

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1980.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell with the following members present: CISNEROS, WEBB, DUTMER, WING, EURESTE, THOMPSON, ALDERETE, CANAVAN, ARCHER, STEEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

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80-59 The invocation was given by Reverend Warren Larck, Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

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80-59 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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80-59 The minutes of the meeting of November 13, 1980 were approved.

80-59 CITATION TO CITY OF TLAXCALA ,MEXICO

Mayor Cockrell welcomed to San Antonio the Municipal President of Tlaxcala, Mexico, Sr. Joaquin Cisneros Fernandez and his wife, Profesora Helia Sanchez de Cisneros, and read a Citation extending the City's best wishes to the citizens of Tlaxcala.

Mayor Cockrell and Councilman Henry Cisneros then presented Sr. and Sra. Cisneros with gifts from the City of San Antonio to mark their official visit.

80-59 SHERIFF-ELECT JOE NEAVES

Councilman Cisneros then introduced from the audience, Sheriff-elect Joe Neaves, Captain of the San Antonio Police Department who will retire Friday after some thirty-one years of service with the City.

Mr. Neaves thanked the citizens of San Antonio for his thirty-one years on the police force.

Dr. Cisneros asked that an appropriate Resolution be drafted for Council consideration next week, thanking Captain Neaves for his service to the City of San Antonio.

Dr. Cisneros formally moved, and Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

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80-59 At this time, the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of November 17, 1980 were approved.

Mr. Steen moved that items 4-37 constituting the consent agenda be approved with the exception of items 26 and 36, to be considered individually. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete, Archer.

AN ORDINANCE 53,041

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ACE BRAKE SERVICE TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH AUTO AND TRUCK SPRING PARTS AND SERVICE.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,042

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF BARBARA HUGHES INTERIORS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH DRAPERIES AT THE FIESTA ROOMS - CONVENTION CENTER, FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$4,474.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,043

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF SINGER CAREER SYSTEMS TO FURNISH THE GOODWILL REHABILITATION SERVICE WITH A VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,115.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,044

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE AMERICAN COMPANIES INC., TO FURNISH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH MAIL-A-BOOK SERVICE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,573.96.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,045

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF KNAPP SHOES OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH SAFETY SHOES FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,843.19, LESS 1% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,046

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF PUBLIC HEALTH EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH INSECTICIDES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$6,696.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,047

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ALAMO IRON

WORKS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH A RUBBERIZED ASPHALT MELTING KETTLE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$11,228.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,048

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF ACME LUMBER & SUPPLY COMPANY AND GEORGIA PACIFIC CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH LUMBER AND PLYWOOD FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,291.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,049

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF RED EWALD, INC. AND G.R. HALEY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH A LIQUID POLYMER STORAGE TANK AND TRANSFER PUMP FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$6,043.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,050

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF MERIT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH PLASTIC NAME BADGES FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,950.00, LESS 1% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,051

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT FOR BRIGGS AND STRATTON PARTS AND SERVICE FROM CATTO & PUTTY, INC., TO JOHN H. SOROLA, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,052

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF H.W. WILSON COMPANY TO FURNISH THE PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH LIBRARY BOOKS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,036.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,053

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ALAMO WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH THE REPAIR OF OXYGEN REGULATORS.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,054

APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) ZEROX

COPIERS WHICH ARE NOW UNDER LEASE
AGREEMENTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,055

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIELD ALTERATION
NO. 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,066.54 TO THE
CONTRACT FOR THE 2ND YEAR CDA NEIGHBORHOOD
STREET PROJECT (VARIOUS CORRECTIVE MEASURES.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,056

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIELD ALTERATION
NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,872.00 TO THE
CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE STINSON
AIRPORT RUNWAY, TAXIWAY, AND DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS (INSTALLATION OF NEW ELECTRI-
CAL DUCTS AND REPLACEMENTS OF CABLES AS
NEEDED).

