

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1978.

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

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78-2 The invocation was given by The Reverend William McNamara, St.
Paul's Catholic Church.

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78-2 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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78-2 The minutes of the meeting of January 5, 1978 were approved.

78-2 HONORARIUM FOR CARL ANTHONY GUTIERREZ

Mayor Cockrell invited Fire Chief Martinez and Mr. Tony Gutierrez
to the podium. She then read the following Honorarium:

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
(State of Texas)

Hereby Presents This

HONORARIUM

to

CARL ANTHONY GUTIERREZ

PRESENTED IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF
CARL ANTHONY GUTIERREZ.

IN THE EARLY MORNING HOUR OF JANUARY 9, 1978, UPON
DISCOVERY OF A DUPLEX ON FIRE AT 2205 N. ELMENDORF
STREET, HE IMMEDIATELY AROUSED OCCUPANTS OF ONE SIDE
OF THE BUILDING. ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE OTHER SIDE,
HE AT FIRST WAS DRIVEN BACK BY SMOKE AND FLAMES.
THEN WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, HE
PLUNGED INTO THE FIRE AND SUCCEEDED IN RESCUING MANUEL
AND LETICIA RODRIGUEZ WHO WERE BOTH UNCONSCIOUS.

TONY'S PRESENCE OF MIND AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO RISK
HIS LIFE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER IS AN OUTSTANDING
EXAMPLE OF BRAVERY AND COURAGE. A GRATEFUL CITIZENRY
COMMENDS HIM AND EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE APPRECIATION.

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Mayor Cockrell then expressed the appreciation of all of the
citizens of San Antonio for Mr. Gutierrez' efforts. She and the Council
greeted him personally.

78-2 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Webb, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer, Ortiz.

A RESOLUTION
No. 78-2-4

REAFFIRMING THAT THE PRESENT CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS AND CONCURS WITH NAMING THE CONVENTION CENTER BUILDING THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION HALL.

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78-2 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,929

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SAN ANTONIO TO CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ALAMO PLAZA BUS CONTRAFLOW LANE AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A MEDIAN AND BUS ONLY LANE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Mr. Bill Meyers, representing the San Antonio Transit System, explained the project. He said that it was an effort to improve the appearance of Alamo Plaza and at the same time, provide an adequate lane for buses. He displayed a model of the completed project.

Mr. Hartman spoke of the need to revitalize the Alamo Plaza area and stated the need to persuade property owners there to work with the City.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

78-2 COUNCIL CHAMBER RECOGNITION SYSTEM

At this meeting, an electronic system was introduced which indicates to the presiding officer those council persons wishing to speak and the order. Mr. Steen congratulated Mr. Stewart Fischer and his department for the very professional work done on the equipment and thanked them for doing it.

78-2 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,930

ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD OF \$12,415.00 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR THE SAN ANTONIO NUTRITION PROJECT 6TH PERIOD AND AN AWARD OF \$32,752.00 FROM THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO SAID PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A REVISION IN THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TWO VANS FOR THE PROJECT FROM FARMERS UNION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSN., INC. OF WACO; AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$2,000 TO THE PROJECT FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

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In answer to Mr. Ortiz' question, Mr. Bill Donohue, Director of Human Resources and Services, said that he is working with the Holy Family Parish to establish a nutrition site. He said that negotiations are now going on and he felt certain that it would be accomplished.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

78-2 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

AN ORDINANCE 48,931

APPROVING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT FOR THE CETA TITLE III YOUTH EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES PROJECT (YETP) IN THE YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND SERVICES; AND AMENDING THE CITY'S PAY PLAN FOR INCLUSION OF TWO NEW POSITIONS TO BE UTILIZED IN THE PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,932

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE SAN ANTONIO-BEXAR COUNTY URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY CONTINUING PHASE AGREEMENT.

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78-2 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus, ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

AN ORDINANCE 48,933

APPROPRIATING ANTI-RECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE (ARFA) PROGRAM FUNDS RECEIVED IN THE QUARTERS BEGINNING 7-1-77 AND 10-1-77 FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL FUND IN SUPPORT OF THE 1977/78 WAGE INCREASE TO CITY EMPLOYEES PROGRAMMED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET OF THE GENERAL FUND; AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SAID AMOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND.

