

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1997.

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97-02 The City Council convened in an informal "B" Session at 10:00 a.m., Municipal Plaza Building, "B" Room, to consider the following items(s):

Report from the Charter Review Committee - Council accepted the Report and approved the time-lines set out in the Report, including a Public Hearing for January 23, 1997 and a vote on any items to be placed on a ballot on January 30, 1997.

The Council members present were: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster and Thornton.

97-02 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor William E. Thornton, with the following members present: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster and Thornton. **Absent:** None.

97-02 Invocation - Father Mike Kenny, St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church.

97-02 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

97-02 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for October 31 and November 7, 1996 were approved.

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CEREMONIAL ITEMS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mayor Thornton stated that Mr. Horace Wilkins, Jr., South Texas Regional President, Southwestern Bell, is in the audience to make a presentation to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program, which will be accepted by Councilwoman Dolores Lott, Chairwoman of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. He then displayed an enlarged check from Southwestern Bell to mark the occasion.

Mr. Wilkins spoke to the efforts of employees of Southwestern Bell in collecting funds for this program. He then presented the check to Ms. Lott, who accepted with thanks to the Southwestern Bell donors.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SPEECH

Ms. Lott then spoke briefly to the events of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration this year.

Ms. Iris Francis, Chair of the Mayor's Commission on Diversity, then introduced Sherrill Hartfield, a student who won second place in a speech competition with a speech he wrote on Martin Luther King, Jr. She noted that, since that competition, he has recited the speech at numerous functions including the National Baptist Conference in Houston, the Peace Summit and the Peackmakers Banquet in San Antonio. She stated that, in commemoration of the January 15 birth date of the late Dr. King and the nationwide observance to be held on January 20, Mr. Hartfield has been invited here today to recite his speech.

Mr. Sherrill Hartfield then recited his speech, based upon Dr. King's 14-minute "I have a dream" speech, for which Mr. Hartfield received a standing ovation of City Council and members of the audience present.

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Mayor Thornton stated that San Antonio is in the forefront of the nationwide recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observances, and in fact now has the largest march in the nation, to which he invited all citizens to take part.

GO WESTERN, GO RODEO DAYS

Mayor Thornton introduced representatives of the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, present in the audience, and spoke to the kickoff of "Go Western, Go Rodeo Days" in San Antonio, led by the Cowboy Breakfast January 24, 1997.

A representative of the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce spoke to details of the rodeo festivities as others distributed mementos of the occasion to members of City Council.

Mayor Thornton then read the formal proclamation designating "Go Western, Go Rodeo Days" in San Antonio, and presented it to the delegation.

EMS BIKE PATROL PRESENTATION

Mayor Thornton introduced Dr. Don Gordon, EMS Medical Director, and noted that the Methodist Healthcare System has donated six high-quality Cannondale mountain bikes for EMS units to use in patrolling special events where crowd density is a factor.

Dr. Gordon described briefly how the EMS Bike Patrol function would work in large crowds.

Mr. Jeff Crabtree, representing Methodist Healthcare System, spoke to the importance of using bicycles to reach difficult spots during crowded events in San Antonio, and formally presented the bikes to Dr. Gordon, who received them on behalf of the EMS system.

Fire Chief Robert Ojeda thanked the donor organization and presented Mr. Crabtree with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Fire Department and EMS system.

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Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, noted that San Antonio is one of only six major cities in the nation using bikes for delivery of EMS services in crowded events.

Assistant Fire Chief Mario Guerra spoke to the type of medical aid that can be delivered by the Bike Patrol.