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AN ORDINANCE 53,057

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF
KESSLER BROTHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$26,254.00 TO CONSTRUCT THE RESTROOM
FACILITIES AT MARTINEZ PARK; AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A STANDARD CITY PUBLIC
WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; AND
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,058

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF RAMS
CONTRACTING & SUPPLY CO., DBA AMERICAN
CONTRACTING & SUPPLY CO., AND FRANK
RAMIREZ JR., A JOINT VENTURE IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$88,992.00 TO CONSTRUCT THE
ALDERETE PARK DEVELOPMENT; AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A STANDARD CITY PUBLIC
WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; AND
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,059

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIELD
ALTERATION NO. CWB-1 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$11,137.50 TO THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF THE SAUNDERS STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT
NO. 47-D (PIPE REPLACEMENT AND RELAYING OF
EIGHT SERVICES.)

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AN ORDINANCE 53,060

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF UNITED
UTILITY CORP., IN THE SUM OF \$40,197.66
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF JUDSON ROAD 40 ACRE
TRACT OFF-SITE SANITARY SEWER MAIN;

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PUBLIC
WORKS CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING
\$42,197.66 OUT OF FUND 52.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,061

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A LEASE
OF LAND AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM ALLAN
HALL TO GARY ELDRIDGE.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,062

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWEST
AIRLINES CO., AMENDING A LEASE OF SPACE
AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,063

MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND R.E. YARDBROUGH
AND COMPANY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS GRANTING
TO SAID COMPANY THE RIGHTS TO ERECT
AND OPERATE TERRESTRIALSCOPES IN
"SUNKEN GARDENS" DURING THE PRIME SUMMER
MONTHS, APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER FOR A
THREE YEAR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1963.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,064

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
A QUITCLAIM DEED CONVEYING 13 FEET OF
IRA LEE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT AND
PARALLEL TO TRACT 9, NEW CITY BLOCK
12163, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00
TO FARRELL E. BACK, ET. AL.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,065

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED CONVEYING A TRACT
OF SURPLUS CITY OWNED PROPERTY TO GILBERT
RUBIO, ET UX, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$490.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,066

GRANTING A LICENSE TO COCA-COLA BOTTLING
COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO TO OCCUPY CERTAIN
SPACE IN PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT
TO NEW CITY BLOCK 10234, TO CONSTRUCT
OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A WASH DOWN BY-PASS
JUNCTION BOX, AND MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT
IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,067

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ACCEPTANCE OF RELEASE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF TWO TRACTS OF LAND OUT OF COUNTY BLOCK 5011.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,068

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF THE SUM OF \$1,385.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS, ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF TITLE AND/OR EASEMENTS TO CERTAIN LANDS; ALL TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS; AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THE SUM OF \$59,296.72 FROM 1970 DRAINAGE BOND FUNDS AND \$38,506.81 FROM U.A. COLUMBIA FUND NO. 62-022 TO O'CONNOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION FUND NO. 26-059046.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,069

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF DISPOSITION PARCEL I-a-14, LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL VISTA VERDE PROJECT, TEX. R-109 TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$307,600.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,070

APPROVING PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF CERTAIN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS IN THE COLONIA AMISTAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, TEX. A-8.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,071

FINDING THAT CERTAIN TAX ASSESSMENTS ARE INVALID AND ORDERING THAT THE INVALID ASSESSMENTS AND THE TAXES BASED THEREON BE CANCELLED.

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AN ORDINANCE 53,072

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF REFUNDS TO PERSON MAKING OVERPAYMENTS OR DOUBLE PAYMENTS ON (12) TAX ACCOUNTS.

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80-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,073

AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE EXISTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GILBERT N. DENMAN, JR., FOR LEASE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON THE RIVER WALK USED FOR LA PALOMA RESTAURANT.

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Mr. Steen moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mrs. Dutmer, Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the rate being charged for the pending lease extension represents a large increase over the previous lease agreement, and has been computed in a different manner. He then stated that an underway study of the River Walk area lease rates is due for completion in January, and will speak to an increase in such rates. He also stated that this contract will be renegotiated if the study indicates an increase in the lease rates is dictated.