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Mr. Pyndus asked that his statement with regard to this Ordinance be included in the minutes:

MR. PYNDUS: "No - I'm voting no because this Ordinance approves 2.5 million dollars of funds to apply to the across the board wage increase that this Council authorized previously. And I felt that that was an inflationary move and I wish to vote no on the appropriation of these funds."

78-2 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

AN ORDINANCE 48,934

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF GENASYS, INC. TO CONVERT THE NEW PAYROLL PERSONNEL SYSTEM FILE STRUCTURE TO VSAM (VIRTUAL STORAGE ACCESS METHOD).

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AN ORDINANCE 48,935

AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY BRANCH OFFICES FOR CONDUCTING ABSENTEE VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE FOR THE BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 4, 1978.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,936

REVISING AND ESTABLISHING CITY VOTING PRECINCTS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1978.

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78-2 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Dutmer.

A RESOLUTION
No. 78-2-5

GIVING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASES IN SEWER RATES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TO BE HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 3:00 P.M., JANUARY 26, 1978.

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78-2 Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Steen presided.

78-2 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,937

REVISING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR BOTH THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TRADES.

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Mr. Alderete moved to approve the Ordinance. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

Mr. Connie Truss urged the Council to approve the Ordinance and asked that the prevailing wage rates be tied to the Federal Register. He said that the Committee had been meeting to discuss the rates. One problem that had not been resolved is that of the ratio of apprentices to journeymen and he would like to see it addressed.

Mr. Joe Medina, representing the Bricklayers Union, also spoke in favor of the Ordinance. He suggested that the Council appoint a Compliance Officer to insure that the wage rates are adhered to.

Mr. Ross Martin, representing Builders and Contractors in the area, spoke in opposition.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus; ABSENT: Cockrell. Mr. Pyndus stated that he has abstained because he felt the rates were inflationary.

Dr. Cisneros then moved to instruct the wage committee to work to achieve:

1. A recommendation to the Council on ratios.
2. Enforcement of wage rates on City jobs.
3. Deal with the question of how this is applicable to City Public Service and City Water Board.
4. How wage structure could be triggered by the Federal Wage Survey.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

A discussion then took place regarding the present make-up of the Committee and a restructuring of same to include business interests.

At the request of Councilman Pyndus and Councilwoman Dutmer, the following statements are included verbatim in the minutes:

MR. PYNDUS: I'd like to state for the record that I think that it's a gross unfairness on the part of this Council to exclude the Business Community in a Committee that has to do with prevailing wage and also with the Construction Industry that affects this City and the taxpayers.

MRS. DUTMER: I'd like to read into the record also that I have no trouble with the prevailing wage - it's just that in this country, it is common that both sides are heard and then majority rules. And you have to have a communication between the business and labor. Without the business, there'd be no need for labor. Without labor, there would be no need for business. And I don't even think that the labor people would object to having the business people join the committee.

Mr. Truss then addressed the Council and stated that they would have no objection to having business interests represented on the Committee.

After discussion, Mr. Pyndus then moved to include business interests on the Committee. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus; ABSENT: Cockrell.

78-2 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Pyndus, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Webb, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Cockrell;

AN ORDINANCE 48,938

REJECTING ALL BIDS ON THE BRIGGS AND SOMERSET
SANITARY SEWER RELIEF MAIN, PART I, PHASE B.

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78-2 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell;

AN ORDINANCE 48,939

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CLEARWATER CONSTRUCTORS, INC., IN THE SUM OF \$762,576.90 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RICE ROAD BRIDGE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FROM FUND 66-099 OF \$762,576.90 TO CLEARWATER CONSTRUCTORS, INC., \$38,129.00 FOR CONTINGENT CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES, \$19,362.00 TO W.E. SIMPSON CO., INC., AS ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING FEES AND \$265.00 FOR CONTINGENT ENGINEERING EXPENSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,940

APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THE OLMOS DAM MODIFICATION AND ROAD REPLACEMENT PROJECT; ESTABLISHING A FUND AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,625,000.00 FROM EDA GRANT FUNDS AND THE SUM OF \$375,000.00 FROM 1974 DRAINAGE BOND FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$6,000,000 TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT.

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78-2 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,941

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF BLAUER MANUFACTURING TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH BODY ARMOR FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,700.00, LESS 1% - 20 DAYS.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Pyndus seconded the motion.

In response to Dr. Cisneros' question, Chief of Police Emil Peters stated that the bid is for 100 vests. There have been 217 requests for these vests from police officers, but he explained that this expenditure is out of current budgeted funds. He further stated that he will request additional vests in the very near future.

