

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1974.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Charles L. Becker, with the following members present: COCKRELL, SAN MARTIN, BECKER, BLACK, LACY, MORTON, O'CONNELL, PADILLA, MENDOZA; Absent: NONE.

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74-53 The invocation was given by The Reverend Doctor J. Garfield Owens, Jefferson Methodist Church.

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74-53 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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74-53 CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 1974

The minutes of the City Council meeting of October 24, 1974, were approved with the following addition to the discussion on crime on page No. 4 of the minutes:

Councilman Leo Mendoza made certain recommendations. One of his suggestions was that the matter of a curfew for teenagers be considered by the Police Department as a means of curbing juvenile delinquency and possibly a reduction in felony crime.

With this addition, the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 1974, were approved.

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74-53 TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY PROGRAM

Mr. Matt Walance, President of the San Antonio Life Underwriters Association, accompanied by little Miss Yvette Goss along with Jacqueline, Robert and Christopher Contreras, said that his organization, comprised of over 550 insurance representatives in San Antonio, has initiated a program of traffic safety for children on Halloween. Mr. Walance stated that this Halloween night between the hours of 7:00 P.M., and 8:00 P.M., the members would be outside in their respective neighborhoods assisting young children at street corners and dangerous crossings. Each man will wear an identifying arm band and will carry a flashlight. He urged that all citizens assist his group in this worthwhile project.

Mayor Becker congratulated Mr. Walance and his organization and thanked them for appearing at the Council meeting.

Councilman Leo Mendoza introduced the following Resolution which was read and on motion duly made and seconded was unanimously passed and approved:

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A RESOLUTION
NO. 74-53-62

WHEREAS, each year children all over the world look forward with eager anticipation to a visit from ghosts and goblins at Halloween, and

WHEREAS, this is traditionally a time for gaiety and merriment and a time for young people to play trick or treat following ancient custom, and

WHEREAS, each year there are accidents caused by unthinking motorists and other tragedies caused by deliberate actions of irresponsible adults, NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. Children of San Antonio are urged to enjoy themselves on this Halloween, but at the same time to follow these rules of safety:

1. Bring your treats home and let your parents inspect them before you eat them.
2. Don't eat treats that are not wrapped or sealed.
3. Start trick-or-treating early and be home by 9:00 P. M.
4. Trick-or-treat in neighborhoods that are familiar to you.
5. Don't go into strange homes or apartments.
6. Skip houses that don't have their outside lights on.
7. Wear light-colored clothing so you can be seen in the dark.
8. Carry a flashlight - no candles.
9. Don't wear clothes that are flammable, that are easy to trip on, that catch easily on bushes or fences.
10. Wear makeup instead of masks so you can see better.
11. Don't wear whiskers, beards, wigs or veils which are flammable or which obstruct your vision.
12. Use the sidewalks, cross streets only at intersections; don't run between parked cars, across yards or through empty lots.

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The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 74-53-63

DESIGNATING COUNCILWOMAN LILA COCKRELL
AS MAYOR PRO-TEM OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO TO SERVE DURING THE PLEASURE
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS,
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. That Councilwoman Lila Cockrell is hereby designated as
the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of San Antonio.

SECTION 2. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 9,
of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, said Councilwoman
Lila Cockrell shall serve as Mayor Pro-Tem during the pleasure
of the City Council for a period of three months, beginning
November 1, 1974.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Mendoza, seconded by
Dr. San Martin, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following
vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla,
Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black, Lacy.

City Clerk Jake Inselmann then administered the oath of office
to Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell.

Mayor Becker congratulated Mrs. Cockrell on her appointment
as Mayor Pro-Tem and then announced that Mrs. Cockrell was named First
Vice President of the Texas Municipal League at its recent meeting.

Mrs. Cockrell was presented with a beautiful floral arrange-
ment by Councilman and Mrs. Jose San Martin.

Mr. Padilla, speaking on behalf of the other Council members,
thanked Councilman Mendoza for his work while serving as Mayor Pro-Tem
for the last three months.

Mr. Mendoza expressed his appreciation to the City Council
and the citizens of San Antonio for giving him the opportunity to serve
the City as Mayor Pro-Tem.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,525

MAKING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO
THE SPECIAL CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD
ON NOVEMBER 5, 1974.

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The Ordinance was explained by City Clerk Jake Inselmann, who said that when an electronic voting system is used, the election code requires that certain things be done. Complying with that code, this Ordinance appoints a manager for the Central Counting Station and also appoints a tabulation supervisor along with two alternates. The Ordinance also designates Room 201 at the Courthouse as the place for ballots to be counted.

In answer to Mr. Padilla's question, Mr. Inselmann stated that the City and County are appointing the same person to be the Presiding Judge at the Central Counting Station. He said that he would be there to look after the City's interest however.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Mendoza, seconded by Mr. Padilla, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black, Lacy, Mendoza.

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DISCUSSION OF CHARTER REVISION ELECTION

The following discussion took place:

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make some comments inasmuch as we are discussing problems related to the election. I would like to make a statement which I hope the rest of the Council will see fit to approve and that is that this Council will do everything possible to assure the citizens of San Antonio that if they see fit to approve election by districts in the City of San Antonio, if they see fit to make some of the changes with respect to the fiscal year operations that this Council will do everything possible to make a decision on a sound, business-like basis to make sure that transition in the fiscal year operations are carried out at the lowest possible cost to the citizens of San Antonio without any undue manipulations of any kind but, really, to do what we think needs to be done.

In the question of the districts, I think we should assure the citizens of San Antonio that the City will be divided into districts which will be apportioned adequately, evenly, without any intent to gerrymander or to create any political power bases for anybody on this Council or anybody in the City of San Antonio. I think there have been some comments made that since we did not spell out what the districts were going to be after the election we would be in a position to gerrymander the districts to suit ourselves. I, for one, would like to assure the citizens of San Antonio that if they do change their selection of members of the Council that this Council will do everything possible to divide the City into districts without any political undertones of any kind.

MAYOR CHARLES BECKER: Well, I concur with exactly what you said, Doctor. I find, in particular, the comment, if you care to refer to it as that, that was urging the citizens to vote against the re-establishment of the fiscal year. It's absolutely indefensible. On one hand, we're urged to save all the money that we possibly can for the citizens, the taxpayers, and then to turn around and urge the citizens not to help us sponsor the re-establishment of the fiscal year that would permit the City Finance Department to save approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 depending on which way the interest rates go. I guess that would be a safe assumption at this time, wouldn't it Carl, because of the fact that it's difficult to do it, and that all these are absolutely invalid excuses. I find it absolutely indefensible. I know that's going to please some people very much that I've said that, but I please them time to time in similar fashion anyway. So it won't be anything new to them. The fiscal year

needs to be changed for the City of San Antonio. The idea of having to operate all year long with borrowed capital on which the City has to pay interest, which simply means that the taxpayers are paying the interest because the taxpayers wind up paying everything whether it be City, County, Federal, or State government. It's always the people, the taxpayers. There's no one else to pay these bills. That includes all of us, you and me and the rest of us here. To not sponsor that idea through some weak-handed excuse that they don't see how it can possibly be accomplished, I submit that had anybody taken the trouble to come over here and ask how we intend to accomplish it, they would have seen that it is rather easily done. It doesn't take a genius to pull it off. But the rest of gerrymandering and all of that, I think this Council has proven by its actions of a period of you might say 18 months that it's as, well, I don't know exactly what the word, is it apolitical? Is that the proper.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: That's the correct word.....

MAYOR BECKER: You know, being non-political or not politically oriented. So, I'm glad you brought it up. Thank you, and I hope the message is well received.

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74-53 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 74-53-64

URGING THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO
RECONSIDER FUNDING OF THE SIX MILE
CREEK PROJECT.

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Mrs. Cockrell explained that this Resolution is very necessary because the Corps of Engineers has made the decision not to participate in the construction of the portion of the Six Mile Creek Project which is needed to protect the aqueduct and acequia. The aqueduct is a National Historic Registered Landmark and is one of the most unique features in San Antonio or in Texas. She then recognized Mrs. Beverly Blount, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

Mrs. Blount expressed the concern of the Conservation Society for the aqueduct. She stressed the importance of the aqueduct and said she was surprised at the decision of the Corps of Engineers and urged the Council to do all it can to have the project continued.

Mayor Becker thanked Mrs. Blount for her comments regarding the Six Mile Creek Project. He then congratulated Mrs. Blount and the officers of the Conservation Society for establishing the Society's position clearly with respect to the North Expressway.

Mrs. Cockrell asked the City Clerk to add a statement to the Resolution to point out the fact that the aqueduct is a National Registered Historic Landmark which gives further justification to the Corps of Engineers to participate in the project.

After consideration, on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Dr. San Martin, the Resolution was passed and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Don Thomas, Rate Analyst for the City Public Service Board, distributed copies of rate tabulation figures to members of the Council. He said that by his estimate fuel usage should be reduced in November, but due to increased cost of gas the net effect will be an increase of about three percent. He said that it has not been necessary to burn oil for two months but probably this will change as cooler weather comes. The price of Lo-Vaca gas for the month of October is \$1.19 which affects the November bills. He explained the factors which go to make up the price of gas.