In response to a question by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Darner explained the insurance required in the lease agreement.

Mr. Thompson stated that 12¢ per square foot is a very low rate, and Mr. Darner noted that all current leaseholders along the River Walk have been apprised of the study underway and the probability that lease rates will be increased in the future.

After discussion, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Archer.

80-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,074

AUTHORIZING THE WRITE-OFF OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE IN THE SUM OF \$56,544.02 FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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Mr. Webb moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Steen seconded the motion.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that much money has been written off from EMS charges over the years, representing EMS bills not paid by individuals, and asked what procedures apply when an individual, whose previous bill has been written off, seeks to utilize EMS services again.

Ms. Rebecca Q. Cedillo, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, stated that Mr. Carl White, Finance Director, would respond to Mrs. Dutmer's question later.

After discussion, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Archer.

80-59 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Steen, seconded by Dr. Cisneros, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 53,075

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (TRAFFIC SAFETY SECTION) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SYSTEM FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INFORMATION REPORTING AND SURVEILLANCE (STAIRS); ESTABLISHING A FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET.

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80-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,076

APPROPRIATING THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$40,000.00 IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE AND PROVIDING FOR RECOVERING OF SAID COST AS INDIRECT COST FROM FEDERALLY FUNDED CETA PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL POSITIONS.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved to approve the Ordinance. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

In response to a statement by Mr. Steen that the federal government appears ready to begin a phaseout of the CETA program, Mayor Cockrell stated that she understands the Reagan transition team has such plans, but has announced no timetable. She explained that she hopes the closeout will be done in phases.

City Manager, Thomas E. Huebner stated that the City would not know for several months any further details on the program phaseout.

Mr. Leroy Harvey, Assistant Director of Personnel, explained the various types of CETA Funding and noted that the City wants to integrate four CETA positions into the Personnel Department budget.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

80-59 City Attorney, Jane Macon explained the options available to the City Council with reference to the Council's intent to finance the Municipal Auditorium restoration bond indebtedness.

The City Clerk then read the following options:

Option 1: a proposed ordinance rescinding the earlier action taken by the City Council which stated Council's intent to finance the Municipal Auditorium restoration bond indebtedness by a 2½¢ increase in the tax rate, and stating Council's intent to utilize revenues from the Houston Power and Lighting Contract for such purpose.

Option 2A: a proposed ordinance rescinding the earlier action taken by the City Council which stated Council's intent to finance the Municipal Auditorium restoration bond indebtedness by a 2½¢ increase in tax rate.

Option 2B: a proposed resolution expressing the intent of the City Council to utilize the revenues that will come to the City from the Houston Power and Lighting Power Contract to finance the Municipal Auditorium restoration bond indebtedness.

Mr. Webb moved to approve Option 2A & B. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

Mr. Steen stated that he favors restoring the Municipal Auditorium, and read a prepared statement, a copy of which is on file with the minutes of this meeting. He spoke in favor of a tax rate increase rather than using the Houston Lighting & Power receipts to fund that restoration. He also spoke to a pending \$16 million deficit in the City budget for the next fiscal year.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that she did not favor tying the bond funding to the Houston Lighting & Power receipts.

Mayor Cockrell stated that recent news media statements to the effect that she was disturbed by City Council's action on the bond matters during her absence are inaccurate. She spoke to concerns of City staff over pending budget deficits, and spoke in favor of using Houston Lighting & Power funds to pay for the initial portion of the bonds, noting that City taxes underwrite all General Obligation bonds of the City and that the citizens should be told up-front that regardless of the bond financing results, citizens should be told that a property tax increase probably is coming.

Mr. Eureste stated that the Council should address a tax rate increase when it becomes necessary and noted that although long-range budget projections have anticipated deficits in the past, the City has managed to avoid a tax increase in recent years, somehow. He urged opponents of restoring the Auditorium not to campaign against the bonds.

In response to a question by Mr. Alderete, Ms. Macon explained the options available to Council relative to financing the bonded indebtedness.