97-02 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Avila made a motion to approve Agenda Items 5 through 31c, constituting the Consent Agenda, with items 13 having been removed from consideration by the City Manager and Items 11, 14, 21 and 29 having been pulled for individual consideration. Mr. Herrera seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; Absent: None;

AN ORDINANCE 85433

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF STORAGE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH THE UPGRADE OF AN AUTOMATED COMPUTER TAPE STORAGE SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,000.00

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AN ORDINANCE 85434

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ACCUTRONICS, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH

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AUTOMATED PARKING CONTROL HARDWARE FOR A TOTAL OF \$29,959.00. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85435

RATIFYING THE CONTRACT OF THE CARRIER CORPORATION FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING SYSTEM AT THE FRANK WING MUNICIPAL COURTS BUILDING FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,710.38; AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 85436

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BASE BID OF POWELL ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION CO. D/B/A SUPERIOR ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$78,737.00 FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT CENTRO DE ARTES IN MARKET SQUARE; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; CREATING THE CENTRO DE ARTES ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT FUND AND BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A TOTAL OF \$87,814.00 IN SPECIAL PROJECTS ONE TIME IMPROVEMENTS FUNDS INTO THIS PROJECT'S BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$7,873.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$1,204.00 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85437

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BASE BID OF LVA CONSTRUCTION (SMBE) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$34,819.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING ARBOR AND PAVING AT THE SACRED GARDEN IN THE CITY'S BOTANICAL GARDENS; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION

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CONTRACT; AMENDING THE BOTANICAL CENTER ACTIVITY BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$3,482.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES, AND \$1,000.00 FOR BID ADVERTISING AND PRINTING COSTS FOR SAID PROJECT; ENCUMBERING FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85438

SELECTING SIA ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE THORAIN BOULEVARD: NEER AVENUE - SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,844.00; AUTHORIZING \$1,908.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85439

SELECTING SEDA CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MCKAY: CORNER - GRAND JEAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,547.00; AUTHORIZING \$1,564.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85440

SELECTING HOYT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE INDIANOLA STREET: GARFIELD ALLEY - CAMARGO STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,982.00; AUTHORIZING \$1,599.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85441

SELECTING SLAY ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE H STREET: AMANDA AVENUE - PECAN VALLEY DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,580.00; AUTHORIZING \$3,726.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85442

SELECTING POZNECKI-CAMARILLO & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHARBEN: LAS PALMAS DRIVE - GENERAL MCMULLEN DRIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$37,541.00; AUTHORIZING \$3,003.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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SELECTING GGI ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELSMERE: MICHIGAN DRIVE - CAPITAL AVENUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,017.00; AUTHORIZING \$1,201.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85444

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF E-Z BEL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$206,264.91 IN CONNECTION WITH THE LUZ: 42ND - DEAD END COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$9,129.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$800.00 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85445

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF KGME, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$335,153.30 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HARVARD PLACE STREETS, PHASE I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$23,461.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$926.36 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85446

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FARMER'S MARKET PLAZA LEASE AGREEMENT CURRENTLY HELD BY MARYANN DOUGLAS-PALACIO, D/B/A PALACIO DE FRUTAS Y LEGUMBRES TO CAROLYN D. COLE, D/B/A NANNY'S NOOK WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF FEBRUARY 1, 1997; AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF \$6,135.00 ADJUSTED EACH YEAR FOR ANY INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AND A ONE TIME \$1,000.00 APPLICATION FEE FOR SAID ASSIGNMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 84715 DATED SEPT. 12, 1996)

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AN ORDINANCE 85447

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A ONE (1) YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTWOOD TERRACE LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. FOR THE USE OF APPROXIMATELY 6.153 ACRES IN LACKLAND TERRACE PARK FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN CONSIDERATION FOR THEIR YEAR ROUND MAINTENANCE OF SAID AREA.

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AN ORDINANCE 85448

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUND IN REGARD TO CLAIMS ARISING FROM CAUSE NO. 92-CI-11196 STYLED SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ET. AL. V. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ET. AL., FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$32,817.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE TWO INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,348.56.

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AN ORDINANCE 85449

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF STANDARD CITY OPERATING AGENCY CONTRACTS WITH THE BETHEL METHODIST CHILD CARE CENTER, THE MADONNA NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, THE VICTORIA CHILD CARE CENTER AND THE YMCA OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE HILL COUNTRY FOR THE OPERATION OF A TOTAL OF ELEVEN (11) PROGRAM SITES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION'S AFTER SCHOOL CHALLENGE PROGRAM AT A TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF \$127,825.00; ENCUMBERING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PROGRAM CONTRACTORS.