The following conversation took place:

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: I'd like to ask our City Manager at this time since we are dealing with the question of rates and bills if it is possible that you could give this Council a preliminary report rather than wait until the end of February on the effect of the income to the City of San Antonio as the result of the high utility bills including some kind of idea what the income from the 14 percent adjustment clause will be and how much of that could reasonably and safely be returned to the citizens by cutting down if not all of the 14 percent at least part of it. I don't want you to rush into any kind of a statement which you cannot justify, which this Council cannot live with and which would be irresponsible to my way of thinking and would jeopardize, undermine and demolish our financial structure. It seems to me that everytime we make some kind of projection we always seem to be getting more from City Public Service than we thought we were going to get. I am not completely satisfied that it would take until the end of February before this Council could have an idea of really where we are.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: I'll be happy to have a statement ready by next Thursday. I'm working on something now and we'll get some policy direction at that time after you hear my statement.

MR. CLIFFORD MORTON: I'd like to take Dr. San Martin's request a little bit further and ask that you request the City Public Service for a breakdown of revenues with the following categories:

1. City of San Antonio and the
2. Balance of Bexar County including incorporated areas, military bases and that area of Bexar County outside the City limits.

Obviously, my purpose in asking this is that I want to find out what the people of San Antonio are going to have to come up with in the way of additional taxes if there is no reduction in services or no other way to cut costs, then if we are operating on a balanced budget then it seems to me that what we are saying is that we are going to have to increase taxes. I would assume that the tax burden on the taxpayers within the City of San Antonio would be greater to them than the fuel adjustment that they are now paying because they are going to have to dig up that portion of the revenue the City is not deriving from those areas outside the City limits.

I would like to have the figures including if there would be a tax increase how much.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, sir. That will be incorporated in my statement. I'll try to put it all in perspective for you next week.

MR. MORTON: Next, I would also like to take this request one step further and look at businesses versus individual residences. I can't back this up, but I suspect that what we are talking about is if we forego the fuel adjustment 14 percent, I think that we are talking about a more negative impact upon the individual residences than we are on business. I would like that question pursued.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, sir. We'll include that too.

MRS. LILA COCKRELL: Mr. Granata, in your analysis that you are going to be preparing for us, I think it will, of course, have to be in the context of the total budget. Where we talk about alternatives it just simply has to be in the context of the total larger anticipated income, what our actual budget is, what we anticipate that we can cut back in budgeted costs.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, I'll be happy to. If you will recall, if memory serves me correctly, I've already gone on record to say that we probably will receive, if projected revenues stand up that we will get from City Public Service Board on our 14 percent of the fuel pass through, \$8 million. Whether that is true or not, I don't know. If that be the case, we have committed \$6 million of the \$8 million already. So, we could have accrued \$2 million surplus. We could use it or give it back. Let me put it all in perspective and I'll try to bring it all up to date by next week with all of the comparisons you have asked for.

MRS. COCKRELL: Now, you say that we have - you are talking about pass through?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Of the entire CPS including the pass through. That's correct.

MRS. COCKRELL: You will differentiate and show what is on the base rate as compared to the....(inaudible)...base rate.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, madam.

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MEXICAN TRADE FAIR

The following discussion took place:

MAYOR CHARLES L. BECKER: While we're on this subject, I'm going to encourage and invite once again any member of the news media, regardless of whether it's newspaper, television, or radio, to come to the City Council at any time to ask any questions that they would like to ask of Mr. Granata or any of the Department Heads with respect to any of these matters, such as budget or any of these other items that they seem to constantly find time to make notations of, or comments on, or criticism quite often and, in many cases, I think shooting totally in the dark.

Now, in last Sunday's paper, I don't know how many of you all read it, being a member of the City Council, having paid my dues, I read the political page. One paper had something to say about the

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party that was held for the various exhibitors, dignataries, manufacturers and all that exhibited at the Mexican Trade Fair. Some reference was made to the fact that it was posh, I think is the word, sumptuous. You'd think that we had a bacchanal type or bacchanalian type of revelry over there with nude dancing girls and all that sort of thing, and they suggested we could have had beer and tamales. Well, my only retort to that is that I've never been given beer and tamales when I went to Mexico City to visit with any of the people there in government to visit or discuss the Trade Fair. I think it would have been totally inappropriate to have had beer and tamales to celebrate an event that brought 900 exhibitors and various people to this City, that established an all time record of bringing 40 some odd hundred buyers to this City that came from Canada and many places throughout the United States. They spent one, two, or three days in our hotels here. I don't know what all the final income to the City would be, really, everything taken into consideration, but it certainly was one of the most important events that ever occurs in this City. It's something that we want to retain. It's an honor to be selected as the City that's helping our neighbor country, Mexico, to produce such an energetic start in world trade. To suggest that we honor this type of an occasion with some thin skin type of a celebration is just unbelievably unrealistic.

The second thing that I would like to comment on is the fact someone saw fit to insert in one of the political columns the fact that these bureaucrats that exist over here at this City Hall would find ways and means to spend however much money that they were given. I take exception to that because I think that this City Hall, under its present management, is being operated on the most economical basis with respect to just fluff and overhead of any administration that I can think of. I say any and that includes all. Mr. Granata's travel expenses have been the lowest for any City Manager we've ever had. The travel expense for the Council members have been the lowest for any City Council that I think we've ever had and the travel expenses and all the entertainment for the various Department Heads have been the lowest of any City staff that we've ever had that I can think of. We are not in the business of wasting money just because we have it available to us. I wish some of these people would preoccupy their minds with the thought before they commit it to writing or whatever they do happen to choose as a means of communication. I think they quite often they get their mouths in gear before they engage their mind on the subject that they are commenting on. So, the door's open.

We always have the welcome mat out for anyone that wants to really find out the true facts as to what we're attempting to do here and if they can't find the time to come here we'll be happy to go to them. I have made that invitation before, and I'm making it again, and I guess I'll probably have to make it again and again and again before I finally get the message through.

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to add to your comments with - say that I have been given the information from some of the businessmen in the downtown area that during the Trade Fair they had a greater volume of business with people from Mexico who hold regular accounts here, the ones that came to the Trade Fair for the first time, they had never been in San Antonio many of them and the volume of business that was done in one particular store was supposed to have been one of the best in a long time. Besides, I'd like to point out the fact that some of the distinguished visitors to the Trade Fair were not ordinary lower echelon employees. They were high-ranking members of the Mexican government. Some of them even with practically cabinet status.

We had three governors, and I think it would be an insult to any dignitary whether he's from Mexico or a governor in the United States itself to take him to a party and give him what you would call a birthday bash of beer and tamales. You just don't do these things. When we go to Mexico, as you have mentioned, from the moment we get off the airplane, we have all the courtesies extended to us that if some people would see them they would be ashamed of the way we treat some of those people sometimes here in San Antonio. So, I think it would be very foolish to economize a few hundred dollars and give them beer and tamales when we have so much at stake in this particular Trade Fair. I think that Houston would be glad to take that over away from us and give them, not what we gave them, but maybe even a Cadillac to go with it.

MAYOR BECKER: I guarantee you they'd have a run caviar and champagne at their reception. I can assure you that. Incidentally, excuse me just a second, Glenn, but if I'm not mistaken the party actually cost less this year than it did last year, isn't that right, Sam.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Sir, I can't answer I haven't seen the figures.

MAYOR BECKER: I know it cost me less because.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: I know it caused you less.

MAYOR BECKER: The liquor bill last year.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Some \$2,375 less for you.

MAYOR BECKER: Whatever it was, but I'm very happy with the party. I think the people enjoyed it, and I'm sorry that certain people don't see fit to understand why we do these things. They must have a rather limited intelligence it's all I can say. Okay, Glenn?

MR. GLENN LACY: I was just going to comment, Mayor, that I went to Guadalajara on this goodwill tour to encourage tourism and the exchange and so on, I met the Governor of Jalisco and they were most cordial. They had a reception at the Holiday Inn and the entire tab was picked up, and it was sirloin steak, and what have you and all the trimmings. So, when I met with the Governors of Jalisco and Nuevo Leon the other evening out here, they said they'd like to go to the Barn Door that they've heard of. So, we took them to the Barn Door.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, you're speaking of Governor Alberto Orozco Romero. Fine gentleman.

MR. LACY: Yes, and the one from Nuevo Leon. His name was.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: From Queretaro.

MAYOR BECKER: It will come to me.....

MR. LACY: The Minister of Economy, the Minister of Industry, three Ministers we took them to the Barn Door.

MAYOR BECKER: Did they like it? I'd like to report on the fact that the City limousine that has been so widely publicized and well received by our dignitaries, the Ambassador from Mexico to the United States and his group. It functioned perfectly. We didn't have to send out a rescue party to help them get downtown or anything like that you know. There's

a difference between going first class and second class and in a period of a life time, it probably isn't a great deal of money, if you just want to look at it that way, and what we are doing here is representing the City of San Antonio. Now, another mention was made of the fact that a lot of people such as the Mayors of the cities seem to like to sit down and ride around in these limousines and all that, and I'd like to report to you that I think that I've had three rides in the limousine since we purchased it a year and a half ago or something like that, and I didn't buy it to ride in. I've got transportation of my own. The Council people generally don't use it. It's got 6,000 miles or something on it, after a year and a half use, and I'd say that each one of those miles has been something that's been done in the best interest of the City, so, if anybody thinks we are squandering money down here like drunken sailors, well, they ought to come on down and really look into the subject before they write about it. Yes, Al.

