

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1967 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti, with the following members present: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; PARKER arrived late; Absent: McALLISTER.

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67-318 The invocation was given by the Reverend Christian Kehl, St. George's Episcopal Church, 6904 West Avenue.

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The minutes of the May 18, 1967 Council Meeting were approved.

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66-978 Mr. Fred Cook, Property Records, explained an ordinance authorizing execution of a three-year insurance contract with the American and Foreign Company and appropriating \$49,101.16 out of the General Fund in payment therefor.

At the request of City Manager Jack Shelley, the Council consented to withhold voting on this item until later in the meeting.

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67-319 Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote:
AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Torres;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,441

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS
OF THE TORGERSON COMPANY, SASSER EQUIPMENT
COMPANY AND INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SALES
& SERVICE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITH CERTAIN TRACTORS
AND MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF
\$28,013.90.

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67-320 Mr. Sandy Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,442

APPROPRIATING \$97,387.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENTS PERTAINING TO SAN PEDRO AVENUE IMPROVEMENT, 36TH STREET DEVELOPMENT, HILLCREST PAVING, CULEBRA AVENUE WIDENING, 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT, STORM DRAINAGE # 84 AND SHENANDOAH SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

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66-650

AN ORDINANCE 35,443

EXTENDING FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE MISSION PARKWAY PROJECT.

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

66-881

AN ORDINANCE 35,444

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF C. L. HOBBS & SON, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN, NORTHEAST PRESERVE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$18,730.00 OUT OF 1964 PARK IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 489-03, PAYABLE TO C. L. HOBBS & SON, A PARTNERSHIP; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$700.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND THE SUM OF \$300.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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67-193

AN ORDINANCE 35,445

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AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY PROVIDING FOR AN EXPANDED PROGRAM OF VARIOUS HEALTH SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO CONTRACT WITH THE E.O.D.C. AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR SUCH SERVICES AND TO RECEIVE PAYMENT THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING A REVOLVING FUND; APPROVING TWENTY-SIX (26) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND APPROPRIATING \$436,395.00 OUT OF EXPANDED HEALTH SERVICES, FUND #730 FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF SAID PROGRAM.

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65-754

AN ORDINANCE 35,446

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH MARIAN BURKE, D/B/A BURKE AVIATION FOR SPACE IN THE TERMINAL ANNEX BUILDING AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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66-930

AN ORDINANCE 35,447

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH EMERY AIR FREIGHT CORP. FOR SPACE IN THE MAIN TERMINAL BUILDING AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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66-823

AN ORDINANCE 35,448

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH TINY'S INSTRUMENT SERVICE FOR SPACE AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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67-100

AN ORDINANCE 35,449

MANIFESTING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION TO A LEASE CONTRACT WITH SWEARINGEN AIRCRAFT, A PARTNERSHIP OF SWEARINGEN CORPORATION AND URSCHEL CORPORATION, FOR SPACE AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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66-977

AN ORDINANCE 35,450

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO A LEASE
CONTRACT WITH SOCONY MOBIL OIL CO., INC., FOR
SPACE AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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Item No. 12 was withdrawn from the Agenda at the
request of the City Manager.

65-1225 Mr. Thomas A. Raffety, Director of Aviation at the
Airport, explained the following ordinance and on motion of
Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by
the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell,
Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Parker; ABSENT:
McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 35,451

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TERMINATING A LEASE
OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO RAILWAY
EXPRESS AGENCY, INC.

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

66-1010

AN ORDINANCE 35,452

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND A LEASE OF
SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO AMERICAN
AIRLINES, INC.

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66-933

AN ORDINANCE 35,453

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE TERM
OF LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

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67-331

AN ORDINANCE 35,454

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING A LEASE OF SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO RAGSDALE FLYING SERVICE, AND CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF SAID LEASE TO HALLMARK AVIATION, INC.