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AN ORDINANCE 85450

ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION AND TERMINATION OF THE GOLF COURSE CONCESSION AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT BY RUDY BELMARES FOR GOLF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT THE CITY'S MISSION DEL LAGO MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 80190, PASSED AND APPROVED ON MAY 19, 1994; AND AUTHORIZING A TWENTY-EIGHT (28) MONTH GOLF COURSE CONCESSION AND MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH RUBIN CEDILLO

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FOR GOLF COURSE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AT THE CITY'S MISSION DEL LAGO MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1,250.00 PER MONTH PLUS PRO SHOP AND SNACK BAR CONCESSION RIGHTS AND OTHER COMPENSATION.

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AN ORDINANCE 85451

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MORRIS & MCDANIEL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,200.00 FOR THE PREPARATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A POLICE LIEUTENANT'S ASSESSMENT CENTER EXAMINATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$10,000.00 FOR OTHER EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ASSESSMENT SERVICES.

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AN ORDINANCE 85452

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC. (SABDF) TO FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE SABDF IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 85453

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK SHOW TRAIL RIDE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1997 FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:30 P.M. AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FOR SAID PARADE: AVENUE E FROM THIRD STREET TO TRAVIS STREET, TRAVIS STREET FROM AVENUE E TO ST. MARY'S, ST. MARY'S FROM TRAVIS

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STREET TO MARKET, MARKET FROM ST. MARY'S TO MONTANA,
MONTANA FROM MARKET TO CHERRY.

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AN ORDINANCE 85454

APPOINTING GERALD LAWRENCE HOWELL (DISTRICT 10) TO THE
HOME IMPROVEMENT ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO
EXPIRE ON JUNE 23, 1999.

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AN ORDINANCE 85455

REAPPOINTING MELBA RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 4) TO THE MAYOR'S
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO
EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 15, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 85456

REAPPOINTING HUMBERTO GALLEGOS (DISTRICT 4) TO THE
MECHANICAL BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE
ON MARCH 20, 1998.

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97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85457

SELECTING HNTB CORPORATION TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRECH AVENUE:

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CHAVANEAUZ ROAD - MALLY BOULEVARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT TO EXCEED \$41,685.00; AUTHORIZING \$3,335.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Flores seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, provided details of the project and the time-line for construction.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Marbut, Peak, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Ross, Webster.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85458

SELECTING FERNANDEZ, FRAZER, WHITE & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECITON WITH THE KING STREET; NEW LAREDO HIGHWAY - BYNUM AVENUE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,810.00; AUTHORIZING \$5,905.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Herrera seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, stated that City staff would look into the possibility of expanding this project somewhat, in keeping with the Councilman's expressed concerns.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** None

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85459

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CITY PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,290.00 FOR INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL SERVICE FEED FOR THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT TO BE PAID OUT OF THE CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT FUND.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

Mayor Thornton noted that a citizen had been signed to speak to this item, but was not currently present in the Council chambers.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** None

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97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85460

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 TO THE GREATER AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR COUNCIL ("CORRIDOR COUNCIL") FOR RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 1997.

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Mr. Clint Bolden, Director of Economic Development, spoke to the work and accomplishments of the Corridor Council.

The following person appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, stated his belief that this money could better be spent within San Antonio's city limits.

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Mayor Thornton explained the IH35 highway projects that have benefited San Antonio, as trade with Mexico increases, and noted that the Council also helps produce more jobs, as well.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** None

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97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85461

CREATING THE DOWNTOWN ADVISORY BOARD AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO SAID BOARD; AND ESTABLISHING STAGGERED TERMS FOR EACH OF THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

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Mayor Thornton identified the 17 nominees for the Downtown Advisory Board.

Mr. Flores made a motion to name Mr. James Lifshutz as chairman of the new board, and, for the sake of continuity, have him serve a two-year term. Mr. Avila seconded the motion, which, after discussion, was accepted as part of the main motion, agreed to by both the maker and seconded of that main motion.