MR. ALVIN G. PADILLA: Charlie, I didn't have anything to do with the planning of the party and all that, but I would like to echo your remarks and Dr. San Martin's. My way of putting it would be that the City of San Antonio was a good host or hostess as the case may be. But, I assure the citizens that we did not engage in extravagance whatsoever.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Mr. Mayor, I now have some figures. Last year's Fair, the party cost approximately \$9,000. This year's party was \$6,923.00.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, Rosemary catered it, and it was well done.

MRS. COCKRELL: Mr. Mayor, in connection with the Mexican Trade Fair, I'd like very much if we could have an appropriate special commendation for Bob Cervantes. Mr. Cervantes is the policeman who does the driving for and handled the coordination of all of the transportation for the dignataries and he is a most gracious host, and is a very fine representative of our City as he serves to escort the visitors around, and I think is deserving of special thanks.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'd like to second that Resolution, Mr. Mayor, and I'd also like to bring to the attention of the people and the Council here, Mr. Jack Skipper worked long and hard hours especially at the airport despite the fact that he was sick all of Monday and Tuesday. He did a beautiful job of handling and avoiding any unpleasantness at all times. I concur that Bob Cervantes did an excellent job and the people that ride with him are usually very grateful to him, and they even write to him later and tell him how much they enjoyed him. So, I would like to add Mr. Skipper's name to Mr. Bob Cervantes' name.

MR. LACY: Another thing. The other evening when we picked up three ministers and the governor in that car. It was real nice that Bob Bob could speak Spanish fluently. It was real nice that we had these dignataries in the automobile and could converse with them. I could tell that they appreciated it very much. They felt at home and could make their wants known.

MAYOR BECKER: There is a meeting here shortly, Friday, I think, by Senor Julio Faesler's Assistant, Senor Jorge Canavati, to start planning the Trade Fair for next year. So, they are well satisfied. They are happy, and I guess you would say, "Muy contento." This is the way we would like to have them because it is a great event for this City.

Additionally, I would like to suggest something to our City Manager and the staff if I may. That is that we have already exhausted all space at the exhibit hall for this Trade Fair. One of the items to be discussed Friday is the expansion of the Trade Fair into the banquet hall and some type of carpeting to protect the floor from scratches and scuff and things like that. I would like to recommend to the City Manager and his staff and the City Council that we immediately take bids on the 100,000 square feet of expansion to the south of the Convention Center area that is known as the exhibit hall portion so that we can insure the retention of this Trade Fair even more than it has already been promised to us. Needless to say, if we can't accommodate the amount of exhibitors and all they will be forced to move to some other type of area. I don't know where that would be in San Antonio.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: If I may speak to that. We already have assured and have found places to store their present carpeting so they don't have to take it back to Mexico at no cost to them. We are working with - - Mr. Vickers is working with him on the use of the banquet hall. The floor will be no problem. I am assured of that. The only problem we may have is the conflict of pre-booked conventions that might have had the use of it, but we'll try to work that out.

In connection with your last request about expansion - I rather not say go ahead and call for bids at this time. I have called Mr. Tom Noonan, the firm that designed the Convention Center, and have asked him to give me a preliminary cost of what it would take at this time to expand the additional 100,000 square feet. It may not be directly to the southwest. There are some other ideas. Because there we would run into the Humble Pavilion and such as that and we don't want to do that so give me about a week or two, and I'll be back with you to tell you whether or not this is the time to go with expansion. There is an area that we can expand into without bothering the historical houses.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, we know one thing and that is that Houston has the Astrodome and other exhibit halls over there and Dallas has the Trade Mart, plus the World Trade Mart plus numerous exhibit halls up there. If we think as much of the Trade Fair as we seem to think and desire to retain it, it would behoove San Antonio, the way this thing is growing from \$19 million in sales to \$70 million. Next year they expect to quadruple that - at least triple. It only stands to reason that you can't continue to do the business in the same stand. So, I would say let's get on with it.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I have just one comment. I know you will be involved in the discussions, I would like just for consideration if it would be possible for this Council to recommend that next year at least for a period of three hours before the Fair opens, or right after it opens, that the public, the citizens of San Antonio be allowed at least to go through the Fair and see the beautiful things that we have there. I know that buying has to be done exclusively by the buyers and you cannot conduct business if you have the general public mixing in with the buyers. But, perhaps, some arrangement can be made so that the citizens of San Antonio can also enjoy this beautiful Trade Fair for at least a short period of maybe two or three hours somewhere down the line. I have heard a lot of people say well, it's a wonderful thing but the citizens of San Antonio don't get to see it.

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MAYOR BECKER: What they are probably going to have to do, Doctor, is even extend the dates of the Fair. I think it is a three day affair and it is going to have to be extended.

MR. WILLISTON J. O'CONNELL: Mayor Becker, I would like to add that I know of your involvement from the start and from the critical point to the finish, I think you very ably represented the City of San Antonio, and you are to be congratulated for your continued involvement. I think that you are a gracious host. I know that everybody continually called your name at one time or another, and I know that you had so much to do with it. I think the citizens ought to give you a vote of thanks.

MAYOR BECKER: That's kind of you to say that, Bill, but there were many of the City staff and the Chamber of Commerce working on the thing. I'm just happy to be a part of it. I know what it means to the people in Mexico to get this increase in their standard of living. I might say this to you, for those who don't know, the President of Mexico has an 18 hour work day, 16 hours is a short day. It is true. All of his Ministers and Cabinet people also have the same work schedule. This man is as if he were possessed in trying to accomplish all this, and he only has six years to do it. He has about two more years to bring about fruition of his desires. I've never seen a harder working group of people. So what you are seeing here isn't something that just happened by accident. It's hard work. Of course, I commend them.

MR. CLIFFORD MORTON: Mr. Mayor, I wonder if I could ask the City Manager to prepare a report on what staff support is really needed on the part of the City to accommodate a Trade Fair for next year. It would seem to me that we are talking about considerable staff support, and I would just like for the Council to have a chance to review it and make sure that we have something that is viable and that we indicate the structure of this support to the Mexican Government and the various exhibitors so they know who is doing what.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, sir. I'll be happy to do that.

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CLASS FROM B. T. WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Mayor Becker recognized a class of students from B. T. Washington Elementary School and their teacher, Miss Priscilla Armstead and welcomed them to the meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN

The following discussion took place:

MR. CHARLES STROMBERG: Mayor and members of the Council, I'm Charles Stromberg from the Planning Department and talking now about the short range major thoroughfare plan which was presented in the "B" Session briefing of the City Council on October 10. This is a part of the master planning program for the City, the San Antonio master plan, and is a continuing series of plans that we will have before you from time to time. A short range major thoroughfare plan has been strongly requested by the Planning Commission because it's the basis they use for setting aside right-of-way in the subdivision, and master planning - subdivision master planning process. It's important to have it up to date. The last one we had was done in 1957, so it has gotten quite out of date. We would hope that this would be kept up to date on a almost weekly basis when major changes occur so it would come somewhat in the text of zoning changes, but we don't expect lots and lots of them, but it must be kept up to snuff so that we are up with reality as things go on.

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On September 4, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and passed a Resolution approving the short range major thoroughfare plan and recommended that the City Council adopt this as an official part of the San Antonio master plan. The one done in 1957 is shown here. We have a map that is the new master plan recommendation which is represented here. We've added color to it so that you can see the right-of-way designations, the differences. In red - we have 110' right-of-ways set aside, blue is for 86' right-of-ways, and green is for 60' right-of-ways. The new plan can be seen on an overlay here which is also available in the same way in the master plan book itself. The limit of this is F.M. 1604. We are doing it on a short range basis very purposely right now because we have long range considerations coming up in the other master planning elements of the alternative growth study, the basic land use plan, the SABCUTS long range highway plan with the Texas Highway Department and the long range public transit study.

The plan was done in very close cooperation with the Departments of Building and Planning Administration, Traffic and Transportation, and Planning and Community Development. Other Departments were consulted, Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Land Acquisition and Aviation. Outside the City government, we worked with the Alamo Area Council of Governments, the San Antonio Urban Renewal Agency, San Antonio Transit System, Bexar County Roads Department, Texas Highway Department. We've had briefing sessions with developers and builders and realtors and representatives of the Better Roads Group of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. It's a very technical document, but we've gone in and recommended 200 changes to the old major thoroughfare plan, looking at many things in great detail. We've done recommendations which will change the location of the thoroughfare and you can see the difference between the two plans with some of those adjustments. We've also made recommendations for changes in right-of-way. Each of these 200 recommendations has been reviewed separately by the Planning Commission in their work. We have made some major changes here in addition to what I've just been speaking of, where we have added the interstate system to this. It had not been on before. Also, for the first time we are dealing with the area inside of Interstate 35, 37, and 10. It includes the central business district. That had not been on the plan before. We have been very cost conscious in this. We've paid special attention to flood plains, water retention dams, man-made lakes, reservoirs and other terrain irregularities. I'd like to ask Mr. Fernando Cuellar to come up and show you examples of how we went about this on a case by case basis so that you could understand the method we used for the Planning Commission.

