

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1965, 8:30 AM

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti, with the following members present: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and BREMER; ABSENT: McALLISTER.

65-948 The invocation was given by Reverend A. J. Green, Shearer Hills Baptist Church.

Minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 1965, were approved.

65-948 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti recognized two groups of students, one being from Ursuline Academy and accompanied by their teacher, Mother Mary Elizabeth, and the other from Ridgeview Elementary School and accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Frost. The groups were present to observe the City government in action.

The following ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

65-949 AN ORDINANCE 33,686

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF EUREKA FIRE HOSE DIVISION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN FIRE HOSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$16,260.00.

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65-950 AN ORDINANCE 33,687

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS AS LISTED BELOW TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RADIO SHOP WITH CERTAIN RADIO TUBES FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,387.30.

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65-951 AN ORDINANCE 33,688

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF KLEEN AIR OF HOUSTON FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS TO CLEAN AIR CONDITIONING UNITS AT CITY HALL, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,375.00.

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65-952 AN ORDINANCE 33,689

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE FRIDEN, INC. FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE OF CERTAIN CALCULATORS FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,066.00.

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65-953 AN ORDINANCE 33,690

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF UARCO, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FINANCE DEPARTMENT, CORPORATION COURT WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SUMMONS (PARKING TICKETS) FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,033.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,691

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF RECORDAK CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH TWO MICROFILM READERS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,090.00.

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65-955

AN ORDINANCE 33,692

RELEASING AN EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY WARRANTY DEED DATED DECEMBER 14, 1927, AND FOUND IN VOLUME 997, PAGE 287, OF THE BEXAR COUNTY DEED RECORDS AND LOCATED IN NEW CITY BLOCK 12188, AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED AND GRANTING ONE-HALF UNDIVIDED INTEREST TO THE ESTATE OF WINFRED G. ELLIS, DECEASED, AND ONE-HALF UNDIVIDED INTEREST TO KATHLEEN ELLIS, THE SURVIVING WIDOW OF WINFRED G. ELLIS, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR.

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65-956

AN ORDINANCE 33,693

APPROPRIATING \$3,800.00 OUT OF FIRE STATION BONDS TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE STATION NO. 4-14; APPROPRIATING \$1,275.00 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS TO ACQUIRE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NACOGDOCHES ROAD PAVING PROJECT; APPROPRIATING \$600.00 OUT OF 1964 SEWER OUTFALL LINE AND ACCEPTING A DEDICATION PERTAINING TO STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT NO. 114-B.

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65-957

AN ORDINANCE 33,694

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM H. MULLINS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT 72A-B; APPROPRIATING \$13,650.00 OUT OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 1964, PAYABLE TO WILLIAM H. MULLINS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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65-958

AN ORDINANCE 33,695

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HAGGARD, HANS & GROVES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN REGARD TO CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS IN CERTAIN AREAS; APPROPRIATING \$5,957.68 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND NO. 204 PAYABLE TO HAGGARD, HANS & GROVES, INC. AND ALSO APPROPRIATING \$800.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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65-959

AN ORDINANCE 33,696

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIMPSON, NG, PRATT & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING \$5,888.10 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 1964, PAYABLE TO SIMPSON, NG, PRATT & ASSOCIATES AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,697

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH W. F. CASTELLA & ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER MAIN PROJECT; APPROPRIATING \$65,000.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND NO. 204 PAYABLE TO W. F. CASTELLA & ASSOCIATES AND APPROPRIATING \$1,500.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,698

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MITCHELL-PFENNIG & PIANTA, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT 61-B; APPROPRIATING \$19,866.00 OUT OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 1964, PAYABLE TO MITCHELL-PFENNIG & PIANTA, INC. AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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65-962

AN ORDINANCE 33,699

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAPE-DAWSON FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING \$9,311.50 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 1964, NO. 489-01 PAYABLE TO PAPE-DAWSON, CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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65-963

AN ORDINANCE 33,700

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF CHARLES B. JONES, CONTRACTOR, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OLMOS CREEK INTERCEPTOR SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, SEGMENT DELTA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$813,382.25 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND NO. 404 PAYABLE TO CHARLES B. JONES; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$1,000.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,701

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF HOWARD STICH, INCORPORATED, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT 69-B, BRIGHTON OUTFALL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$436,666.66 OUT OF THE 1964 DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 489-02 PAYABLE TO HOWARD STICH, INC.; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$12,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND THE SUM OF \$663.11 PAYABLE TO SIMPSON, NG, PRATT AND ASSOCIATES, AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED FOR ENGINEERING FEES.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,702

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH THE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY TRAFFIC INSTITUTE TO CONDUCT A TWO-WEEK TRAINING COURSE OF CERTAIN POLICE PERSONNEL AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,000.00 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND IN CONSIDERATION THEREFOR.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,703

ACCEPTING STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MINUTE ORDER NO. 56321 PERTAINING TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10 ILLUMINATION SYSTEM FROM SOUTH HACKBERRY STREET TO ST. HEDWIG ROAD.