Mr. Canavan stated that the Council must look at more than just restoring the Auditorium and feels the Council must address the budgetary deficits now. He noted his memo to other Council memos on the bond topic, a copy of which is attached to the papers of this meeting, and stated that the Council must face a major tax increase in the future. He stated that he favors spending the insurance money first in restoring the Municipal Auditorium until the April City elections.

Mr. Thompson spoke against reliance on Houston Lighting & Power monies because they were yet two years away from receipt, and spoke in favor of the 2½¢ tax increase if voters approve the bonds.

Mr. Steen stated that he favors using the Houston Lighting & Power funds to reduce CPS customers bills and read a prepared statement, a copy of which is attached to the papers of this meeting.

Mayor Cockrell explained how the HL&P contract for excess power generation by CPS would work, and how its revenues could be used until the City's bonded indebtedness drops to a point where the bonds can be financed without need of a tax increase to support that indebtedness. She spoke in favor of delaying the vote on restoring the Municipal Auditorium until the April City elections.

City Manager, Thomas E. Huebner spoke to savings made by the City with its new fuel conservation program, and continuing savings to the City through its Equipment Replacement Fund, which was hard-hit to assist in balancing the last City budget. He spoke against using HL&P monies to finance the bonds for restoring the Municipal Auditorium, stating that the City needs those funds in the General Fund.

Mayor Cockrell stated her belief that the Auditorium bond matter cannot now go forward, considering the apparent split on the Council. She recommended pulling the item from consideration and reviewing possible alternate sources of financing. She stated that she favors using the insurance monies to begin the work and spoke to a phased restoration, targeted to the nation's planned celebration of its sesquicentennial anniversary in 1986 for completion of the Auditorium restoration program, possibly using the City's revenues from CPS power sales to Houston Lighting & Power as a year-to-year funding source when available, instead of seeking approval to sell bonds for the work.

A discussion then took place relative to necessary actions to be taken in order to rescind the previous Ordinances calling the bond election for January 17, 1981.

At this time, Mr. Wing made a substitute motion to place on next week's agenda the consideration of an ordinance to rescind the previous Ordinance calling the bond election. Mr. Alderete seconded the motion.

City Attorney, Jane Macon noted that the Council must also rescind the Ordinance that allows the City to contract with San Antonio River Authority and the Edwards Underground Water District to hold a joint election January 17, 1981.

A discussion then took place concerning possible actions that could be taken to restore the Municipal Auditorium without the sale of bonds, including: stabilization of the structure and replacement of the roof; pay-as-you-go restoration; encouragement of the private sector to assist in raising funds for the restoration; and completion of the restoration by 1986.

Mr. Webb spoke in support of the bond election, and stated his opposition to the City Manager being able to influence the Council vote by opposing one method of bond financing under consideration.

Dr. Cisneros took note of the community support that had surfaced on behalf of restoring the Municipal Auditorium, and also stated that he understands the City Manager's stand in order to maintain as much money as possible in the General Fund for lean times he sees ahead. He spoke in favor of putting the matter before the voters to decide on whether or not they want to finance the restoration and spoke against the motion to call off the election.

The Council then discussed again the advantages and disadvantages of the plan to use HL&P monies to finance the bonds.

Mr. Eureste spoke in favor of taking the matter to the voters, including the property tax increase, rather than adopt a piecemeal approach to restoration.

Mr. Huebner spoke in favor of restoration of the Auditorium, using a modest tax increase to fund the bonds. He then spoke to the use of his own best professional judgement in recommendations to the City Council in various matters, and asked the Council to consider the City's complete fiscal picture.

Ms. Mary Ann Castleberry, representing "Friends of the Auditorium", took note of that group's support and their report stating the need to restore the structure. She urged the Council to let the voters decide the issue, stating that further delays would only increase the final restoration cost.

Mr. Tom Jones, Executive Secretary of the Taxpayers League, read a prepared statement opposing the restoration. He stated that monies coming to CPS from sale of power to HL&P should go to the ratepayers, directly.