MR. FERNANDO CUELLAR: Thank you. The plan that we have before you for your consideration consists essentially of a number of revisions to the 1957 plan. To illustrate very briefly to you how we handle all these revisions before the Planning Commission, we'd like to show you just a couple of overheads to illustrate the type of minor adjustment such as, in this case, we have Fresno Road across Interstate 10 between Fredericksburg Road and San Pedro, near the - past McCullough. Here's the major thoroughfare that's actually working on the ground. It's simply a matter of adding it to the thoroughfare plan and working with the Urban Renewal Agency, and picking up Dora Street through the Kenwood North Project, getting across the expressway at the proper points. In this case it was the access is already there. Minor things on it that are.....(inaudible).....

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For each change that we've made to the old plan, we have a data sheet which will illustrate there and tells you why we made the change in great detail. We have for each of the 200 changes, eight sheets such as this which will be on file with the three departments that were involved with the preparation of the plan as well as the City Clerk's Office so if anyone cares to get into further details of why we made any changes you can tell them.

In the areas outside of Loop 410, inside of Loop 1604, we broke the City or the County down into sections or districts, handling again before the Planning Commission over a series of about seven meetings, each and every change to the old plan. In this particular case, we had 1604, Bandera, Culebra Road, Interstate 10 and Loop 410, in the vicinity of UTSA, the Medical Center, and USAA. Taking into account here flood plains, such as the Leon Creek Water shed planning to get across the Leon Creek at the narrowest point to cut down on the cost of bridges and that sort of thing. Picking up new streets such as the UTSA Drive, which is now on the ground, south of the field site and picking up all of these elements, things that happen on the ground or are happening or are platted. That's how we handled all the changes before the Planning Commission. Unless there are any questions on the details that I have illustrated here, I will return the program to Mr. Stromberg.

MRS. LILA COCKRELL: I'd like to ask of someone, I don't know whether which of you gentlemen cares to answer it, in the downtown area, I know that we received some recommendations from Downtown, Inc., and I wonder if those have been taken into account in the most recent planning.

MR. CUELLAR: In the downtown area - we did not deal with the Downtown, Inc. We dealt with Urban Renewal Agency and Traffic and Transportation, of course, was part of the team. I would have to say that I assume that those plans were to be incorporated in the thinking of the Traffic and Transportation Department and San Antonio Development Agency. So, we did not go into.....

MR. STROMBERG:(Inaudible).....

MRS. COCKRELL: No, this has come in fairly recent.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Is that the recent one that came from Mr. Harley?

MRS. COCKRELL: Yes.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, they haven't incorporated, but yes, yeah we're working that through Traffic and Transportation. Where he mentioned about the Inner Loop? Go ahead and explain that.

MR. STROMBERG: Mrs. Cockrell, they are - yes. You're talking about the Pecan-Martin one-way fare and they are incorporated in the plan.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: One thing about the letter, if I may, you know, he also suggested something about the auditorium. As you know, the funds for the Inner Loop were voted as a street improvement so we can't use those funds for the auditorium, but I'll be back in touch with that another day.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'd like to ask a question, if I may. Mr. Stromberg, is anything being done in order to eliminate the through passage of heavy trucks through the downtown area? What is contemplated in this master plan as far as...? This becomes a problem for us - I don't mean the ones that are servicing the downtown area but the through trucks.

MR. STROMBERG: No, sir, it does not account for any changes or re-routing although it is recognizing the present patterns. If you'll notice in the plan book, we are recognizing the present streets and unless you plan to close streets or actually divert traffic through (inaudible), the plan does not take that into account.

DR. SAN MARTIN: At this point, I don't believe we're planning anything. We're here to accept recommendations from you. Now, was this even considered during your deliberations?

MR. FRANK KIOLBASSA: Yes, sir, we did, but in spite of all the downtown planning going on and all the various proposals, we felt that at this time, with the short range nature of the plan, that we didn't have enough information or could make a judgment on this to include it so it recognized the present street system downtown, and then put it on the plan.

DR. SAN MARTIN: The problem is that I think that we have the experience of many, many years of this problem. Really, I feel we have all the information we need, but we needed some alternative solutions to this problem. I think the problem is clear-cut. We've got to keep these through trucks from the downtown area. That is a problem that's been there forever. The thing is what are the possible solutions?

MR. KIOLBASSA: Well, first of all, of course, is the exclusion from them, of course, prohibiting, one of the problems is off street loading and providing access to them, but as far as the basic problem is just to close off the street system as a deterrent.

DR. SAN MARTIN: We're talking about different things. I'm not talking about the downtown area. I'm talking about the ones that are coming in on Highway 90 West and are going out on Highway 90 East.

MR. KIOLBASSA: The only way to do that is to sever the street and.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: I don't mean the expressway, some of them come from other places and they go right through Houston Street.

MR. KIOLBASSA: : Well, the only way to do that is to sever the street and completely eliminate a segment of the street. That way there is no way to go across on because they have to make a number of turns and the - it deters them and the plan, of course, this plan does not show any of these streets being cut off, or else.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: There must be other.....

MR. KIOLBASSA:(inaudible).....development of the Inner Loop is another one which is a distributor or to take it around, I think Durango Street, the further development of Durango Street, Santa Rosa, when it's completed and possibly the upper portion of the Inner Loop, when it's complete. We'll see a lot of this being able to be deterred because they have a better way to go rather than going straight down through Houston Street or down through Market or Commerce Street. So, with the development of the Inner Loop, and that's one of the concepts, it's to eliminate a lot of this through traffic right down the heart of the CBD and with the Inner Loop in this situation I think you'll see this and this is part of the plan too.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Mr. Granata, I don't believe that we have approached this problem really conscientiously. I may be wrong, and I don't mean to be critical of the work that's been done, but I believe that you should make absolutely sure that this is something that is needed.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, I think the staff has been pursuing this, and I think Cip can speak to it. It's a very difficult thing to enforce and you could prohibit through truck traffic from Houston Street or Commerce and all but you'd have to have some good enforcements and the Inner Loop was one of the primary things, but we've never settled on where the Inner Loop is going to be.

MR. CIPRIANO GUERRA: That's correct. Insofar as the old concept of the Loop, I think we've pretty well discarded that. Our options have run out and we're down to a matched pair. But to answer your question, Dr. San Martin, the purpose of the plan here - this plan was not to serve to solve that kind of problem. It simply provides the guide as to the general thoroughfares available to general traffic. The actual operational use of those streets, the signalling, the re-routing of traffic, that's another problem we'll undertake with the Traffic and Transportation Department particularly undertakes as a separate issue. This plan is not intended to solve the problem.... (inaudible).....

DR. SAN MARTIN: Don't they go hand in hand eventually, Cip?

MR. GUERRA: Yes, sir, it should follow this work. It should follow this work to see what we can do about taking some of these loads off the street.

MAYOR BECKER: This subject has been under discussion about taking through truck traffic off Houston Street since the '30's, you know, and that's no joke.

MR. STROMBERG: Mr. Mayor, this is a public hearing. We have the ordinance before you so at the end of that, we'd like to have you consider the ordinance.

MAYOR BECKER: All right. Is there anyone that cares to speak on the subject that we've been discussing here this morning? The major thoroughfare plan?

MR. CHESLEY SWANN: Good morning, Mr. Mayor and Council members, My name is Chesley Swann, and I'm concerned about the crossing of F.M. 1604. It looks as though we have not given any consideration nor to 1604. We have developments across there. We do have considerable development up to 1604 from the south, and it takes considerable time to work with the Highway Department in establishing where our major streets are going to cross on 1604. Once they get their plans made, it's been my experience, that's it. If you haven't got your bridges or crossovers planned, you're out of the ballgame. I would suggest that it be incorporated into the thoroughfare plan. This one or immediate other ones, considerations for crossing 1604.

MAYOR BECKER: All right, sir. Charles, would you like to speak to that please. Chesley, you might just stay here is you would, please.

MR. STROMBERG: Yes, sir. First off, this is a short range plan and we get -- outside of 1604, we have some very important long range implications so we consciously tried not to get into those long range things and had other planning programs that are going on right now to handle that. Crossings to 1604 that are not considered major thoroughfares, we consider outside of this plan. We are interested in working with the interested parties on the subject of doing a bridge across 1604 at places where it is not currently designated by the Texas Highway Department as a separate activity. This basically is a reservation of right-of-ways for future thoroughfares relating to developments that may happen. I think the specific one that Mr. Swann is talking about, the developer that has this interest, is not so much concerned with the major thoroughfares as the ability to get an overpass on 1604 in the future. One of our problems with this, just to deal with it a little bit, is that the Texas Highway Department does have its plans set and to undo that is going to be a rather significant thing. They currently have crossings at 1604 at about every three miles or two miles, depending upon where it is. It's a little bit closer than that around Randolph and around the UTSA Complex, but outside of that, you can see on this thing, it's rather widely separated. So, we would prefer not to deal with construction of overpasses in a thoroughfare plan and handle it in normal procedures with Traffic and Transportation.