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65-967

AN ORDINANCE 33,704

AMENDING SECTION 15-66 OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE PERTAINING TO THE ACCUMULATION ON PREMISES OF PAPER, LITTER, COMBUSTIBLE WASTE, ETC., AND AMENDING SECTION 15-69 REQUIRING THE CLOSING AND SECURING OF UNOCCUPIED BUILDINGS AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS.

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65-968

AN ORDINANCE 33,705

REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TENNIS COURTS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AT SOUTHSIDE LIONS PARK.

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65-969

AN ORDINANCE 33,706

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ARNOLD W. THOMPSON ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN PERTAINING TO REMODELING AND EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FACILITIES AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000.00 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOND AND CONSTRUCTION FUND IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,707

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,500.00 TO NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND AS AN ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE.

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Mr. Adrian Williams, Airport Manager of Stinson Field, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell and McAllister.

65-971

AN ORDINANCE 33,708

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TERMINATING A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GEN-AERO, INC.

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Mr. Arthur Brown, City Controller, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino and Parker; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Cockrell and Bremer.

65-972

AN ORDINANCE 33,709

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF RAUSCHER, PIERCE & CO., INC., TO PERFORM CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS.

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65-948 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti was obliged to leave the meeting, and Councilman Calderon was appointed Presiding Officer and Acting Mayor in the temporary absence of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

The following ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Cockrell and Gatti.

65-973 AN ORDINANCE 33,710

APPROVING PAYMENT OF CLAIMS IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$575 FOR DAMAGES DUE TO SEWER STOPPAGE.

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65-974 AN ORDINANCE 33,711

APPROPRIATING \$1,410.00 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, 1964, FUND #489-01 PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF JEANNE FORDHAM, ET VIR, AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, SAID AMOUNT BEING IN SATISFACTION OF A JUDGMENT ENTERED IN CONDEMNATION CAUSE #C-17 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 0.1231 OF ONE ACRE OF LAND IN NEW CITY BLOCK 7676, ON MILITARY DRIVE SOUTH IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND CERTAIN DAMAGES TO DEFENDANTS REMAINING TRACT OF LAND.

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65-975 AN ORDINANCE 33,712

APPOINTING BEN R. RODRIGUEZ AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR A TERM ENDING JULY 31, 1967.

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65-976 AN ORDINANCE 33,713

RE-APPOINTING WALTER MATHIS, JOE OLIVARES, SR., AND GENE SOMMERHAUSER AS MEMBERS OF THE RIVER WALK COMMISSION FOR TERMS ENDING JULY 31, 1968.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti returned and presided over the meeting.

The following ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones and Cockrell.

65-977 AN ORDINANCE 33,714

TERMINATING THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND FROST NATIONAL BANK FOR CURB TELLER SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF \$166.66 COVERING THE UNUSED PORTION OF SAID CONTRACT.

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65-978 AN ORDINANCE 33,715

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$14,607.75 FROM THE OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT 70-01-01, TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 21-05-03, URBAN RENEWAL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SAID SUM TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY, SUCH PAYMENT BEING THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COST OF IMPROVING SANTA ROSA STREET.

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65-979

AN ORDINANCE 33,716

AMENDING THE PAY SCHEDULE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO CHANGE THE PAY RANGE FOR THE POSITION OF SHOP COORDINATOR FROM RANGE 24 TO RANGE 26.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,717

GRANTING PERMISSION TO WILLIAM W. ATWELL TO CONSTRUCT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS APPROVED BY THE RIVER WALK COMMISSION.

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65-981

AN ORDINANCE 33,718

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REFUNDS TO VARIOUS CONCERNS AND INDIVIDUALS DUE TO DOUBLEPAYMENTS OF TAXES.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,719

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE A REFUND OF \$223.66 TO THE STEWART TITLE COMPANY DUE TO DOUBLEPAYMENT OF TAXES.