After discussion, the substitute motion failed to carry by the following vote: AYES: Wing, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Cockrell; NAYS: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Archer, Steen; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Eureste.

The original motion also failed to carry by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Alderete; NAYS: Dutmer, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; ABSENT: None;

80-59 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance amending the 1980-81 annual budget by appropriating \$111,000 to finance the January 17, 1981 Municipal Election.

Dr. Cisneros moved to approve the ordinance. Mr. Steen seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mayor Cockrell, City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez explained that the San Antonio River Authority and the Edwards Underground Water District would be contributing \$26,800 to the cost of the joint election, to be held with the City on the auditorium bonds.

After a brief discussion, the motion failed to carry by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Dutmer, Eureste, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Webb, Wing, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Following a discussion of possible options open to the Council at this point, Mr. Thompson moved to direct the City staff to prepare an ordinance for consideration for next week's Council meeting to rescind the bond election. Mr. Alderete seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer; NAYS: Cisneros, Dutmer, Steen, Cockrell; ABSENT: None.

80-59 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Canavan, seconded by Mr. Steen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 53,077

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET TO PROVIDE A RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF POSITIONS THERETO.

80-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,078

APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS TO THE CLEAN
COMMUNITIES SYSTEM.

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The following individuals are hereby appointed to serve as Board members to the Clean Communities System:

Sadie May Graff
Effie Blondin
Helen Dutmer
Carlos Gonzalez
Frank Wing
Danny Escalante
Lonnie Crisp
Cheryl Mzirek
Ed Davis

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Dr. Cisneros moved to approve the Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

Mr. Archer made an amendment to the motion naming Sadie May Graff as Chairperson of the Clean Communities System Board. Mr. Steen seconded the motion.

On roll call the amendment to the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Wing, Eureste, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Webb, Dutmer, Thompson, Alderete; ABSENT: None.

The main motion as amended prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Dutmer; ABSENT: None.

80-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,079

CONTINUING NEEDED SERVICES FOR THE
TOXICANT INHALER.

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Mr. Canavan moved to approve Option 1, transferrring the Toxicant Inhalation and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (TIDAPP) and the Family/Youth Intervention Project of the Mexican-American Neighborhood Civic Organization (MANCO) to the Toxicant Inhalation Prevotion Project/Youth Services Project, Department of Human Resources and Services of the City. Mr. Wing seconded the motion.

Ms. Virginia Tijerina, representing TIDAPP/FYI, asked for the status of program employees, if the program is taken into the City.

Mr. Remigio Valdez, Jr., Mexican-American Betterment Organization, spoke of his past efforts regarding toxicant inhaling substances and spoke against bringing the program into the City, recommending a contract with an outside agency instead.

Mr. Thompson stated his concern with Ms. Tijerina's comments and asked the City staff to respond.

Mr. Kevin Moriarity, Assistant Director of the Department of Human Resources and Services, stated that the staff of MANCO will be brought-in house at their present salaries, and will have the same benefits as City employees. He stated that the City would enforce a six month probationary period with regard to these employees, just as all City employees are considered.

Mr. Thompson spoke to his concern that the program might lose its sensitivity and asked assurance that the program will be continued in its present form.

Mrs. Dutmer asked if there was any provision in the City that would allow incoming employees who have been working with MANCO for at least one year to receive credit for a six-month probationary period.

Assistant to the City Manager, Mr. Rolando Bono stated that the City would conform to the current City policy and employ the same procedures used when EODC employees came on board.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

8059 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 53,080

AUTHORIZING THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ENTER INTO
LEASE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS WITH VANIR
RESEARCH COMPANY IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS
ARE MET.

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Mr. Wing moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Mr. Roland Castaneda, representing Vanir Research, stated that he had been asked to speak to the Council on behalf of Mr. Frank Dominguez. He then spoke with reference to Section 1(B) of the Ordinance, stating that the firm has every intent to submitting fully-executed copies of all lease agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He stated that Vanir wants to maintain the confidentiality of the lease agreements, and asked the Council to delete that section from the Ordinance.