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67-331

AN ORDINANCE 35,455

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GROUND LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND HALLMARK AVIATION, INC. FOR AN AREA AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

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66-827

AN ORDINANCE 35,456

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING A CONTRACT WITH H. B. ZACHRY COMPANY DELETING EXIT TAXIWAY "J" FROM THE CONTRACT FOR FAA PROJECT #9-41-080-C-618 AND PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN MATERIALS FROM SAID CONTRACTOR BY THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR SUCH MATERIALS IN THE SUM OF \$3,172.25 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVENUE FUND 8-01.

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67-318

At this time Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti welcomed a group of 35 students from the Helotes Elementary School, accompanied by their instructor, Miss M. Thomas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti was obliged to leave the meeting and Councilman Dr. Calderon took the chair and presided.

67-321

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Jones, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, and Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister and Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 35,457

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A 1.03 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (JUNE 8, 1967)

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti returned to the meeting.

Mr. Steve Taylor briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

67-322

AN ORDINANCE 35,458

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A 38.599 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (JUNE 8, 1967)

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67-323

AN ORDINANCE 35,459

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF A 50.25 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (JUNE 8, 1967)

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67-324

AN ORDINANCE 35,460

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 13.854 ACRE TRACT OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (JUNE 8, 1967)

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66-978 At this time the Council considered Item No. 1 on the agenda. The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,461

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A 3-YEAR INSURANCE CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN COMPANY AND APPROPRIATING \$49,101.16 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

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Mr. David Harner, Assistant City Manager explained to the Council that the City's Insurance Advisory Committee had recommended that the City's insurance be place with this particular Company.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Torres, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: James; ABSENT: McAllister.

66-1268 The Clerk read the following ordinance authorizing the City Manager to accept proposals and enter into a contract with ambulance operators to provide the City of San Antonio with emergency ambulance service for a period of 18 months and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, explained the present ambulance contract expires as of midnight May 31, 1967. He stated the proposed ordinance would authorize the City Manager to consider proposals and then enter into a contract for ambulance operations for a period of 18 months under emergency conditions.

He explained that the ordinance would allow the City to change the rate per call from \$5.00 to \$6.00 and change the dividing line as it exists now for the north and south areas of the City. Also the ordinance allows the City Manager to contract with two firms, one for the north part of the City and one for the south part of the City.

He then stated there was a third party in the Council Chamber this morning who wished to be heard.

Dr. Parker explained that he had had a complaint about the operation of the present ambulance contractor in the south part of the City. The complaint was in regards to the ambulance vehicles traveling up and down residential streets at a high rate of speed. He stated he would like to have this situation corrected.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti recognized Mr. Tom Stolhandske, Attorney representing the Bexar County Ambulance Service.

Mr. Stolhandske stated his client had made a proposal to the City and was very interested in being employed as the contractor. Since the proposal was made he had made an extensive study of the City in regards to emergency ambulance service. He stated his client would be a full time emergency service with no connections with any other business, such as funeral homes and others. They are presently equipped with four emergency state approved vehicles and are in a position to acquire any additional vehicles that would be necessary to fulfill the emergency ambulance needs of the City.

He further stated that his client would take full advantage of the collection method using the ordinance the Council had passed. He felt that with better collection methods the City subsidy should be reduced rather than increased. His client would also establish offices throughout the City as are needed. While his client preferred to negotiate for the South half of the City they would be willing during the negotiations to service the whole City. He stated the Bexar County Ambulance Service has been established as a private enterprise company for a period of two and a half years. In addition this firm would be willing to set up an emergency station completely equipped in the HemisFair area.

After lengthy discussion by the Council, it was agreed that the present contractors be contacted by Mr. Tripp to see if they would continue in operation after midnight May 31, while the Council reviewed the proposals. Mr. Tripp was told to report back to the Council after talking to the contractors.

67-325 Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 35462

CHANGING THE NAMES OF HICKS AVENUE AND MAHNCKE COURT TO "STEVES AVENUE".