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65-983

AN ORDINANCE 33,720

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 33436 DECLARING OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY CITY EMPLOYEES DURING 1965-1966 FISCAL YEAR.

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65-984

AN ORDINANCE 33,721

DIRECTING THAT SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BE OPEN ON DECEMBER 24, 1965, AND DECEMBER 31, 1965, UNTIL 5:00 PM EACH DAY, AND THAT LIBRARY EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO WORK ON THOSE DAYS BE GIVEN ANOTHER DAY OF THE WEEK OFF SO THAT THEY WILL WORK ONLY A 32-HOUR WEEK DURING EACH OF THE WEEKS DECEMBER 20 THROUGH DECEMBER 24, 1965, AND DECEMBER 27 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1965.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,722

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO MRS. MATTIE L. ADAMS TO THE EAST 30.06 FEET OF LOT 2, (ARB A-2), BLOCK 25, NEW CITY BLOCK 1460 IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF \$770.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DISBURSE FUNDS DUE OTHER TAXING UNITS AND AMOUNTS DUE FOR COURT COSTS AND SHERIFF'S COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CAUSE NO. C-13173.

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65-986

AN ORDINANCE 33,723

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO BEN GARCIA AND WIFE ELOISE G. GARCIA, TO THE NORTH 139.5 FEET OF LOT 17, BLOCK 1, NEW CITY BLOCK 943, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEXAR AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, AND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF \$1,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DISBURSE FUNDS DUE OTHER TAXING UNITS AND AMOUNTS DUE FOR COURT COSTS AND SHERIFF'S COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CAUSE NO. C-13089.

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65-987

AN ORDINANCE 33,724

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO JEWELL MARIE DIBRELL, A FEME SOLE, TO THE LOT 8 OR CIRCLE 11, BLOCK 1, NEW CITY BLOCK 1508 SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BEXAR AND STATE OF TEXAS, AND WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN CONSIDERATION OF THE SUM OF \$888.45 AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DISBURSE FUNDS DUE OTHER TAXING UNITS AND AMOUNTS DUE FOR COURT COSTS AND SHERIFF'S COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH CAUSE NO. C-13696.

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65-988 Next taken up was the continued hearing on Zoning Case No. 2472, to rezone Lot 17, Blk 23, NCB 8714, located on the west side of Bloom Avenue between Ames Street and Burges Avenue, from "B" Residence District to "H" Local Retail District.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council. He stated the hearing had been continued from August 19, 1965, in order for the applicant to consider if he was agreeable to having the North 100' of Lot 17, which fronts on Ames, remain "B" Residence District. He stated the applicant had been notified of the hearing but was not present.

No one asked to speak on the matter.

After consideration, Mr. Bremer made a motion that Lot 17, Blk 33, NCB 8714, except the North 100', be rezoned to "H" Local Retail District with the provision that the non-access easement on Ames Street be removed; the North 100' of Lot 17 to remain "B" Residence District. Seconded by Dr. Calderon, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following ordinance prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Cockrell.

65-988

AN ORDINANCE 33,725

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 17, BLK 23, NCB 8714 EXCEPT THE NORTH 100' WHICH REMAINS "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "H" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT.

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65-989 Next taken up was the continued hearing on Zoning Case No. 2485, to rezone Lot 24, Blk 2, NCB 3123, located on the north side of East Houston Street 196' east of Palmetto Avenue, from "H" Local Retail District to "B-3" Business District.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council. This case was continued from August 19 in order for the applicant to be present and advise the Council of the proposed use.

The applicant was not present and no one asked to speak on the matter.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance, the vote being as follows: AYES: Calderon, James, Gatti, Parker, and Bremer; NAYS: Jones and Trevino; ABSENT: McAllister and Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 33,726

65-989 AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 24, BLK 2, NCB 3123 FROM "H" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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65-990 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti asked at this time if there were any citizens who wished to be heard.

Mr. Eddie Alejandro, Chairman of the Las Palmas Town Council and spokesman for a delegation present, informed the Council of an attack of a San Antonio housewife last Saturday night, September 18. He stated the members of the Las Palmas Town Council consider it their responsibility as citizens to assist in a tangible manner, and have offered a reward in the amount of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons involved.