City Attorney, Jane Macon stated that her communications with HUD indicated that the City should be the agent to submit the leases to HUD, and felt that the City should have copies of all lease agreements in Vista Verde South.

Mr. Castaneda stated that the firm does not want the leases to be publicized.

In response to Mayor Cockrell's question about the confidentiality of reports, Ms. Macon stated that in the past, the City received the same documents as did HUD. She stated that in the past, financial documents have been kept confidential, yet all have been received by the City. She stated her belief that any change would be different from past policy; that all materials are forwarded to HUD through the City, as the grant recipient.

At this point, Mrs. Dutmer asked about the financial statement report she had asked for concerning the Mexican-American Unity Council (MAUC). She also asked for a report on how the San Antonio Development Corporation was set up and if it was or was not a part of the City. She spoke to her belief that there is too much secrecy surrounding Vista Verde South, and stated that she will not accept a multi-million dollar deal on 'blind faith'.

Mr. Eureste stated that there must be a certain amount of confidentiality in business dealings.

Mr. Castaneda again spoke to complete confidentiality on Vista Verde South leases, thus minimizing the numbers of copies being viewed. He stated that he foresaw no problems with the City seeing any lease documents upon request.

Responding to another question by Mayor Cockrell, Ms. Jane Macon, City Attorney, noted that City staff handles many documents that are confidential, so the request of Vanir that the City handle lease papers with confidentiality is acceptable.

Mr. Thompson noted that UDAG projects are public projects, and as such, papers on this projects cannot be held in secret.

Mr. Castaneda stressed 'confidentiality' rather than 'secrecy'.

Mr. Wing then made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete, Canavan.

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80-59 Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Bernardo Eureste presided.
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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MRS. JANET AHMAD

Mrs. Ahmad, President of HOBBS, spoke about the code approved by the City Council with reference to sprinkler systems. She asked why Southwest General Hospital does not have a sprinkler system and why they are not under compliance.

Fire Chief, I.O. Martinez stated that he had submitted a report to the City Council with reference to this matter.

Mrs. Ahmad stated that she is talking about compliance with the building code not the fire code. She made reference to the hotel fire in Las Vegas and stated that the reports have indicated that the majority of the deaths were due to toxic gas inhalation from plastic pipe. She stated that she has been to the Council on the matter of plastic pipes and has not received a report from staff on the matter.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that she feels that Mrs. Ahmad's concerns are legitimate and stated that the City Council should carefully consider the recommendation of the Fire Chief against variances of the Fire Code.

Mr. Thompson stated that the problem with Mrs. Ahmad's presentation is that she has no standing since she is not personally affected.

Mrs. Ahmad stated that she is approaching the City Council to address the matter before the fact, not after the fact.

Mr. Steen complimented Fire Chief Martinez on the handling of the Frost Bank fire.

Dr. Cisneros stated that he feels that Mrs. Ahmad is sincere in her concern.

Mr. Eureste agreed with Dr. Cisneros' remarks about Mrs. Ahmad. He stated that cases need to be brought to the Council with photographs.

TOM JONES

Mr. Tom Jones commended Mr. Huebner for his efforts and success in the reduction in the consumption of gasoline in City vehicles.

MR. EDUARDO MORALES

Mr. Morales spoke to the Council about his concern about the crime activity throughout the City. He stated that the police department should be strengthened by hiring additional manpower.

Mr. Eureste asked for a report about the status of crime activity in the City.

EL PUEBLO

Mrs. Dutmer stated that the article written by Mrs. Armandina Saldivar appearing in the "El Pueblo" is libelous and untrue. She stated that she is going to Court on this matter.

Mrs. Nancy Guzman, Women's Law Center, stated that she was very upset with this article and said that this newspaper is distributed to the community and many organizations.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

A P P R O V E D

Lela Cockrell

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ATTEST:

Norma J. Rodriguez
City Clerk