. Manby, we will give you an answer in two weeks. I can assure you."

Dr. Nielsen questioned some of the figures included in the minutes of August 20, relating to the telephone company's request for a rate increase. It was pointed out that the figures Dr. Nielsen was interested in were included in a report from the council telephone committee and were copied into the minutes from the report and therefore, the minutes are a true reflection of that report.

The minutes of August 13 and 20, 1970 were approved in all other respects.

70-38 Councilman Torres asked that the Council recognize a spokesman for the San Antonio Police Association as there were a great number of police officers in the audience. This request was agreeable to all members of the Council.

Mr. Frank Hill, an attorney representing the San Antonio Police Association, appeared before the Council to speak in regard to a request pay raise.

Attorney Hill reported to the Council that subsequent to his last appearance before the Council that he had had a conference with Mr. Howard Walker, the City Attorney.

He explained that the police officers had considered obtaining a petition which would contain sufficient signatures to force a referendum on the question of a pay increase. However, after discussing the matter with Mr. Walker it was agreed that even if such a petition and referendum were successful, it would still not make it

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incumbent on the Council to comply with the request of the police officers. It was pointed out that the Council has the complete responsibility for the finance operation of the City.

In lieu of the procedure described above, the Police Officers' Association has decided to petition the citizenry with regard to this request for a pay increase to see if they are willing to do whatever is necessary to provide a pay raise for policemen. If the citizens do respond in sufficient numbers indicating their willingness to go along with this pay raise, Attorney Hill felt that the Council would then comply with their wishes. (At this point Attorney Hill distributed to members of the Council, copies of the proposed petition which would be circulated among the city.)

Attorney Hill said that he did not want to create confusion with regard to what the police officers are attempting to do, and that he wanted the Council to fully understand what is transpiring. This is the main purpose of his visit to the Council.

Attorney Hill discussed the petition with various members of the Council.

Dr. Calderon stated that he felt that the Council should make known to the police officers its feeling with regard to the petitioning and whether or not the Council would honor the petition after it was received.

After discussion Attorney Hill was advised that the Council would consider the matter and would probably decide by next week what its attitude might be.

70-38 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres, McAllister, James; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,859

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF ALAMO IRON WORKS TO FURNISH THE CITY
OF SAN ANTONIO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
WITH ONE SELF PRIMING CENTRIFUGAL PUMP
FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$2,390.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,860

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF PAUL ANDERSON COMPANY FOR THE PRINT-
ING OF 200,000 SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION AND
VISITORS BUREAU VISITOR GUIDE FOR A NET
TOTAL OF \$3,700.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,861

CONSENTING TO THE SUBLEASING BY CAMPBELL'S DELIVERY SERVICE, INC. TO EMERY AIR FREIGHT, OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES NOW LEASED BY THE CITY TO CAMPBELL'S DELIVERY SERVICE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LEASE NO. 52-1.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,862

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUTER AIRLINES OF TEXAS, INC., D/B/A AIR TEXAS TO EXTEND THE PRESENT AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OF CERTAIN SPACE AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,863

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY TO EXTEND THE PRESENT LEASE AGREEMENT AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LEASE NO. 83.

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70-38 An ordinance amending Chapter 37 of the City Code licensing and regulating operation of Mobile Home Parks was explained by Planning Director, Steve Taylor. It was explained that the Ordinance under consideration incorporates all of the amendments which were requested by the Council when it was previously considered and meets with the approval of the San Antonio Home Builders Association and the Mobile Home Operators Association.

A discussion developed regarding the function of the Housing and Inspections Division in enforcing the Ordinance. Mr. Taylor explained the role of the Housing and Inspections Division. He also discussed the manner of accomplishing zoning for Mobile Home Parks and the requirements for obtaining building permits.

It was agreed by the Council to delay action on the proposed Ordinance for one week which would allow further study of it.

70-38 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,864

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 12.346 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that this action is being taken at the request of the owners of the property, Bernard Leiser, Elfrieda DeWees and Timco Development Company. The property is known as Alamo Hills, Unit 1, and contains 12.346 acres. The area is located near the intersection of Callaghan Road and Bennington Drive.