He then asked that the City Council take immediate steps to form a truly representative committee of all the geographical areas of the city to work with and to suggest to all law enforcement agencies of the city, on matters pertaining to the security of the city and its citizens. He suggested that this committee could contain representatives of the following agencies in addition to citizen representation: City Councilmen, Police Department, City Attorney's Office, District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department and Area Provost Marshal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti thanked Mr. Alejandro for the presentation and assured him that the Council would consider his request.

Mr. L. E. Sheppard, Vice-Chairman of the Bexar County Republican Party, commended this type of civic action by the Las Palmas Town Council. He said it is evidence of their concern and interest in civic activities and asked the Council to consider their proposal.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the meeting was recessed for 15 minutes until 10:00 AM at which time the Council would take up the scheduled public hearings.

65-991 The meeting reconvened at 10:00 AM, and the public hearing opened on the proposed annexation of 19.991 acres of land known as Harmony Hills Unit 4C.

Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed annexation, which action was being taken on the request of the owners of the land in order to provide utilities to the subdivision.

No one asked to speak on the matter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then declared the hearing closed and stated that the first reading of the annexation ordinance would be held on October 7, 1965.

65-992 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then opened the hearing on a proposed connection between South Broadway and South Alamo Street. He thanked the large number of citizens present for their interest in this project. He said the Council has not made up its mind and this is why it scheduled a public hearing on the matter, which he hoped would clear the air concerning the project. He concluded by saying the Council will make no decision today. He then called on Traffic and Transportation Director Stewart Fischer to present the proposed project.

65-992 Mr. Fischer stated that two weeks ago he met with the City Council and mentioned the problem of the confusing right of way pattern in the 200 block of South Alamo Street. He said it was difficult to design any type of street that will fit this type of right of way pattern. The problem, he said, became imperative at this time because it is necessary to determine the site of the new bridge leading to the Civic Center and this needs to be located now. In the past there were no funds available for the reconstruction of South Alamo Street and the Urban Renewal plan does not contemplate any funds for this project. If the City is to relieve the traffic on South Alamo, then it must be done at this time. If it is desirable to acquire property on the west side of the 200 block of South Alamo, it is not practical to redevelop the property and then come back later and tear it down. He revealed that the transportation studies showed that Saint Mary's, Navarro, Presa and Alamo Streets are crossed by approximately 29,000 cars traveling on Market Street and by 1985, 50,000 cars will cross these four streets. He did not see any means of widening Saint Mary's, Navarro or Presa Streets. Presa Street is contemplated to be closed through LaVillita. This leaves only Alamo Street and Water Street which is to be built by the HemisFair. He felt that both Water and Alamo should be developed to the best standards to handle traffic in the downtown area. After much study, the Department of Traffic and Transportation has proposed as a minimum design which he considered a poor design of which he was not proud. However, it will provide the best operating conditions. The problem of design in this area is the off-set between Broadway and Alamo. This particular design provides for the curvature on an approximately 300' radius, which reduces the safe operating speed. Maximum safe speed under this plan with good operating conditions, would be 28 miles per hour. This plan requires the taking of a portion of six properties on the west side of South Alamo Street. He said that there has been much interest and many suggestions made to resolve this problem, and no one is anxious to destroy these properties or to destroy the value that the river and the Paseo del Rio has for downtown San Antonio.

He said that suggestions have been made that the taking of property be limited to the first two lots south of Market Street. Because of the angle, very little of these lots could be used for right-of-way. On this plan, it would provide for a curvature on a 145' radius, which is not desirable to safety as it would limit speed to 19½ miles per hour, which is hazardous.

He said he has prepared an alternate proposal to meet the objections that have been made, which called for the widening of South Alamo Street only. Under this plan, the bridge would be reduced to 60' from 110'. However, under this plan it is not possible to connect South Broadway to South Alamo Street. He concluded by saying that under this plan, they will not be able to move traffic, and it is not the recommendation of his department.

65-992 Mr. B. J. McCombs, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber has worked with the City Council on this matter and is concerned with the problem of the development of Paseo del Rio. He said the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution that the 200 block be developed by private enterprise. He concluded by saying the Chamber of Commerce also made a recommendation three years ago that the 200 block of South Alamo is a pivotal point for the entire Paseo del Rio Project.

Mr. Jimmy Gause, Chamber of Commerce Manager for the Paseo del Rio Project, showed a map of the horse-shoe bend in the downtown area which is the Paseo del Rio Project, and consists of 20 blocks. He said, while it appears that the 200 block of South Alamo represents 5% of the project, it in fact represents 25% of the area which is available for development. This pivotal block connects La Villita and the Assembly Hall, which is an area of high activity with the rest of the Paseo del Rio, in addition to the tying

in with the Convention Center. He concluded by saying that the purpose of the Paseo del Rio is to keep convention visitors and tourists for an extra day.