Dr. Cisneros expressed his concern and stated that he felt this was a very important expenditure. Mr. Ortiz also spoke in favor of the purchase of additional vests.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steen stated that he will speak to someone about possibly donating some more vests.

City Manager Huebner stated that the staff will wait to see if Mr. Steen's source is willing to donate the vests, and if not, they can come back with a request for additional vests.

In response to Mr. Pyndus' question, Chief Peters said that the Criminal Justice Council will not fund vests.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell.

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PUBLIC SAFETY MANPOWER

Dr. Cisneros distributed to each Council member a memorandum regarding shortages of personnel in the Police and Fire Departments. The memorandum also made mention of the number of fire alarms, work shifts, and hours of Emergency Service personnel.

Mrs. Dutmer then stated that that is one of the prime reasons why she is opposed to the package presented by the Bond Committee because not enough monies were allocated for public safety in their proposal.

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3:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ALAMO PLAZA - PASEO DEL RIO LINKAGE PROJECT.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steen declared open the public hearing.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,942

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACTION GRANT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ALAMO PLAZA - PASEO DEL RIO LINKAGE PROJECT.

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

In response to Mr. Pyndus' question, City Manager Huebner stated that an essential element of a UDAG application is a substantive commitment from the public sector and explained the purpose for this public hearing. Mr. Huebner also stated that he has been in contact with the Omni group, and stated that if the application is granted, then they will build the hotel.

Mr. Ortiz spoke in favor of the UDAG application in an effort to revitalize downtown.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steen declared the hearing closed.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Cockrell.

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The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Alderete, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 48,943

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF COMMERCIAL BODY CORP. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT WITH A MOBILE AERIAL TOWER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$23,573.50.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,944

AMENDING THE CITY CODE SO AS TO ALLOW FENCES IN EXCESS OF 6' IN HEIGHT WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF COUNCIL ACTION, WHERE ALL ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND HAVE VOICED NO OPPOSITION.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved that the Ordinance be approved. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion.

Mr. Eureste stated that all petitioners should be advised that they can appeal to the City Council if their request is denied.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,945

AMENDING THE CITY CODE SO AS TO PERMIT FIREWORKS DISPLAYS IN CONNECTION WITH RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS WHEN THE FIRE CHIEF HAS APPROVED THE SITE AND WHEN HELD UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, WITHOUT NECESSITY OF COUNCIL ACTION.

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Mr. Pyndus moved that the Ordinance be approved. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion.

Mr. Eureste again stated that all petitioners be advised that they can appeal to the City Council if their requests are denied.

In response to Mrs. Dutmer's question, City Attorney Macon stated that this Ordinance will not change any of the financing.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

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The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 48,946

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSIT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SAN ANTONIO ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO EXECUTE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR FUNDS APPORTIONED UNDER ARTICLE 6663c, V.A.T.S., AND TO TAKE RELATED ACTION.

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The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
No. 78-2-6

MANIFESTING THE DETERMINATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT CLINTON WEILBACHER BUILDER, INC., HAS VESTED RIGHTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE THREE OF ORDINANCE NO. 48484 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1977, TO THE ISSUANCE OF TWO BUILDING PERMITS AND THE INSTALLATION OF NECESSARY WATER FACILITIES.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Pyndus seconded the motion.

Mr. Ortiz asked for a report on the building activity over the Edwards Aquifer.

City Manager Huebner stated that a status report on this matter will be forthcoming.

On roll call, the motion, the carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

78-2 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mrs. Dutmer, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

A RESOLUTION
No. 78-2-7

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE RIVER LINKAGE PROJECT HOTEL GROUP.

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Councilmen Ortiz and Eureste commended City Manager Huebner for his diligent work in the effort to keep this project viable.

78-2 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mrs. Dutmer, seconded by Mr. Webb, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Steen; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 48,947

ESTABLISHING A FOREIGN TRADE ZONE REVIEW BOARD; SETTING ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES; AND APPOINTING MEMBERS THERETO.

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The following citizens representing the business community are hereby appointed members of this Board.

1. Councilman Phil Pyndus - Chairman
2. Dr. Jose San Martin, Jr.
3. Dr. Antonio Furino

4. Mr. Arnold M. Swartz

5. Mr. Arnold T. Garza

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The meeting was recessed at 3:15 P.M., and reconvened at 4:25

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. RODNEY HANNEMAN

Mr. Rodney Hanneman spoke to the Council regarding the Handi Lift Program. He stated this program is not operated on Sunday and said that this project would benefit many handicapped persons if it were to provide service on this day.