The hearing will be held on September 10, 1970, at 10:00 A.M.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

70-38 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,865

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$13,500.00
FROM STORM DRAINAGE BOND FUND #489-02,
PAYABLE TO THOMAS BARKER CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT
OF CAUSE NO. F-202,143, STYLED THOMAS
B. BARKER VS. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney, advised the Council that this matter was explained by Mr. Crawford Reeder two weeks ago and that the Ordinance was prepared at Council's request.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

70-38 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by members of the administrative staff and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,866

AMENDING THE CURRENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY AND BEXAR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
AND MENTAL RETARDATION BOARD BY INCREASING
THE ANNUAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO THE CITY BY
THE BOARD FROM \$8,025.00 TO \$12,025.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,867

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO
REFUND DUPLICATE PAYMENT OF TAXES.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,868

AMENDING THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH TEXAS WIRED MUSIC, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR WIRED MUSIC IN HEMISFAIR PLAZA BY ADDING THERETO TWO ADDITIONAL UNITS AT A COST OF \$6.00 PER MONTH PLUS AN INSTALLATION CHARGE OF \$30.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,869

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, FOR INSTALLATION OF AN ILLUMINATION SYSTEM ON U. S. 281 EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN PEARL PARKWAY AND MULBERRY AVENUE TOGETHER WITH A MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE SAME.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,870

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A \$11,220.00 GRANT FROM THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL FOR AN INTERIM REGIONAL POLICE LABORATORY AND AN \$8,000.00 GRANT FOR AN EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP; ESTABLISHING FUND 796; APPROPRIATING \$20,778.00 OUT OF UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS AND \$39,998.00 OUT OF FUND 796 ALSO AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND ONE NEW EMPLOYEE POSITION.

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The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 70-38-42

ENDORISING AND APPROVING THE APPLICATION BY THE TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A FEDERAL GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, over the next five years the San Antonio Transit System will require new buses, bus shelters at key passenger locations, new administration facilities and additional equipment costing a total of \$7,441,200 in order to provide a modern and efficient transportation system for the San Antonio area, but financial projections made by the Transit Board of Trustees of San Antonio show that revenues of the Transit System will not be sufficient to provide these necessary capital expenditures, and

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WHEREAS, the Transit Board of Trustees of San Antonio has prepared an application for a Federal grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, which, together with available Transit System funds, would permit the necessary capital improvements to be made, and by Board action August 24, 1970, formally authorized the filing of such application, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Antonio desires to support and endorse the Transit Board's application for Federal funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

That the Council of the City of San Antonio hereby endorses and approves the application of the Transit Board of Trustees of San Antonio for a Federal grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, and authorizes the incorporation of a certified copy of this resolution as part of the grant application.

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Mayor McAllister explained that San Antonio is now eligible for Federal assistance in the acquisition of buses and that this resolution is the first step in making the application. Ultimately 150 new buses will be acquired.

Mr. Norman Hill, General Manager of the Transit System, appeared before the Council to answer questions. He discussed, with Mr. Torres, the manner in which the Renewal and Replacement Fund is operated and how it will be utilized in connection with this acquisition program.

In discussing passenger shelters, Mr. Norman Hill said that transit systems normally do not provide shelters, because the industry is in distress and has not had funds for this type of work. There are a number of shelters existing, however, which have been provided by individuals or concerns. Mr. Villareal, of the Transportation Department, has encouraged the San Antonio Transit System to install shelters at key locations and heavy transfer points and that is the reason this is a part of the application.

Mr. Norman Hill reviewed, for the Council, the merchandising program, which has been underway this summer, using students to call on residents within one quarter mile either side of an established transit route. These visits are to familiarize residents of transit services, which are available, and to answer questions with regard to schedules, fares, etc. The program has been highly successful.

Dr. Nielsen questioned Mr. Norman Hill, as to whether the SABCUTS study will fulfill the requirement for a study for this Federal Grant.

Mr. Norman Hill said that the officials of HUD and the Transportation Department in Washington informed him that the SABCUTS study was singled out, as extraordinarily good with regard to the mass transit section - so good that this section was printed in a separate booklet. It was indicated that this study forms a good basic body to be used in the application for a grant.

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It is estimated that new equipment will be received in 1973.

On motion of Rev. James, seconded by Mr. Burke, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

70-38 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by City Manager Henckel and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,871

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE SALARIES OF THE FOUR MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1970.

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Mike M. Machado (Presiding Judge)	\$15,000.00 per year
Lawrence C. Lang	\$13,000.00 per year
Robert Lozano	\$13,000.00 per year
James W. Lewis	\$13,000.00 per year

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AN ORDINANCE 38,872

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SELIGMANN & PYLE, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER OUTFALL SANITARY SEWER PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,343.31 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE TO SAID ENGINEERS AND \$10,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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70-38 Item No. 17, on the agenda, being an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to join with area water agencies in submitting a letter to congressional representatives pertaining to Federal Assistance in order to formulate a long range plan for coordinated use of available water resources, was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the City Manager.