65-992 Mr. Nic Catalani, property owner in the 200 block of South Alamo, stated he wanted to clarify stories that he was not going to develop property. He said the reason that they have not started any sooner is that they have existing leases. At first they proposed to build apartments, but after the City selected the site for the Convention Center, it was found that this would not be feasible. After talking to the HemisFair people, it was suggested that a hotel be put on the property. A survey was made and it was found that a hotel is feasible and needed in this area. He stated that he already has obtained a demolition permit and the only thing holding him back is the architect, as there are certain requirements to be met before getting a building permit. He showed a model of the proposed hotel which is of Spanish design and it is to contain 65 units which will have a club and swimming pool for guests. He stated that they were prepared to start the first phase of the project immediately.

65-992 Mr. Dick Landsman, owner of property at 215 South Alamo, which is occupied by the Three Wives Antique Shop, stated that he had talked to many people and they all think that this shop is an asset to the community. He reported that a study showed that all they need to do to the building are some small improvements, and from the beginning the property owners in the 200 block have showed interest in this project, have cooperated with all agencies and felt that free enterprise is willing and able to make the improvements.

65-992 Mr. Alex Oppenheimer, also an owner of property in the 200 block of South Alamo just north of Mr. Landsman's property, spoke to the Council. He stated this property was acquired two years ago in order to help the Paseo del Rio Project. He showed a plan for the development of his property. He originally planned three stories with apartments on the top stories. Because of the Catalani development, he changed his plans and proposed a restaurant now. He feels that there is a need for a restaurant to serve this particular area, the Civic Center and the HemisFair.

65-992 Mr. Larry Sherrin, also a property owner in this block, stated that he proposed a five story apartment building with river shops at the river level and stores on the street level. He stated that he would have already demolished the building were it not for a lease that runs through May of 1966. If the property is left intact, he will immediately start on the building that they now have planned.

65-992 Mr. Arthur Mathis, architect, then showed a sketch of the five story luxury Town House apartment building, which Mr. Sherrin proposes to build.

Mr. Alfredo Flores, Jr., representing his Father, also owner of property in the block, showed a sketch of the building as planned for development. He said that work has begun on the inside, but not on the outside of the building. They have also begun experimental excavation on the river level. However, they stopped work because they were informed that this matter would be coming up.

65-992 Mr. Thompson, representing Mrs. Jean V. Carnes, stated that they had not done anything because they knew that a traffic problem was coming up. He stated they would develop this property, but were waiting until this matter is settled.

65-992 Mr. David Brooks, President of the Paseo del Rio Association, read the following letter:

September 21, 1965

To the San Antonio City Council:

65-992 The Paseo del Rio Association, representing the River Walk business operators and property owners, respectfully urges the San Antonio City Council to revise its proposed plan to widen South Alamo Street in such a way that all the properties in the 200 block of South Alamo will remain intact.

We wish to point out that this block represents 25% of all properties available to River Walk developers. It is essential that this block be developed according to the Paseo del Rio Masterplan and according to the intentions expressed by the property owners in that block.

The Masterplan calls for an inter-play of business activities between this block and the fast-developing area on either side of the river farther north in the 200 block of South Broadway. Without this very necessary business inter-play, which can be likened to the same inter-play that exists downtown on Houston Street, Alamo Plaza or in any one of the outlying shopping centers, the River Walk Project cannot succeed economically.

Further, may we point out that in addition to the obvious tourist industry benefits, another prime objective of the River Walk Project as stated by the A.I.A. Masterplanning Committee is to provide an additional stimulus for the re-vitalization of the heart of the central business district.

We ask the Council to recognize the vital nature of this block to the overall success of Paseo del Rio and we sincerely urge that they take this into consideration in making their final decision.