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

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67-326

AN ORDINANCE 35,463

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS IN CONCURRENCE WITH THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VARIOUS OWNERS OF PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, IN CONSIDERATION OF SUMS LISTED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DISBURSE FUNDS DUE OTHER TAXING UNITS AND AMOUNTS DUE FOR COURT COSTS AND SHERIFF'S COSTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. (C-13240-LOTS 2 & 22, BLK. 1, NCB 3757- REGINA G. FLORES-\$600.00; C-13219-NORTH HLF OF LOT 23, BLK. 2, NCB 2920- MARCOS ZERTUCHE-\$450.00; C-13215-LOT 13, BLK. 7, NCB 2837-ROMAN PENA AND, RUDY.C. ARZOLA-\$800.00; C-14537-LOT 39, BLK. 1, NCB 3991- I & S BUILDERS, INC.-\$350.00; C-13144-LOT 10, BLK. 8, NCB 650-SAN-TEX LUMBER COMPANY, INC.-\$650.00)

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67-327

AN ORDINANCE 35,464

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO CONVEY A SEMI-CIRCULAR TRACT OF LAND, BEING A SURPLUS PORTION OF THE EAST REMAINDER OF LOT 79, NCB 11,525, IN WOODLAWN HILLS SUBDIVISION, ACQUIRED FOR RELOCATION OF HILLCREST AVENUE, TO HENRY F. WELLS, ET UX, FOR TEN DOLLARS AND OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, TO-WIT, FINAL SETTLEMENT OF CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-466 ON THE ADJOINING TRACT OWNED BY SAID GRANTEEES.

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66-527 Mr. Robert Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,465

AUTHORIZING A MONTH TO MONTH CONTRACT WITH PHILIP J. SHERIDAN FOR OPERATION OF THE BEVERAGE CONCESSION AT LA VILLITA AND PROVIDING THAT THE CITY RECEIVE 15% OF THE GROSS REVENUE THEREFROM.

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67-328

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,466

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

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On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones. the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Parker.

67-269

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,467

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 35379, APRIL 27, 1967, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A NEW CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PERTAINING TO CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE CITY'S TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICES, SAID BUILDING TO BE LEASED BY THE CITY TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR A TERM OF 25 YEARS.

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Mr. Jack Shelley, City Manager, briefed the Council on the ordinance authorizing execution of a new contract with the Chamber of Commerce for the construction of the Tourist Information Center and Chamber offices.

After lengthy discussion by the Council, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Parker, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: Calderon, Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

67-269

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35468

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF DARRAGH & LYDA, INC. AND H. A. LOTT, INC. (JOINT VENTURE) FRO CONSTRUCTION OF THE TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK AND APPROPRIATING \$356,719.00 OUT OF FUND NO. 720-TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER, PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTORS.

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On motion of Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Jones, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote:
AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker,
NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

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

66-1231

AN ORDINANCE 35,469

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT OF SEWAGE.

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66-944

AN ORDINANCE 35,470

AMENDING THE PAY SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ADOPTED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1966-67 TO INCREASE THE BASE PAY OF A PRIVATE FROM \$380.00 PER MONTH TO \$400.00 IN BOTH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (CLASS NUMBER 600, PATROLMAN UPON COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD) AND FIRE DEPARTMENT (CLASS NUMBER 660, FIREMAN UPON COMPLETION OF PROBATIONARY PERIOD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and resolution, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

66-370

AN ORDINANCE 35,471

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 34224 THAT ACCEPTED THE LOW BID OF GENE TREIBER, D/B/A GENE TREIBER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN LIBRARY BY INCREASING THE CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FROM \$25,000.00 TO \$43,000.00 OUT OF LIBRARIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS, FUND NO. 489-06 TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH INCREASE.

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67-329

AN ORDINANCE 35,472

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF THREE PARCELS OF PROPERTY IN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, TEX R-83 FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF \$139,300.00 APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$139,300.00 OUT OF SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT NO. 21-05-03, FUND NO. 101, TO THE ALAMO TITLE COMPANY AS ESCROW AGENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PERTAINING TO SAID PROPERTIES.

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67-330

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE PROPOSAL OF THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE THE TYPE OF LIGHTING FIXTURES TO BE USED FOR THE I.H. 10 - I.H. 410 INTERCHANGE AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN ANTONIO.

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67-332

AN ORDINANCE 35,473

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF PRASSEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WALL BARRICADE ON THE RIVER WALK AT PRESA AND CROCKETT STREETS, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,196.00.