Mr. Wing stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Bob Blaze of Goodwill Industries. Mr. Blaze has advised him that it costs \$50 an hour to run the van. Mr. Wing suggested that the staff investigate the possibility of having the Handi Lift van in service for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening on Sunday.

Mr. Ortiz stated that he would be in favor of approaching the Transit System about operating this program seven days a week with full service.

Mr. Louis Fox, Assistant City Manager, stated that he has been assigned to work with the City's Handicapped Access Advisory Committee, and will discuss this matter with the Committee after which he will bring back a report to Council.

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MRS. MYRON MORITZ

Mrs. Myron Moritz, Neighborhood Chairman of the Eisenhower Area Girl Scouts, addressed the Council regarding their collection of petitions requesting a branch library in the North San Pedro Area. (The petitions are on file with the papers of this meeting.) She then stated that the closest library is nine miles away and they are asking that a library be put on a priority list.

Councilman Hartman stated that an allocation for a branch library in this area is included in the bond proposal presented by the Bond Committee.

In response to Mrs. Moritz, Assistant City Manager Fox stated that if the bond issues is approved by the voters, the construction of the library could possibly begin in 1980 or 1981.

Mr. Pyndus stated that he would like to meet with this group and discuss the possibility of initiating a pilot library program with the School District.

Mr. Hartman stated that the Library Board has already been assigned this task and will report to Council on their findings.

Assistant City Manager Fox stated that this matter will be considered by the Library Board at their next Board meeting scheduled for January 19, 1978.

Mr. Pyndus asked that the City Manager direct the Library Board to come up with a pilot program with the school districts. The motion died for lack of a second.

A discussion then took place regarding the Library Board and its relationship to the City Council.

After discussion, Mr. Pyndus moved that a joint meeting be held with the Library Board for the purpose of discussing this pilot program. Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion carried by the

following vote: AYES: Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Alderete, Cockrell.

Mr. Eureste stated that the Council allow the Library Board time to meet before any joint meeting is scheduled.

THE CLEANER COMPANY

Mr. Richard Dukes and Ms. Maxwell addressed the Council on the matter of the condition of the downtown area. They presented a proposal to clean the downtown sidewalks through the use of steam. (A copy of their proposal along with the proposed budget is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Webb asked that this proposal be submitted to the City Manager to see if it could be feasible. Mr. Wing also concurred with this recommendation.

Mr. Eureste stated that he has discussed this matter with Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss. Mr. Sueltenfuss has advised him that there is a possibility of the use of tile on sidewalks, because even cleaning won't improve the appearance of many sidewalks in the downtown area.

A discussion took place between Mr. Dukes and the Council on the cost of the project and the possibility of approaching individual merchants with this idea.

Mr. Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, then stated that a report on this matter will be ready in two to three weeks.

OVERLOOK AREA RESIDENTS

A group of citizens living on a private road which is an extension of Overlook Drive spoke to the Council about the condition of this road. They gave a history of the road and the money they have spent on fixing it up. They also stated that the road condition is much worse now after the City went in and put sewer lines in. They asked that the road be dedicated to the City so that it can be paved and improved. The following group of citizens appeared to speak:

Mr. R.O. Farmer
Mr. Roy Rosier
Mrs. J.R. Wesch
Mr. Al Bouchard
Mrs. Florentino Gonzalez
Mrs. Gladys Newsom
Mr. Vernon Ball

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Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, explained the City's policy on undedicated streets. He stated that the City does not accept streets for maintenance until they are brought up to standards. What has happened throughout the years, is that people have put in private streets without improvements. Mr. Sueltenfuss stated that in this case, the basic problem is that the road has a very steep grade, and it deadends into the back ends of some homes and all of the water irregardless of what improvements are made on the road will end up on the people's yards. He explained that the street could be dedicated one of two ways, either by plat or by dedication by easements.

In response to a question by Mr. Eureste, Mr. Sueltenfuss stated that this problem was created by the County government in not having adequate subdivision regulations at the time that it was developed. He further stated that the cost to improve the road would be approximately \$8,000 to

\$10,000 without addressing the drainage problems. The cost of the drainage would depend upon the dedication of easements by the private property owners. Mr. Sueltenfuss also stated that he will investigate this matter and report to Council.