Council members then drew for either one or two-year terms for each of the new board members, with the exception of Mr. Lifshutz, who automatically will be given a two-year term.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** None

97-02 Agenda item 33, being a Report by the Mayor's Water Policy Committee, was earlier removed from consideration by the City Manager.

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97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85462

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR THE FY 2000-2001 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

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Mr. Peak made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, narrated a video presentation, providing details and background of the Transportation Improvement Program for San Antonio. He noted that this new program covers a four-year span in order to facilitate long-range planning of projects, and spoke to certain recommended adjustments to the plan as presented by Ms. Lott and Mr. Flores.

In response to a question by Mr. Flores, Mr. German discussed changes made for bicycle lanes along Josephine Street.

Ms. Lott thanked Mr. German for the recommended adjustments in District 2, and spoke in explanation for the differences in District funding.

The following person appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodges, Jr., 140 Dora, discussed coordinating these projects with VIA

Metropolitan Transit on its bus routes, and offered other suggestions for bus lanes, sidewalks, and curbs.

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Mr. Peak noted that VIA will be submitting its own recommendations to the Metropolitan Planning Organization, along with the City, for Transportation

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Improvement Program projects. He also noted that federal funding provisions require certain bicycle and pedestrian lanes be part of certain projects.

The following persons appeared to speak:

Ms. Kathleen Trenchard, representing the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Association Bike Task Force, spoke to the importance of bicycles in order to keep San Antonio from becoming an air-quality non-attainment city, and she spoke in a brief comparison of San Antonio with other Texas cities relative to bicycle provisions. She then spoke to bicycle pathways that were planned for past plans but never implemented.

Mr. Art Delgado, President, Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association, noted that two proposals for improvements were submitted for his area but were not approved, and he asked for their reconsideration, especially the matter of sidewalks along Ingram Road. He noted that citizens are against widening of Ingram Road, as has been proposed.

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In response to a question by Mr. Flores, Mr. German explained the consideration being given to the Ingram Road work, noting that much of what the neighborhood association seeks can be accomplished through projects already planned for Ingram Road.

Ms. Nanette Ruggs, also representing the Ingram Hills Neighborhood Association, spoke in support for her organization's requests.

Mr. David Stanush urged adoption of the bicycle programs, and spoke to MPO project funding.

Mr. Mark Sullivan also spoke in support for bikeway systems.

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After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Avila, Solis, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **ABSTAIN:** Ross; **Absent:** Billa Burke, Herrera;

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85463

AUTHORITY A CITY-COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PARK RESERVATIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY FOR AN ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$24,360.00 TO THE CITY FOR SAID SERVICES; AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY THE ADDITION OF: \$24,360.00 IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES AND THE ADDITION OF ONE CASHIER 1 POSITION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; AND AUTHORIZING FEES TO BE COLLECTED FOR USE OF COUNTY PARKS TO BE HELD IN TRUST AND PAID TO BEXAR COUNTY ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Peak seconded the motion.

Ms. Paula Stallcup, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Relations, narrated a brief video presentation and recommended approval.

Mr. Peak noted that this is one small step toward making parks reservations simpler for all the citizens. He further stated that the City, unlike the County, will accept personal checks and is looking into the possibility of allowing use of credit cards, as well.

The following person appeared to speak:

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Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr. , 140 Dora, spoke to his concern with any plans to consolidate any parks between city and county, and spoke to various City park's needs.

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Mr. Avila pointed out that this action only involves reservations for park usage.

In response to a question by Mr. Herrera, Ms. Stallcup stated that there are a total of 11 County parks, while the City of San Antonio has some 140 parks. She further stated that eight employees will be available to make parts reservation from now on, including the one person authorized by this proposed ordinance. She noted that these employees also will have other duties, as well.

Mr. Solis spoke to his concern with the City taking on more of the County's responsibilities and costs, with each instance of consolidation. He spoke to the need to be fair to all the taxpayers of the City.

Ms. Stallup then discussed the costs involved.