MR. GUERRA: Let me add to that, Mayor. As you'll notice on 410, we do not show every crossing, only the major thoroughfares are shown on this plan and that's the intent of the plan. I'm not ducking Mr. Swann's concern. It's a subject that needs to be addressed but, again, not within the limits. The scope of this plan was to deal with the major thoroughfares only, 410 does not show all the crossing that exist.....

MAYOR BECKER: Chesley, did you care to respond?

MR. SWANN: Well, first of all I do have one that I'm concerned about, but my concern is not - I didn't even mention the one, I'm concerned about any and all because I feel that this is the time and it should be incorporated into this thoroughfare plan and considerations given on the other side of 1604 and start working to get the correct width, the correct size bridges with the Highway Department now. If we wait, as they said, if we wait any longer, we're going to be out of the ballgame.

MAYOR BECKER: I can recite exactly what you're dealing with and eluding to, and it seems like I'm always digging back into history, but in 1955, that portion of Loop 410 that's now being widened and at that time some of it wasn't even there, was practically not traveled by any automobile other than mine. I have rather vivid recollections of enjoying the highway almost by myself and 1604 even two and three years ago, was somewhat of the same type of an unused piece of highway. Now, of course, now we realize that they're adding one lane to Loop 410 and all this business about the bridges and everything, I'd give anything personally if they would have added two lanes if they could have accommodated it, done the bridges now for the extra lane because to think of having to go through this all over again in another 10 or 15 years, whatever it's going to be when we need it right today, we need the extra two lanes now. We don't need just one extra lane, we need two extra lanes on each side. If you take a traffic count on 1604 between the Austin Highway and San Pedro and at San Pedro and Fredericksburg Road or Highway I. H. 10 whichever you care to call it, I bet you - you'd find that there's at least 1000 percent more traffic out there than anyone

imagines because of the absolute impossibility of making any time on Loop 410, even without the expansion of it. So, I think, Chesley, to reaffirm what you said, we should be considering this now because 1955 seems like it was only yesterday and it's almost yesterday, it will be '75 in a matter of two months. So, it's never too early to plan for this type of eventuality and before the Highway Department does become so completely locked in on what they attempt to do, I would suggest, Sam, that we ask the Planning Department to take this to the Highway Department and also at the same time discuss it with interested citizens like Mr. Swann and solicit their input so that we won't be dealing with a half-way situation because that will be the next cross artery for the City of San Antonio - just as sure shooting it's the only one we have to look forward to, besides 410.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: With the present 410, I'm sure they would have liked to have added two lanes which will require more right-of-way. They're getting everything they can within the prescribed right-of way. Let me ask Chesley, are you saying that in this plan to give consideration to those that are designated as major thoroughfare plans to extend them north of - just those that cross - well, we could certainly continue that study and come in and amend the plan. You're not suggesting that streets that are not now major thoroughfares be included as major thoroughfares and extended?

MR. SWANN: No, I am not.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Okay, well, I think the staff will begin to look at that, that's not an unreasonable request and we can easily go into that and then amend as we have to.....

MR. SWANN: I just feel that maybe it ought to be done....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Well, posthaste.....

MR. SWANN: A little closer to this than, and we'll complete other studies

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Okay, we will.

MAYOR BECKER: Cliff, did you want to say something?

MR. MORTON: Yes, I concur with Mr. Swann. I'm not just concerned with the north side as far as 1604 is concerned. It's very hard to evaluate this plan if we use as a perimeter 1604. We just recently annexed beyond 1604 and I really think that to give this plan a stamp of approval without considering what occurs beyond 1604 would be very, very short-sighted. It seems to me that planning is almost behind development.

MR. GUERRA: I can't quarrel with it.

MR. MORTON: I'm not criticizing present staff. I'm just saying that development is already occurring.

MR. GUERRA: That's why this is called a short range plan.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: How long has it taken to update this plan?

MR. GUERRA: Well, the problem we have now is, you know, we've created this elaborate transportation committee that we're struggling with now trying to get a handle on our ability of this community to

do its own planning and that problem is still with us - of trying to get the Texas Highway Department to work with us a little better than they have in the past. They've done great things for this City, but there are areas where also we've had very much difficulty getting our points across. This tries to address at least the undeveloped land that's between 1604 and 410 and we hope to that extent, it serves its purpose. It is titled a short range plan. As Doctor Stromberg pointed out earlier the effort to develop the long range plans involved this rather elaborate procedure that the Department of Transportation has saddled us with, and we'll move it as fast as we can. To point out one of the difficulties that single point about that Minute Order that we've been struggling with the Highway Department on now for a year and a half is still with us. So, I wish I could give you a date on the long range plan, but I can't give you one.

MR. MORTON: Well, are you talking about five years, five months?

MR. GUERRA: I would say you would measure in years, yes, sir. two or three years is, I think, the earliest you could expect anything productive from this bureaucratic procedure that we're involved in.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Cip, could we adopt this and come back in six months and amend? How far out does Chesley want to go? I mean within three miles out of the 1604, two miles or.....

MR. SWANN: I think you have to go at least to where present development is.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, and I think that we're capable of.....

MR. GUERRA:(inaudible).....

MR. SWANN: It would seem important that if this could be incorporated into this short range plan, your major crossing.....(inaudible).....

MAYOR BECKER: Excuse me, would you mind going to the microphone, it won't record you over there.

MR. SWANN: I think that it would be much better to try to include where we're projecting to cross 1604 and a few projections north of 1604 and at least have something to go to the Highway Department and say look this is our master thoroughfare plan, at least start thinking about this.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, I think what you're trying to say, and you are saying it, is something that you don't have to go very far to see what's happened around the Oak Hills Medical Complex. Now, that thing, you know, grew up not overnight, but it certainly grew up in the midst of us and around us and yet nothing was done. I'm not criticizing the staff or anybody, but nothing was done to accommodate an increase in the automobile traffic out there of probably, well, I don't know what the number of cars would be, but the number of people working in that area probably jumped from say 1,500 to 15,000 or 20,00 in a matter of five years or so. Everytime they go to work and everytime they get off work, well, we had massive traffic congestion, still do. Well, thank heavens, the City took it upon themselves to start widening some of those streets out there, what was it, Sam? Babcock and.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Harry Wurzbach.

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MAYOR BECKER: Harry Wurzbach, and they're widening Fredericksburg Road and so forth and so on to try to alleviate this congestion. This thing just happened you might say, you know, and it sort of sneaks up on you. Well, got the University of Texas out on 1604 now. I don't know what else will be there as a result of that being there and the first thing you know you're covered up with developments, and I think it's a point well taken.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, well, the main purpose of this short range, and I'm sure Chesley agrees, so is that when subdivisions come in now, we can say these are the major thoroughfares up to 1604. If something comes in beyond 1604, we can certainly consider at that time because of the subdivision, and I would urge that Council would adopt this as a short range plan and let staff come back and amend it and address itself to beyond all the way around the 1604. If you can, Cliff.

MR. MORTON: Well, minimum planning area that should be considered for long range City of San Antonio is all of Bexar County. That's the minimum. I don't know what's so.....(inaudible)..... about the strip of asphalt that we call 1604 that's become a Chinese Wall.

MR. STROMBERG: Mr. Morton, you're exactly right. That's exactly the perimeter that we have in the long range plan. Mr. Guerra has indicated that it's tough working with the Texas Highway Department, the Federal Government, it takes time because of their requirements. We will be back in the long range master planning cycle within months laying out the first policy considerations for you so that we can have an exchange. We need to get this discussion going now so that as we go through this long process with these people to meet the federal requirements to get your federal money and so forth that your input and your consideration about the shape of the City will be there. So, we're right in the middle and we're very deeply into this we've been doing research for about nine or ten months here getting up to this point, and I think we ought to have good exchange soon.

MR. MORTON: Well, again, I, for one, would like to know who is creating these road blocks and what their requirements are that creates a time frame for planning of three years.

MR. GUERRA: Councilman Morton, when we came to you with that committee structure about 15, 16, 17 months ago, we pointed out some of the problems that originate at the highest levels of the Department of Transportation. Whereas, the Department of Transportation was shaped out of melting together the.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Was that the AACOG?

MR. GUERRA:Urban Mass Transit Agency, the Federal Aviation Agency, and the fight at the federal level are still bounced back on us, to where the law - even in the law we have conflicts between mass transit planning requirements and federal highway planning requirements. This is where we're running in this impediment.

MR. MORTON: Again, I think that the elected officials should be the ones that have this pointed out to them.

MR. GUERRA: We have, sir, and we will be glad to give you another statement of the problem. We provided that about a year ago.

MR. MORTON: Not only a statement of a problem but your recommendation of a solution.