Yours truly,

/s/ David Brooks
President
Paseo del Rio Association

65-992 Mrs. Don Tobin, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society, read a resolution adopted by the Conservation Society as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Antonio Conservation Society, here and now, reaffirm its stand to preserve and to encourage the preservation of historic buildings, objects, and places relating to the history of Texas, its natural beauty, and all that is admirably distinctive of our city and state;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Antonio Conservation Society support every effort to retain and improve the properties in the 200 block of South Alamo according to the plans developed by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and Paseo del Rio Association with the approval of the River Walk Commission and all who hope to see San Antonio maintain its unique character which is its greatest asset;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Antonio Conservation Society support and encourage any effort to make a comprehensive plan for the whole downtown area, taking into consideration the many historic buildings and sites uniting the Alamo, La Villita and its extension, the San Antonio River, the King William area, and the proposed Civic Center development;

65-992 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Antonio Conservation Society goes on record expressing its disapproval and opposition to the taking of any properties in the 200 block of South Alamo for street right-of-way;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the City Council and the news media, requesting the City Council of the City of San Antonio to oppose any plan to take any properties on the west side of the 200 block of South Alamo for street right-of-way.

65-992 Mr. Walter Mathis, a member of the River Walk Commission, but speaking as a private citizen, stated they wanted as good a traffic flow as they can get and they still wanted the river development. He felt the compromise plan would be fine. While it does have a bad turn, it would accomplish the two things that is wanted.

65-992 Mr. Jimmy Kallison, representing the Downtowners Association, made the following statement:

"Much of what we have is repititious, but I feel that we need to present our view. The Downtowners Association has long been a proponent of the extension of South Broadway, through to Alamo and we still advocate this. However, as Mr. Fischer has pointed out, the Downtowners Association does recommend a further compromise traffic design for extending Broadway across Market, as it has been mentioned, to connect to South Alamo, provided that no more right-of-way than necessary be taken from the first two properties on the west side of the 200 block of South Alamo at Market Street, and that no additional right-of-way be taken beyond that point. This is a resolution. The Downtowners Association is aware of the undesirable traffic situation that could develop as a result of the harshness of the curve required, however, we are willing to accept this and to sacrifice a faster traffic in order to retain all of these properties if possible or take the first two is necessary. Ancillary to this, however, we further resolve, that no action be taken in this matter until a traffic flow study has been completed in order to insure accessibility from the north of traffic to properties in the Alamo Plaza area. Thank you."

65-992 Mr. James Shand, Vice-President of Joskes of Texas, read the following statement:

My name is James Shand. I am Vice-President of Joskes of Texas. Our interest in the project in the 200 block of South Alamo is primarily concerned with the collateral designation of South Broadway and Alamo as one way streets. It is apparent that any of the possibilities regarding the 200 block of South Alamo involve commitment to one-way status for both of these streets.

Our company is not opposed to the creation of one-way streets in general or necessarily opposed to this particular proposal of one-way streets. However, since easy access to our store and parking lots is essential to the very existence of our business, we take a position of opposition to the plan entirely until overall determination can be made of the overall traffic flow plan relating to all streets in the area. We are informed by the Traffic Engineer that such a plan is not yet complete. We cannot understand that if it is not complete how so radical and important a shift in the pattern of traffic flow can be contemplated without the total picture of proposed traffic flow being considered.

We ask, therefore, that the proposal regarding the 200 Block of South Alamo be held in abeyance until a complete study is available.

65-992 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti thanked the delegations for their interest in this project. He said the Council has always respected the philisophy of free enterprise and its only desire in this matter is the overall good of the city.

The hearing was then declared closed and the matter taken under consideration.

The Clerk read the following letter:

September 23, 1965

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

65-948 Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 9-17-65 Petition of property owners and business men in the vicinity of Loop 410 and Broadway, requesting the City to consider the extension of Ceegee Lane west of Broadway to Wetmore Road.
- 9-17-65 Petition of St. Thomas More Church Parish requesting the City to change the name of Molaki Street to Saint Thomas More Street.
- 9-17-65 Petition of Mayfair Apartments, 1220 N. McCullough, requesting permission to erect an 8-foot fence and gate enclosure to deter petty thefts, vandalism and unauthorized prowling on the premises.
- 9-17-65 Petition of Ely I. Bergmann, Consul of Republic of El Salvador, requesting that a designated parking area for one car be reserved for the Consul of the Republic of El Salvador on the west side of the 200 block of North Flores Street.
- 9-20-65 Petition of A & A Pump Company requesting permission to install one (1)-1,000 gallon underground gasoline storage tank at 8339 San Pedro Avenue at the Industrial Steel Fabricating Company. (Airport Industrial Park)

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D :

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

John Gatti
MAYOR Pro-Tem

NOTE: After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Hall Hammond, 111 West Commerce Street, filed a petition signed by fifty-two persons urging the Council to decline the approval of the plan for the proposed widening of South Alamo which will prevent the use of river property for commercial uses in the 200 block.