70-38 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Assistant City Manager, Ancil Douthit, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,873

ESTABLISHING RATES OF PAYMENTS TO BE MADE TO THE CITY WATER BOARD FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION OF CITY SEWER CHARGES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT.

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70-38 Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Calderon presided.

70-38 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Assistant Finance Director, Carl White, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 38,874

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; AMENDING THE PAY PLAN BY UPGRADING THE POSITION OF YOUTH COORDINATOR FROM RANGE 30 TO RANGE 33 ALSO AUTHORIZING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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70-38 Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

70-38 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by members of the administrative staff and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,875

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH DAVIS SANITATION COMPANY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE AND TRASH AT A MONTHLY RATE OF \$54.00 PAYABLE TO THE CITY.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,876

CLOSING LA VILLITA STREET FROM KING PHILLIP STREET TO SOUTH ALAMO, AND NACIONAL STREET TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR THE PERIOD OF

SEPTEMBER 14 THROUGH 17, 1970 FOR USE
BY THE SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY
TO HOLD "A NIGHT IN OLD SAN ANTONIO"
IN CONNECTION WITH THE DIEZ Y SEIS
CELEBRATION.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,877

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF WENGER CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY
OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS AND RECREATION WITH
ONE MOBILE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOR A
NET TOTAL OF \$26,886.00.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS

City Manager Henckel asked Health Director, Dr. Ross, to report to the Council on the status of the current epidemic of diphtheria.

Dr. Ross said that he had prepared a report for the Bexar County Medical Society and a copy of the report has been made available to members of the Council. Through August 26 there are 70 confirmed cases of diphtheria, all, except 24, have occurred since July 23. The 24 cases occurred between January 1 and May 25, 1970.

Dr. Ross went over the written report with the Council. (A copy of Dr. Ross' report is included with the papers of this meeting.)

It was reported that the total immunizations given in the current campaign, through August 25, were 180,163, and it is estimated that 12,000 additional immunizations were given August 26. Dr. Ross also reported to the Council that when the diphtheria epidemic broke out, there was a good supply of polio vaccine on hand and the Health Department instituted polio immunizations at the clinics at the same time as the diphtheria immunizations. More than 70,700 polio immunizations have been given to date.

City Manager Henckel stated that he had received inquiries from other cities, as to whether it is safe to visit San Antonio, in view of the problem and asked Dr. Ross to comment on that.

Dr. Ross said that his staff has not suggested that anyone stay away. Persons coming to conventions usually stay in hotels near the Convention Center and that is not in the affected areas.

The Council commended Dr. Ross on the manner in which this epidemic has been controlled.

Mr. John Steen, Chairman of the Bond Election Publicity Committee, appeared before the Council and reported on the activities of his committee. (A copy of his report is included in the papers of this meeting.)

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Mr. Steen distributed sample pieces of publicity for the Council to examine.

70-38 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,878

GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN
PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE GOLDEN MANOR
OPERATING AS A JEWISH HOME FOR THE
AGED; ALSO DECLARING VOID CITY TAXES
ASSESSED AGAINST SUBJECT PROPERTIES
FOR THE 1967-1968 AND 1969 TAX YEARS.

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Mr. Marvin Beck, attorney, representing Golden Manor, Jewish Home for the Aged, appeared in behalf of a petition requesting that the Council grant tax exemption for this property. Mr. Beck reviewed facts of the case with the Council.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Rev. James, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote:
AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Trevino, Hill;
NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: None.

70-38 INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - PROPOSED NEW RUNWAY

The next matter to be considered was the request of a group of citizens to remove, from the bond election to be held September 26, 1970, that proposition for \$3,000,000 for purchase of additional land at International Airport.

Mr. Spencer Vallance and Mr. Jim Kazen spoke to the Council representing property owners in the area. It was pointed out that if a runway is constructed on the land to be purchased, that a number of schools and churches would be very near the end of the runway on the southeast. It was estimated that some 4,000 children attend the schools in this area. Opposition to the runway is based primarily on the danger to the schools, residences and churches in close proximity to the end of the runway and also to the great amount of noise generated by the low-flying aircraft.

After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Nielsen to include \$200,000 in the airport proposition, but to drop the \$3,000,000 item for International Airport. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres.

Mr. Torres read excerpts from telegrams and letters, urging the Council to remove this category from the bond election.

Mr. Charles Pope spoke in favor of the proposition and related circumstances, which require expansion of International Airport.

Dr. Calderon offered a substitute motion that the Airport category remain on the ballot, as proposed in the amount of \$3,200,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and carried by the following vote:
AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Trevino, Hill;
NAYS: Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: None.