MR. GUERRA: Yes, sir. We've done that also, and we'll repeat it again for you. We can give you a paper on it that summarizes this problem. One of the biggest difficulties right now to speeding up the planning process is the requirement of the Texas Highway Department that we have this thing called a policy committee which is made up of every elected official in the planning area under consideration. In our case it came out to 157 people that are supposed to sit down and review this stuff and give you a consensus. Well, it's near possible to have that happen. At our first meeting of this policy board, we struggled for almost three and a half hours on a couple of gnats because some representatives from a couple of small cities had an equal vote with these cities on these matters. We recently, I think, it was last week, that Stu Fischer brought you an amendment where the Highway Department did agree to include all the Council membership to beef up our voting power in this committee. But, it is a very small step in the right direction. There are many other major hurdles that have been created to struggle for this multiple billion dollars that are coming out of federal level. So, I'm not saying that our job is impossible, but it's very difficult at this level for even elected officials to begin to deal with the problem. You need a concerted effort with the other major cities of the country, and at least the major cities of Texas. We ought to get together on this problem and deal with it as a group of cities because alone, it's like dealing almost as bad as dealing with railroads.

MR. MORTON: I understand.

MR. GUERRA: I'm not giving you an excuse. I'm trying to say that we are victims of a very elaborate bureaucratic process that's now entrenched in law.

MR. SWANN: I think we lost sight of the point - all I'm saying is I realize they have problems with the other agencies and all, but it would help the solution to include it in a thoroughfare plan and say this is our plan. Help us work toward it, and not work with them and then come up with a plan. I think you need to do something positive now, and then work with.....

MAYOR BECKER: I think I understand your thrust, and I'm inclined to agree with you, personally, at least that that's perhaps the way to move on these things is just to put it down and say this is the way to have it done. Now, then you tell us why you can't, you know, because I know we worked with one agency that's been mentioned here and several times in attempting to explain to them in the creation of Wonderland Shopping Center, what traffic congestion we were going to create with that 3/4 million square feet of retail space. It was like talking to a wall. They just couldn't imagine that we knew what we were talking about. They took absolutely none of our suggestions, and yet, you know, they had to come back and redo certain things all over again. The same thing happened at Central Park when that was built. They wouldn't listen. Now, they wish they had have. I don't know what it finally takes to get the message through. That sometimes the guy that pays the bill knows a little about what he's doing.

MR. SWANN: Thank you very much.

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MAYOR BECKER: Well, thank you very much, Chesley, and I'm going to ask that Cipriano, that you keep in touch with Mr. Swann, if you will, and vice versa on this item and see if we can't bring it into some type of resolution that I think frankly Mr. Swann had a very good idea and put it down there and then argue about it.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: And I think that they can come back with certain points like this in two or three months about extending them to the County line and then saying this is what we want cause they've got to measure what it's gonna cost and

MRS. HELEN WALTER: I would just like to ask you to please consider transportation. I hope that in this major thoroughfare planning, you are considering bus transportation to these sites because they tell me they need special lanes in particular areas. It's so terrible when we get out in these off developments where we are all of a sudden our roads are inadequate to carry our traffic out there. Our Walzem Road and Rittiman Road are two examples. They can't begin to carry the traffic after the development - go out there and it seems like you are so far behind in your planning that the developments come in, and we're all sitting out there jammed up trying to get in and out of the City because somewhere the development is going faster than the planning and the projection of adequate streets and transportation. I'm real upset about transportation. Now, we're getting that huge development on Walzem and we ought to get a bus out there now four years after we need it.

MAYOR BECKER: This is one of the places, it - the whole reason for it, but this is one of the areas that money comes in handy.

MRS. WALTER: It really does.

MAYOR BECKER: You just have to have money to go out there and widen those streets so that they can accommodate that tremendous growth, the traffic growth, the influx of people and all that sort of thing, and unfortunately, most communities are always operating after the fact.

MRS. WALTER: Well, it certainly is.

MAYOR BECKER: And if we had the money we could anticipate a lot of these things. We know alot of this is going to take place and going to happen, but how can you justify going out six months a year, a year and a half, two years in advance of something actually occurring when you're got about ninety million things that need to be taken care of in areas where people have been already living for 40 or 50 or 100 years, you see. Money is the key to the thing, money helps an awful lot.

MRS. WALTER: Well, and planning certainly helps, too, that's for sure because right now at this point, the planning is coming as an after thought to the facts. They're there and now you've got to plan to do something about them. So, thanks very much.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, thanks, Mrs. Walter.

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CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Mayor, this is a step though in the right direction. It will give us what additional right-of-way it might need and we will get some of the right-of-way through dedication this way, otherwise, if we don't have it, some day through a bond issue, we'll have to purchase it all.

MR. GUERRA: The Transit Company did work with us on it.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, the Transit Company is on the thing.

MAYOR BECKER: Okay, all right. Do we hear a motion?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: You might close the hearing if.....

MAYOR BECKER: All right, I'll declare the hearing closed. The Council concurs with that, I assume. Would you read the Ordinance please.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,526

ADOPTING A SHORT RANGE MAJOR THOROUGH-
FARE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
AS PART OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black, Morton, Padilla.

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MRS. M. J. FOSTER

Mrs. M. J. Foster said that she has a house at 570 Yucca Street and she had been granted a building permit to repair this house but had been denied an electric permit. It is impossible to use power tools unless the electricity is turned on. She asked the Council to grant an extension of 120 days on her building permit. She has a party who will move into the residence and help with the repairs.

Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration, said that there is an electrical permit issued for the Yucca Street house dated October 14, 1974. Another house she has is in a dilapidated condition and Mrs. Foster wants an electrical permit on that house so that people can move in there without repairing it.

After discussion of the matter, Mayor Becker advised Mrs. Foster that she must follow the advice of Mr. Vann and his staff and adhere to the City's requirements.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, spoke to the Council about the needs for the poverty areas in San Antonio. He said that in many areas sidewalks need repair or are non-existent. Vacant lots need cleaning, dogs run loose. Residents of the City should return to the use of rain barrels to reduce consumption of water. He then listed other needs for various parts of the City.

MRS. HILDA WEBBER

The Clerk read an ordinance granting permission to Mr. Roy B. Campbell, Jr. to retain 30 feet of rock wall varying in height from 7' to 8' on the west side of his property at 333 E. Summit Avenue.

Mr. Russell Lindley, Assistant Director of Building and Planning, said that this fence had been erected in violation of City ordinances and the owner had been cited for a violation. He then made appeal to the City Council. The wall has been inspected and found to be constructed in accordance with the building code. It does not deprive anyone of light or air. He recommended that the ordinance be approved.

Mr. Roy Campbell said that he had recovered the stone for this wall from the old Sullivan home when it was torn down at the corner of Fourth and Broadway. It is a very ornate wall and he would like to keep it. He said that the wall had been built for two months before Mrs. Webber had complained of it.

Mr. Thomas O'Brien, representing Mrs. Hilda Webber, 329 E. Summit, spoke in opposition. He said that due to slope of the ground, the wall is about ten feet high on Mrs. Webber's side. It is very rough and unfinished on her side and, in fact, is a monstrosity. Colored snap shots were distributed to Council members.

Mayor Becker suggested that Mrs. Webber might agree to some kind of screening such as a cedar fence or a trellis with vines on it. He recessed the Council meeting for a short time to allow Mr. O'Brien time to discuss it with Mrs. Webber.

Following the recess, Mr. O'Brien stated that Mrs. Webber is still very much opposed to the wall and felt that it must be finished on her side to make it acceptable. Further discussion was had after which it was agreed by the Council and both parties to postpone action on this Ordinance for two weeks to allow time for Mrs. Webber and Mr. Campbell to arrive at some solution which would be satisfactory to both sides.

HIGHLAND HILLS DRAINAGE

Mrs. Ralph Nobis, 410 Pollydale, presented a petition signed by 58 persons asking for relief of a poor drainage situation on Kellis and Dollarhide Streets. She described the flooding conditions and said that her home has been flooded four times in the last seven years. She said the situation is intolerable and presents a serious hazard to persons of all ages, particularly school children.

Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Assistant Director of Public Works, stated that this area is included in the master drainage plan. The big problem is that this area is about 4,000 feet from the nearest outfall. The estimated cost for correcting the situation is \$4 million.

Mrs. Cockrell told Mrs. Nobis that it is too late to include this project in the forthcoming bond election as that issue has already been set. It appeared that the only way to fund such a project would be with Community Development funds or through another bond issue at some future date.

Mayor Becker advised Mrs. Nobis that Mr. Sueltenfuss will restudy this project to see what can be done. He said that the study would begin next week. He also advised Mrs. Nobis to attend the next neighborhood meeting on Community Development funds to make this project known.

Mr. Morton said that he thought that these neighborhood meetings were to be held in different locations in each part of the City, but now he finds that second meetings are being held where the first meeting was held.

City Manager Granata said that he had ordered that locations for these meetings be changed and he would follow up to make sure they are changed.

Other persons who appeared at the Council meeting with Mrs. Nobis were:

Mrs. Mark Schneider, 411 Prestwick
Mrs. Mac Hollinan, 106 Pollydale
Mrs. Dolores E. Noguera, 126 Pollydale
Mrs. James O. Nelson, 118 Pollydale

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MRS. HELEN DUTMER

Mrs. Helen Dutmer stated that the Charter Revision Committee had considered a change in the fiscal year and had recommended against it. She said that the concern is about future City Councils.

MR. ROBERT M. WHITE

Mr. Robert M. White, 701 E. Sunshine Drive, spoke as a representative of the Wolverine Council and said that as a means to reduce school vandalism and to get teenagers to stop roaming the streets he was recommending a 10:00 P. M. curfew for children under 16 years of age and an 11:00 P. M. curfew for 16 and 17 year olds.