Mr. Pyndus moved that a report be given to Council on the costs involved including engineering details on this matter. Mr. Eureste seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion prevailed and staff was so instructed.

MR. OSCAR OBLEDO

Mr. Oscar Obledo read a prepared statement as an addendum to the original proposal he made to City Council at last week's meeting. (A copy of Mr. Obledo's report is on file with the papers of this meeting.) The amendment includes: 1. That the specific target site for one mural, selected in El Mercado be accepted; 2. That the City enter into contract with "El Centro, Inc." to undertake the work. Mr. Obledo also submitted a cost estimate for this one particular project at Market Square.

Mr. Alderete asked if staff could identify the funding available and report back to the Council on this project. Mr. Eureste seconded the motion.

Mr. Skip Noe, Administrative Assistant in the City Manager's Office, stated that he will meet with the Fine Arts Commission and discuss this matter with them. He also stated that this type of proposal will have to be open for competitive bidding.

In response to Mr. Alderete's question, Mr. Louis Garcia, Assistant City Attorney, stated that competitive bidding will be required in a case such as this. He also stated the Council's position in regard to acceptance or rejection of funds.

Mr. Ortiz suggested that this matter be placed on a "B" Session agenda for further discussion.

Council concurred with Mr. Ortiz' suggestion.
Council concurred with Mr. Ortiz' suggestion.

MRS. MARIA A. GARZA

Mrs. Maria A. Garza, a member of ROBBED, stated that she was representing a group of residents on Burluson Street. She said that they are very concerned that no curbs or sidewalks were included as part of the Arroyo Largo Project.

Mr. Charles Hornbeak also spoke of the condition of Burluson Street.

Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, stated that due to the funding involved in the Arroyo Largo Project, they did not install new sidewalks or curbs on Burluson Street. The Sherman Street Project funded through Community Development Funds did have new streets, curbs and sidewalks installed. Mr. Sueltenfuss stated that he is recommending that new sidewalks and curbs be installed through reprogrammed third year community development funds. Total cost of the project should be \$40,000.

In response to Mr. Ortiz' question, Mr. Rolando Bono, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that the Council will be briefed on the reprogrammed 3rd year Community Development Funds on January 18. The first hearing will be on January 23, 1978, and there are approximately \$2,000,000 available.

After discussion, Mr. Webb stated that the \$40,000 be taken out of the contingency fund in order to correct this problem.

MR. WAYNE ULRICH

Mr. Wayne Ulrich, representing Southeast Citizens Committee, spoke to the Council regarding the proposed site recommended by the staff to be used as a Sanitary Landfill. They asked for a status report. Mr. Ulrich also stated that almost all of the complaints at the Citizens to be Heard meeting dealt with one particular department.

Several council members took exception to Mr. Ulrich's statements about the efficiency of the Public Works Director and his department. They commended Mr. Sueltenfuss and the manner in which he runs his department.

After discussion, Mr. Ulrich publicly apologized to the Council and Mr. Sueltenfuss for his remarks.

Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, stated that a status report on the Sanitary Landfill has been submitted and two additional sites are being recommended.

MR. FERNANDO RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Fernando Rodriguez, COPS, spoke regarding their proposal to include the funding for the final phase of the Rosedale Regional Park Project through fourth year Community Development Funds. They spoke of the many plans they have for the park and its benefit as a regional park.

Mr. Alderete stated that he is very familiar with this area and sees an urgent need for a park in this area. He then moved to commit the 1.2 million of funds needed to complete the park from 4th year Community Development Funds. Mr. Ortiz seconded the motion.

In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Steen's question, City Attorney Macon stated that the Council can reach a consensus on certain projects. The project, itself, could not be approved at this time.

On roll call, the motion, carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Pyndus, Hartman, Cockrell.

Mr. Ortiz asked that the Council be briefed on a clarification of a Bureau of Reclamation grant in this project.

78-2 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Wing, seconded by Mr. Alderete, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Pyndus, Hartman, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 48,948

APPOINTING MR. RICHARD SOLIS TO THE WATER
WORKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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78-2 The Clerk read the following letter:

January 16, 1978

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

The following petition was received in my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

January 12, 1978
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January 5, 1978

Petition submitted by Ms. Mary Vasquez, et al, requesting street improvements on the 900 block of West Glenn.

/s/ G.V. JACKSON, JR.
City Clerk

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There being no business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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ATTEST:

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