Mr. Solis also spoke to his concern that this proposed reservations consolidation action will result in a cost-break for Bexar County, while the City takes on more responsibilities and more costs. He stated that he would be voting against the proposed ordinance.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Ms. Stallup spoke to his expressed concerns similar to those of Mr. Solis, speaking to the actual costs involved, and noting that only \$12,000 of the costs applies to salary.

Mayor Thornton spoke in support for the proposed Ordinance in order to ease problems of parks reservations for all citizens.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** Solis; **None;** **Absent:** None

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96-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85464

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$50,000.00 FROM MAYOR'S CONTINGENCT ACCOUNT FUNDS TO FUND AN EDUCATION INITIATIVE ADMINISTERED BY THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO PROMOTE THE IMPROVEMENT OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN SAN ANTONIO; AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR WILLIAM E. THORNTON.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mayor Thornton explained the purpose of the expenditure from his Mayor's Contingency Account Fund to fund education initiative administered by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and addressed the use of the funds, noting that they will help students throughout San Antonio. He stated his belief that perhaps people were being misled in this matter, as to the funds' usage.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85465

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$9,900.00 FROM DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUNDS TO HELP STUDENTS FROM MIGUEL CARRILO JR. ELEMENTARY PAY TRAVEL EXPENSES TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCESS OF THE AMERICAN

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GOVERNMENT AND FOR A BETTER APPRECIATION OF AMERICAN HISTORY; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HENRY AVILA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85466

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$150.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO HELP TEAM MEMBERS FROM THE FRESH ATTITUDES SOFTBALL TEAM, WHO HAVE LIMITED INCOME, ATTEND FUTURE SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HENRY AVILA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

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96-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85467

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$1,000.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO HELP PAY FOR UTILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR BOXERS AT THE ZARZAMORA STREET GYM; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HENRY AVILA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to increase the expenditure to \$1,000.00 from the District 4 Contingency Account Fund. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85468

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO HELP THE MILLERS' POND YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS FOR CHILDREN RANGING FROM 6 - 12 YEARS OF AGE; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HENRY AVILA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

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After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85469

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$800.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO HELP SECURE THE CENTRO DE ARTES IN MARKET SQUARE TO HOLD THE "CELEBRACION EN MEMORIA DE CESAR D. CHAVEZ) ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1997; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HENRY AVILA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to increase the allocation to \$800.00 from the District 4 Contingency Account Fund. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85470

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,250.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 7 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO COUNCILMAN BOB ROSS FOR A FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MARIA VALERO (\$2,250.00 PER MONTH) FROM JANUARY 1, 1997, THROUGH MAY 31, 1997, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN BOB ROSS.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mr. Ross explained that this new contract replace a previous contract.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

97-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85471

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 5 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO COUNCILMAN JUAN F. SOLIS, III, FOR A FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GOYO ZEPEDA (\$2,000.00 PER MONTH) FROM JANUARY 1, 1997, TO MAY 31, 1997, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN JUAN F. SOLIS, III.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Herrera seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Webster, Thornton; **NAYS:** None; **Absent:** Solis, Peak.

City Council recessed its regular meeting at 3:15 P.M. , reconvening at 5:00 P.M. for Citizens to be Heard.

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MR. RUBEN ESPRONCEDA

Mr. Ruben Espronceda, Co-Chair of the SOS Coalition, spoke to the Council regarding the closing down of Fire Station #13 for renovations and their concerns about this action. He also referred to a memorandum which speaks to the Fire Master Plan and his concerns over this memorandum, a copy of which is on file with the papers of this meeting.

MS. RITA BEHRENDT

Ms. Rita Behrendt stated that she would be leaving a packet of information on several different issues with the City Clerk for the Mayor's perusal.

MR. FARIS HODGE JR.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., spoke to numerous concerns he has throughout the different districts in the City and called the respective Council members' attention to these issues.

MR. DON WILKENS CASTILLO

Mr. Don Castillo, spoke to the City Council expressing concern about an incident which occurred recently which involved the death of a Mexican citizen after an altercation with a San Antonio Police Officer working off duty at a downtown Mall.

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97-02 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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WILLIAM E. THORNTON
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Attest:



NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
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