MRS. MINNIE TRADER

Mrs. Minnie Trader again appeared before the City Council to complain about her treatment. She said that she wants the proper amount of money from the City.

Assistant City Attorney Jake Talley said that damage to her property had been estimated at \$900 and a representative had delivered a check in that amount to Mrs. Trader, but she refused to accept it.

City Manager Granata read excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the City Council on March 3, 1974, when this whole matter had been discussed and a settlement decided on.

Mayor Becker told Mrs. Trader that she could accept the \$900 settlement at any time. There was nothing more to be done in the matter.

74-53 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:50 P. M., and reconvened at 2:10 P. M.

A. CASE 5767 - to rezone a 6.7056 acre tract of land out of NCB 11672, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 2500 Block of N. W. Military Highway, from "B-2" Business District to "B-3" Business District, located on the northeast side of N. W. Military Highway being 570' northwest of the intersection of N.W. Military Highway and Bel Air Drive, having 764' on N. W. Military Highway and a maximum depth of 505.48'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black.

AN ORDINANCE 44,527

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 A 6.7056 ACRE TRACT
 OF LAND OUT OF NCB 11672, BEING FURTHER
 DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE
 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2500 BLOCK OF
 N. W. MILITARY HIGHWAY, FROM "B-2" BUSINESS
 DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PRO-
 VIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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B. CASE 5778 - to rezone Lot 1, NCB 15628, 5550 Pearsall Road, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located northeast of the intersection of Pearsall Road and Hillburn Drive, having 380' on Pearsall Road and 300' on Hillburn Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the east property line. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,528

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 1, NCB 15628, 5550 PEARSALL ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE EAST PROPERTY LINE.

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C. CASE 5774 - to rezone Lot 17 and the west 22' of Lot 18, Block 3, NCB 8675, 1138 Halm Blvd., from "A" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District, located on the south side of Halm Blvd., being 410' east of the intersection of Halm Blvd., and Slavin Avenue, having 65' on Halm Blvd., and a maximum depth of 222.8'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Mendoza made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Dr. San Martin seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,529

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 AND THE WEST 22' OF LOT 18, BLOCK 3, NCB 8675, 1138 HALM BLVD., FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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D. CASE 5776 - to rezone a 1.591 acre tract of land out of NCB 10832, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 2758 Rigsby Avenue, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Lacy made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the south and east property lines. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,530

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 A 1.591 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 10832, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2758 RIGSBY AVENUE, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE SOUTH AND EAST PROPERTY LINES.

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E. CASE 5775 - to rezone Tract A, NCB 7676, 3301 Mission Road, from "B-2" Business District to "B-3" Business District, located on the south side of Napier Avenue between Woodhull Drive and Mission Road, having 65' on Woodhull Drive, 130' on Napier Avenue and 150' on Mission Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Mendoza made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Dr. San Martin seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,531

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 TRACT A, NCB 7676, 3301 MISSION ROAD, FROM "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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F. CASE 5772 - to rezone a total of 63.787 acres out of NCB 15329, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 1700 Block of Loop 410 Expressway, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located west of the intersection of Culebra Road and Loop 410, having approximately 400' on Culebra Road and a depth of 500'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,532

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 A TOTAL OF 63.787 ACRES OUT OF NCB 15329, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 1700 BLOCK OF LOOP 410 EXPRESSWAY, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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G. CASE 5811 - to rezone Lot 44, save and except the west 200' NCB 11715, 9600 Block of San Pedro Avenue, from "B-2" Business District to "B-3" Business District, located southwest of the intersection of McCarty Road and San Pedro Avenue, having 590' on McCarty Road and 420' on San Pedro Avenue.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Morton made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,533

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 44, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE WEST 200', NCB 11715, 9600 BLOCK OF SAN PEDRO AVENUE, FROM "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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H. CASE 5854 - to rezone a 10.578 acre tract of land out of NCB 12830, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 7900 Block of Floyd Curl Drive, from Temporary "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District for a hospital, located between Floyd Curl Drive and Ewing Halsell Drive, being 533.46' southeast of the intersection of Wurzbach Road and Floyd Curl Drive and 1000.53' southeast of the intersection of Ewing Halsell Drive and Wurzbach Road, having 725.12' on Floyd Curl Drive, 636.03' on Ewing Halsell Drive and a maximum distance of 743.12' between Floyd Curl Drive and Ewing Halsell Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,534

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 A 10.578 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 12830, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK,

7900 BLOCK OF FLOYD CURL DRIVE,
FROM TEMPORARY "A" SINGLE FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1"
BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A HOSPITAL,
PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS
ACCOMPLISHED.

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I. CASE 5761 - to rezone Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, NCB 13597, 9300 Block of Broadway, from "E" Office District to "B-2" Business District, located north of the intersection of Danbury Drive and Broadway, having 200' on Broadway and 200' on Danbury Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Todd Bordelon, representing Pig Stands, Inc., said that his company will build a small Pig Stand restaurant on this property. There is no other restaurant in this commercial area. Mr. Bordelon described the surrounding area as being almost totally commercial but said that there is residential area across Broadway. He did not believe that this small restaurant would create any problems for the residential area.

Mr. E. J. Collins spoke in opposition, saying that he lived across Broadway from this property and would object to floodlights shining in his back yard. He agreed with Mr. Bordelon that the area is almost totally commercial and said that he would not object if the Council would place proper restrictions on the lighting.

Mr. Bordelon said that the lighting situation has been considered in the planning and that he would be glad to work with Mr. Collins to be sure that lighting is not a severe problem to him.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,535

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 LOTS 1 AND 2,
BLOCK 3, NCB 13597, 9300 BLOCK OF
BROADWAY, FROM "E" OFFICE DISTRICT TO
"B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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J. CASE 5678 - to rezone Lot 78-A, Block C, NCB 11524, 1402 Hillcrest Drive, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-2" Two Family Residential District, located northeast of the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Willard Drive, having 100.8' on Hillcrest Drive and 130' on Willard Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,536

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 78-A, BLOCK C, NCB 11524, 1402 HILLCREST DRIVE, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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K. CASE 5777 - to rezone Lots 3 and 4, Block 10, NCB 12906, 6000 Block of Rigsby Avenue, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located on the south side of Rigsby Avenue, being 65' west of the intersection of Rigsby Avenue and Christian Drive, having 112' on Rigsby Avenue and a depth of 140'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Morton made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,537

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 LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 10, NCB 12906, 6000 BLOCK OF RIGSBY AVENUE, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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74-53 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,538

DECLARING THAT THE STRUCTURE ON THE PREMISES AT 305 ARDEN GROVE IS A "DANGEROUS BUILDING" AND PRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH IT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING ADMINISTRATION TO CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE DEMOLITION OF SAID STRUCTURE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Russell Lindley, Assistant Director of Building and Planning, who reviewed the actions taken in notifying the owner of this property concerning the need to either demolish or repair the building. After repeated notices nothing was done. He then notified the owner that an ordinance authorizing demolition of the structure would be considered by the City Council today.

No one appeared to represent the owner.

Mr. San Martin said that he knows that the staff is very careful to make certain that, even though there is no opposition present, the Council is on safe ground in passing this ordinance and will not run into any problems.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Dr. San Martin, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Mendoza.

74-53 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,539

DECLARING THAT THE STRUCTURE ON THE PREMISES AT 618 W. EUCLID IS A "DANGEROUS BUILDING" AND PRESENTS AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE LIFE OR SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH IT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING AND PLANNING ADMINISTRATION TO CAUSE THE IMMEDIATE DEMOLITION OF SAID STRUCTURE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Russell Lindley, Assistant Director of Building and Planning, who said that this property was first inspected on October 24, 1973 and the owner was notified of its condition and ordered to demolish it. Mr. Louis Miller is owner of the property. On July 18, 1974, an ordinance was presented to City Council for consideration to declare this a dangerous building and authorize demolition. The Council, however, granted Mr. Miller 90 days to have the building repaired. A building permit was issued but no work has been done. The ordinance was therefore again prepared for consideration. He recommended approval of the ordinance.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Padilla, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Mendoza.

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74-53 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: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,540

GRANTING PERMISSION TO PARLIAMENT SQUARES PROPERTIES TO CONSTRUCT A SERIES OF 8 FOOT DECORATIVE BRICK WALLS AT THE ENTRANCE OF LONDON HOUSE APARTMENTS OFF PATRICIA DRIVE.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,541

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$85,317.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO, AND EASEMENTS OVER, CERTAIN LANDS; ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE TO FERD STAFFEL COMPANY BY SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED, OF TITLE TO 13,787 SQUARE FEET OF LAND; ALL IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,542

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF CHEEVER BOULEVARD AND TWO PORTIONS OF ALLEYS AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ELMER PAPE AND BROADWAY NATIONAL BANK FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF CHEEVER BOULEVARD, BY UNRECORDED PLAT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY ESTATES, DATED JULY 5, 1973.