SAN ANTONIO RETAIL GROCERS' COMPLAINT
RE: ORDINANCE 38,640

Mr. George Waitz, operator of Sunset Ridge Model Market, representing the San Antonio Retail Grocers Association, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 38,640, enacted June 11, 1970, because it subjects retail stores to expensive, burdensome and complex and unworkable regulations. He stated that since 1954, supervision of meat preparation has been very satisfactory. He requested that the Council consider this ordinance and repeal it.

Mr. Eloy Centeno also spoke. He said that he doubted that the ordinance could be enforced, as there are 4,000 establishments to be inspected by only ten inspectors.

After discussion, Dr. Calderon made a motion that enforcement of Ordinance No. 38,640 be abated for thirty (30) days and that the City Manager be instructed to study the ordinance for possible revisions. The motion was seconded by Rev. James and carried by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Dan Martinez, President of Sign Writers' Local Union 166, spoke to the Council asking that two additional inspectors be assigned to the Sign Inspection Division. He said that there is only one inspector presently and that there are many instances of persons operating without bonds and erecting signs without permits. It was suggested that two of the five new inspectors provided for in the 1970-71 budget be allocated to Sign Inspections.

Mayor McAllister asked City Manager Henckel to look into this matter and confer with Mr. Martinez, so that a full report can be made to the Council.

Mrs. Janie Medellin, speaking for the Mission Neighborhood Citizens Committee, distributed a prepared statement to the Council protesting the placement of the Narcotic Rehabilitation Center in St. John's Seminary, located at 222 East Mitchell Street. She felt that a residential area is not the proper location for such a project to be located. (A copy of her statement is included in the papers of this meeting.)

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor McAllister thanked Mrs. Medellin for bringing this matter to Council's attention and said that it would be looked into.

ST. MARY'S STREET: PECAN TO NAVARRO

Mr. Don Harrell, representing property owners and businessmen on North St. Mary's Street, reviewed their request to make the street two-way from Navarro to Pecan. He stated, Mr. Bob Garretty, owner of the Ursuline property, has offered to donate property to widen the street and alleviate the hazard created by the present curve south of Navarro Street.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, stated his recommendation was that to make the street two-way is not in the best interest of the downtown area. It has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Downtowners Association. If the Council approves the change, the change should be done only at such time as the physical improvements to the curve have been completed. The change should be on a trial basis, as they might want to go back to one-way after the trial period. He added that the improvements to North St. Mary's are to be made at City expense.

Mr. Garretty stated he understood that the change to two-way may not work out and that he was donating the property in good faith.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Burke, the Council approved the making of North St. Mary's Street a two-way street from Navarro to Pecan Street, by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Hill; NAYS: Torres, Calderon, Trevino; ABSENT: None.

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MRS. FRANCES LEVINSON - 1307 CUPPLES ROAD

Mrs. Levinson spoke concerning the Constitutional Amendment to be voted on at the general election in November, pertaining to judges, including Municipal Court judges. She said she did not understand what the amendment hopes to accomplish and asked the Council to look into it.

The matter was referred to the City Attorney for analysis and explanation to the Council.

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PECAN VALLEY DRIVE

Assistant City Manager Douthit reported he has met with Mr. Tommy Adgisson, 140 Golden Crown, concerning the request to improve the street. The City is going to install poles and cable wire to keep vehicles from crossing the median.

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PROPOSED INTERCHANGE FOR I. H. 10
AND BANDERA ROAD EXPRESSWAY

Mr. Joe Castillo, Executive Director of the Mexican-American Unity Council, stated his organization was committed to rehabilitation of housing on the west side. He spoke of the proposition to be included in the bond election, which includes \$500,000 for purchase of land for an interchange for the by-pass route between I. H. 10 Expressway and the so-called Hill Country Expressway. He advised the Council that it vitally affects the west side, because the proposed expressway has to cut the Model Cities area in half and displace quite a few people. Different routes have been discussed and the matter has gone to the Transportation CRC of Model Cities, which has made a recommendation to the CPPC. He said although the bond issue calls only for purchase of land, once this is done, all that is left is to build the expressway. He said the proposed expressway will affect several agencies. There is already a contract let for planning the future of Model Cities, which will be worthless if the expressway goes through Model Cities.

Mr. Stewart Fischer stated the sum of \$500,000 is recommended in the bond issue to permit planning of the improvement of I. H. 10. Traffic studies have shown that the growth toward the northwest will require the maximum improvement to I. H. 10 possible, plus an additional expressway that has come to be known as the Bandera Expressway. This expressway should intercept the Bandera Highway (State Highway 16) at some point near Loop 410 and should cross across the southern portion of the central business district in order to distribute traffic properly to the central business district.