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74-53 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: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,543

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM FOR U. S. 281 EXPRESSWAY BETWEEN MULBERRY AND TUXEDO AVENUES.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,544

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF STREET ILLUMINATION OF U. S. HIGHWAY 281 BETWEEN I.H. 410 AND SANDAU ROAD.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,545

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH SAFE (SPECTRUM ANALYSIS & FREQUENCY ENGINEERING), PROVIDING FOR PREPARATION OF MICROWAVE PATH SURVEY AND FREQUENCY COORDINATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,786.00; APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT, APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING \$9,786.00, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID COMPANY.

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74-53 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Police Chief Emil Peters, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Morton, Padilla, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,546

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, FOR \$85,043.00 TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL CRIME LAB PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,547

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, FOR \$35,958.00 TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACCELERATED POLICE REPORTS PROGRAM.

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74-53 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Police Chief Emil Peters, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Mendoza, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 44,548

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF, AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH, THE PITLUK GROUP, PROVIDING FOR PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT, IN CONSIDERATION FOR PAYMENT OF \$19,092.50, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID COMPANY.

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74-53 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,549

RECOGNIZING AND APPROVING THE INCORPORATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Roy Montez, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development, who said that this ordinance officially approves and recognizes the Bi-Centennial Committee, Inc. as the organization charged with the promotion, coordination and planning of all activities leading up to the Bi-Centennial celebration in 1976. In the current City budget, the Council authorized \$35,000 for Bi-Centennial activities.

Mr. Floyd O. Schneider, a member of the committee, spoke to the Council. He said that Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. McQuillin are in the East looking at other Bi-Centennial activities. He assured the Council that the committee will follow Council guidance and said that they need the Council's help and encouragement. He said that the Council will receive a formal invitation to visit the Bi-Centennial office to show them what is being done.

Miss Frances Wright, a member of the Bi-Centennial staff, thanked the Council for its support. She said that San Antonio is a leader among Bi-Centennial communities and the National office recognizes this. They are sending representatives from other cities around the nation to study and observe.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Padilla, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton.

74-53 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: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 44,550

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF HOWARD STICH & SON, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,927.66 TO CONSTRUCT THE WOODSTONE (COLUMBIA OAKS) SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD CITY PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT COVERING SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING AND TRANSFERRING THE SUM OF \$51,475.00, WITH \$46,927.66 PAYABLE TO GROVES, FERNANDEZ, BARRY, TELFORD & ASSOCIATES, INC. AS ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING FEES, AND THE SUM OF \$2,350.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,551

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF UTILITIES CONSOLIDATED, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIARWICK SUBDIVISION OFF-SITE SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; APPROPRIATING \$5,865.00 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,552

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$1,727.50 TO GABRIEL, ROEDER, SMITH AND COMPANY FOR A PORTION OF THE COST OF ACTUARIAL SERVICES TO FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND OUT OF ACCOUNT 16-07-01.

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74-53 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 44,553

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF KAUFMAN'S, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH PARK RANGER UNIFORMS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$7,241.85.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,554

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF THE DAVIDSON CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ASPHALT ASBESTOS ROOF SEALANT FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,740.00, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,555

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ALAMO WELDING & BOILER WORKS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH RETUBING AND INSULATION OF A BOILER AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,422.00; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SAID AMOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,556

ACCEPTING THE LOW BIDS OF TRANS-TRONICS, INC., SIGNAL ENGINEERING COMPANY, AUTOMATIC SIGNAL DIVISION, EAGLE SIGNAL AND ECONOLITE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$91,849.26.

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74-53 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,557

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF OSHMAN'S SPORTING GOODS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AMMUNITION FOR HAND GUNS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$15,200.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,558

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF GILLESPIE MOTOR COMPANY, GRANDE FORD TRUCK SALES, INC. JORDAN FORD, INC. AND INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY, TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH TRUCKS THROUGHOUT THE 1975 MODEL YEAR; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID COMPANIES.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,559

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF NEWELL SALVAGE COMPANY TO PURCHASE JUNKED VEHICLES FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR \$30.00 PER TON, ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,560

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5,200.00 TO SAN ANTONIO ARMATURE WORKS, INC. FOR REPAIRS TO A 700 H. P. MOTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,561

ACCEPTING THE BID OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH DELGADO CONCRETE PRODUCTS CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH CONCRETE CISTERN RINGS AND WET WELL COVERS ON A CONTRACT BASIS FOR A TERM ENDING JULY 31, 1975.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,562

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF JAHN DENTAL COMPANY AND PATTERSON DENTAL COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH DENTAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES FOR A TOTAL OF \$35,449.57; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID FIRMS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,563

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF L & M STEEL CO., INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH STEEL FOR THE WURZBACH ROAD CULVERT MODIFICATIONS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$2,160.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,564

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ROYAL TYPEWRITER COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,893.20.

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74-53 Item 29 of the agenda being a proposed ordinance accepting the bid of Republic National Life Insurance Company to furnish the City of San Antonio with health and life insurance was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the City Manager.

74-53 UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO

Dr. San Martin said that the University of Mexico has sent specifications for their language lab equipment. He said that there is some confusion as to what the advantages are of the City advertising

for bids or the University independently buying the equipment and the City paying for it out of the \$50,000 that the University gave the City. He asked Mr. Brooks to set up a meeting with Mr. Raffety and the City Manager as soon as possible to get this started.

City Manager Granata said that he would get it all worked out.

74-53

MR. NICK COSGROVE

Mrs. Cockrell recognized Mr. Nick Cosgrove, an Assistant City Attorney, in the audience. She said that at the recent Texas Municipal League meeting, Mr. Cosgrove was elected the incoming president of his section of the League.

Mayor Becker and other Council members congratulated Mr. Cosgrove.

74-53

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Mr. Padilla recalled that several months ago, he had asked the City Manager to tell the Council how the City could "reclaim" the CPS system. The City Manager reported later that the indenture could be changed with the approval of 75 percent of the bondholders or by refunding the bonds provided necessary legislation were passed. Today a letter was received from Representative Joe Hernandez saying that he will introduce a bill in the legislature next year to make it possible for the City to have a referendum so the citizens could decide if they want to elect members of the City Public Service Board from Districts. The citizens could decide to either elect board members or the bill will provide that the Council appoint the board members. He asked Assistant City Attorney Luis Garcia if he concurred with Mr. Hernandez.

Mr. Garcia said that no referendum or legislation can change the contract which is the indenture. At the time the indenture was written, the City could have left the appointment of board members with the Council.

City Manager Granata said that staff will continue to study the matter and he would have the City Attorney contact Mr. Hernandez regarding the matter.

74-53

COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Mr. Morton said that he had been observing the action of the Council over the last six weeks and for all practical purposes, the entire morning is spent on items other than the agenda. It works out that the most important matters to be considered come late in the day when the Council members are tired. He suggested that one thing that would help would be for all members to exercise a degree of discipline on the kibitzing, etc.

Another thing Mr. Morton spoke of was the "Citizens to be Heard" portion of the meeting. He said the Council listens to about 10 citizens for approximately 35 to 40 minutes each week. He introduced the following to be acted on at the next Council meeting:

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1. A person wishing to speak on Citizens to be Heard either call or visit City Hall on or before Wednesday prior to the Thursday Council meeting and indicate what they wish to talk about. Hopefully, staff could resolve most of these matters without going to Council. The City Manager could designate one person on his staff to handle this.

2. A person's ability to come before the Council be limited to no more than once each month or three times per year.

3. Presentations should be limited to five minutes with no interruptions.

Mr. Morton pointed out that some of the "B" items have appeared on the "B" agenda at least three or four different times. He said that these items are important and should receive more careful attention.

Mr. Morton asked that the City Manager draft his recommendations into whatever form is needed to be acted by the Council.

Mrs. Cockrell agreed with Mr. Morton that the Council's business should be speeded up. She agreed too, that a limitation of once a month on Citizens to be Heard would be reasonable and pre-registration might be helpful also.

Mayor Becker said that he could not support the limiting of a citizen to any amount of specific opportunity to speak. He said he wanted to create an atmosphere where people feel welcome to come.

Mr. Mendoza reminded Council that there is a Council committee on procedures. One of their recommendations was to try to rearrange the work load to fit in the most important items first. Perhaps handling the agenda first so the staff could be dismissed might be a help.

Mr. Lacy said that he agreed with Mayor Becker that people should be given every opportunity to speak.

Mr. Morton said that he was going to work his schedule so that at 3:00 P. M. each Thursday, he would be out of the Council meeting.

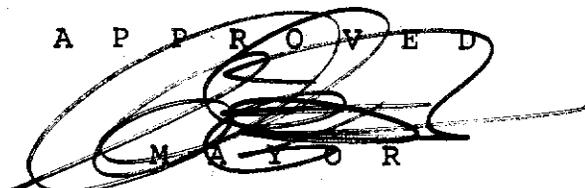
Rev. Black said that he remembered times when you could talk only five minutes and then be abruptly cut off. He preferred this Council's way of listening to people. If the Council wished to rearrange its schedule to hear people at a different period in the day, he would agree to that but he would not like to change the system.

Dr. San Martin suggested that matters submitted by the City Manager first and Citizens to be Heard come last after zoning matters. "B" Session would be held in the morning also.

Mr. Morton again asked that the Council take action on his suggestions at next week's meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 P. M.

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Charles L. Becker

ATTEST:

H. Sulman
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