These termini of the Bandera Expressway will require that it cross, and therefore interchange, any route used to relieve the congestion of I. H. 10 in the vicinity of the downtown area. This interchange must be considered in the planning of the I. H. 10 relief facility and enough of it should be constructed simultaneously, so as to prevent any future interruption to traffic on I. H. 10. The funds in the bond issue are to be used for the City's share of any right-of-way cost for this interchange.

Regulations governing the approval of an expressway project require two public hearings and satisfactory relocation procedures for people whose property might be required. All of these steps will include approval of the City Council. In addition, the City Council will have to approve the purchase of each individual parcel of right-of-way acquired with these funds.

After discussion, the Mayor thanked Mr. Castillo for bringing the matter to the Council's attention.

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QUINTANA ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING

Councilman Hill reported that for the month of July there has been considerably less blockage of the crossing by the railroad. Considerable improvement has been made, which shows the railroad is trying to cooperate. He hopes the railroad will continue to cooperate and will keep the Council posted.

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Councilman Hill advised he met with Assistant City Manager Douthit; Police Chief Bichsel; Civil Defense Director, Martin Esser, and Fire Chief, Bart Mulhern, on establishing the center. It was agreed that some additional things should be done, so that if there should be a disaster, the Mayor, City Manager and Department Heads would have a facility to which they could report immediately and have the necessary communications equipment available. The Council will be invited to review the facility when completed.

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TAR PIT - JONES-MALTSBERGER ROAD

Councilman Torres reported that Gene Tuck reported on TV of a tar pit on Jones-Maltsberger Road created by City work crews. It appears to be a health and safety hazard and asked that the City try to eliminate it.

City Manager Henckel stated he would look into it.

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70-38AUCTION OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENT ARTIFACTS

Councilman Torres stated there was a newspaper item that some articles given by foreign governments are to be auctioned by the Witte Museum. He asked to be advised what the items are before they are sold. He believed the items belong to the City and questioned whether a private organization should dispose of them.

City Manager Henckel advised the artifacts were left by foreign governments after HemisFair. What they did not want, they left. The Witte Museum automatically took them over. Two members of the Museum's Board asked a letter be given them authorizing sale of the artifacts. He advised them the letter was worthless, as the artifacts did not belong to the City, as they were not accepted officially by the City. The Witte is now going over the items to find out what is art and what is not, they wish to dispose of. The funds derived will be used to purchase art works for display in the Witte Confluence Museum in HemisFair Plaza.

Councilman Nielsen stated they should get a report from the Fine Arts Commission, as to what has any art value.

City Manager Henckel stated the Fine Arts Commission is going to make an inventory of the artifacts.

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70-38DAMAGE TO ARTIFACTS AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA

Councilman Torres inquired of reported damage to artifacts at HemisFair Plaza.

The City Manager reported that the fountain in front of the Witte was repaired by a local engineer at no cost to the City. The fountain in the area of the boutiques near the International Theatre was damaged by a move-out vehicle, not by the City. The Gazebo and Asterikos sculpture are the responsibility of the City. The Gazebo was damaged when it toppled over when the City attempted to relocate it.

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70-38FOOD STAMP INVESTIGATION

Councilman Torres asked that the Council be informed on what transpires in the Food Stamp investigation.

The City Manager stated he will keep the Council informed.

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70-38VILLA CORONADO SEWAGE CANAL

Councilman Torres asked what is being done to comply with Judge Franklin Spears ruling concerning disposal of sewage through this canal.

The City Manager advised he has just received a report from the Legal Department on it and Council will be advised about it.

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The meeting was recessed and the Council went into executive session to consider an appointment to the E.O.D.C. Board of Directors.

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After a ten-minute recess, the meeting reconvened and Councilman James introduced the following ordinance and moved its adoption.

AN ORDINANCE 38,879

APPOINTING REV. DAVID A. BRANTLEY TO JOINTLY REPRESENT THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS (FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 19, 1971).

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The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke and on roll call, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Hill; NAYS: Calderon, Trevino, Torres; ABSENT: None.

70-38 The Clerk read the following letter:

August 21, 1970

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

The following petitions were received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

- 8/4/70 Petition of Mr. Harvey Oehler, 115 Nedrub, requesting permission to raise the height of an existing 6 ft. fence to 8 ft. and an addition of 14 ft. in length.
- 8/21/70 Petition of Mr. Manuel Salinas, 1525 Mardell Blvd., requesting permission to erect a 7 ft. high privacy fence.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN,
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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W. M. McAllister
M A Y O R

ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
C i t y C l e r k

August 27, 1970
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