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67-315

AN ORDINANCE 35,474

APPOINTING CERTAIN CITIZENS TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FOR TERMS ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1969.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,475

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF RAUSCHER PIERCE & CO., INC., TO ACT AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SEWER REVENUE BOND ISSUE.

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In connection with the above ordinance and the ordinance passed last week regarding the bond attorneys, Mr. Torres stated he had researched bond attorneys available in Texas and found that there were seven qualified bonding firms, one being a local firm which had handled bond issues for various levels of government. He suggested that the ordinance passed last week be rescinded.

Mr. Jack Shelley, City Manager, explained that it was strictly Council policy in matters such as this, and that he would certainly follow any suggestion of the Council in the future.

After further discussion, on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

67-318 Councilman Jones introduced his daughter Mrs. Sally Goldbeck and friends Shirley McThail and Andy Jackson, who were visiting the Council meeting.

67-318 Mr. Shelley, City Manager, stated he had a few items to discuss with the Council. He wanted the Council to consider the use of the first floor of the Wright Building for the operation of the Housing Office for HemisFair. He stated he would appreciate an early answer on the Council's feelings on this matter.

67-305 Next he stated that letters have been forwarded to various school districts regarding holding band concerts in Alamo Plaza and various other City parks. He reported that the San Antonio Elks Club has agreed to schedule concerts in various parks in June, July and August. He felt the school districts would also cooperate.

67-305 Mr. Shelley then referred to an item taken up last week by the Council regarding the utilization of the Tower of the Americas by the HemisFair Concessionaires. He stated that the concessionaires would sell HemisFair souvenirs in two or three areas of the Tower and are willing to pay the City 6% of their sales. The concessionaires would provide the installation of the various booths and machines. He hoped the installations would be permanent and felt the City could utilize the installations after HemisFair. The installations would be subject to review by the architect.

After discussion by the Council, Mrs. Cockrell made a motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with the HemisFair Concessionaires with the City receiving 6% of the sales. Seconded by Dr. Calderon, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

67-305 Mr. Shelley then stated he had received a letter from the City County Employees Local requesting action on five items; one, to appoint a Labor Relations Committee, two, wage increase, three, union dues check-off, four, additional sick leave, five, employee and family hospital insurance benefits.

Mr. Shelley reviewed the sick leave for City Employees. He stated with the exception of the Fire and Police City Employees can accumulate 30 days sick leave, however, on termination of employment they are not paid for this.

Dr. Calderon stated that the sick leave and insurance questions were being reviewed along with the new budget. He stated that although the City has a grievance committee something must be wrong as no complaints were received and felt a review was in order. He made a motion that the Mayor should appoint a committee of three members of the Council and one Staff member to study the grievance procedures.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino.

In answer to a question from the Council, Mr. Shelley respectfully requested that the Council committee not be appointed as it is his personal opinion that he could work better with the whole Council rather than with a committee.

Mr. Jones amended Dr. Calderon's motion and moved that the Council act as a whole committee to work with the City Manager on the grievance procedures.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Parker.

Dr. Calderon then withdrew his motion and moved that the City Manager be allowed to make his report and after the report the Council would proceed to appoint the committee.

Mr. Trevino stated that the motion by Dr. Calderon could not be withdrawn because he had seconded the motion.

After further discussion by the Council, Dr. Calderon stated he wished to withdraw his motion and reserve the right to vote after the City Manager made his report on grievances. He then restated his original motion to appoint a Council committee of three and one member of the Staff to review the grievances procedure.

Mr. Jones then amended Dr. Calderon's motion and moved that no action be taken for 30 days in order to wait for the City Manager's report.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Parker.

After further discussion, the City Attorney ruled that the amended motion must be voted on first.

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5-25-67
Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti called for a vote on Mr. Jones' amended motion, as seconded by Dr. Parker, to postpone action for 30 days while waiting for the City Manager's report.

The motion failed by the following vote: AYES: Jones, Parker; NAYS: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then called for a vote on the original motion by Dr. Calderon to appoint three Council members and one Staff member to review the grievance procedures.

This motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: Jones and Parker; ABSENT: McAllister.

67-305 City Manager Shelley informed the Council that Mr. David Straus, Special Advisor to the Riverwalk Commission, had requested the opportunity to discuss with the Council Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. the status of property in the 200 block of South Alamo Street.

66-1268 Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, stated that he had contacted the present emergency ambulance contractors and they would not continue the emergency service under any circumstances on a temporary basis after midnight, May 31, 1967. He stated they were not interested in submitting any additional proposals other than that which they have already submitted to the City.

After discussion by the Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that since Mr. Gerald Henckel, Assistant City Manager, had done all the previous negotiations on the ambulance contract he be given the opportunity to recontact these people and if necessary he would call a Special Meeting of the Council for Monday morning to resolve the question.

67-318 Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti recognized Mr. Raul Rodriguez.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Torres for the fine way he represents the community. He then proceeded to explain the dire need to take care of the children attending the Espada Mission School which is scheduled to be closed. He reviewed the areas outside of the City where the people have no water service. He mentioned he had received warnings to stay away from the Council meetings. He did not have the names of those who warned him.

Mr. Torres told Mr. Rodriguez that he was welcome to appear at all Council meetings and he did not have to apologize for his presence and commended him for having enough interest to speak before the Council.

Mr. Rodriguez then proceeded to compare the conduct and management of the City of San Antonio with the cities of Seguin and Smithville.

65-1014

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti recognized Mr. G. J. Sutton.

Mr. Sutton stated he was representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and also the Eastside Citizens Committee. He then proceeded to make accusations of Police brutality which he said exists in San Antonio especially the Eastside area. He requested the Council appoint a committee to investigate the entire Police Department. He suggested that Councilman Torres be chairman of the committee and include Mrs. Cockrell, Rev. James, Dr. Calderon and Mr. Trevino as members.

Mr. Sutton cited various examples of Police brutality that had come to his attention. He also informed the Council that the Police had two favorite whipping places on the Eastside before they were taken to jail.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Sutton stated a Citizen Review Board would review the action of the Police and he would be glad to present witnesses to Police Brutality before the Board. He stated that he knew of one situation when the Police dogs were out of control. He also explained that the Negro on the Eastside is subjected to much intimidation and indignities by the policemen who walk with the police dogs.

At this time Councilman James said he didn't know how many others wished to speak but he was ready to make a motion with some observations of his own. He stated he had received two anonymous phone calls the other evening reporting to him that two eight year old boys had been arrested and handcuffed in the Lackland area. He said there were several other instances that a committee could look into. He made a motion that the Council appoint a committee to investigate the police brutality charges.

Mr. C. Wm. Black stated that he had come before the Council over a year and a half ago with the same problem. He supported the recommendations made by Mr. Sutton and stated he would hate for the Council to ignore this appeal because it would jeopardize the citizens on the Eastside and possibly other areas of the City. He further stated that the City Council is the only body in the City that could appoint a committee to investigate police brutality. He then asked the Council to hear various citizens who were in the Council Chamber.

Mrs. Velma Simmons then related to the Council an experience of police brutality which took place a few months ago in regards to her son, Earl Simmons, 17 years old.

Mr. Billy Walker stated he was representing approximately 30 miles of the City and numerous citizens. He asked the Council to investigate the unsanitary conditions between North Flores and Blanco Road along the Missouri-Pacific tracks. He then related a personal experience he had with police brutality.

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Mrs. F. M. Rogers related to the Council how her husband had been mistreated by the Police Department.

Mr. Archie Johnson explained his involvement in police brutality and had also witnessed its usage on an associate of his.

Mrs. Mary Ann Love, an ex-restaurant owner on the Eastside, related her personal experiences with Police brutality on an employee of hers and also numerous cases of harassment at her former place of business, the Candlestick Lounge.

Mr. Barnard Barnett, a local band leader, stated he was a victim of Police brutality at the Blue Room Cafe on the 6th of May, 1967.

Pastor Cresswell of St. Paul's Independent Free Methodist Church, also spoke in regards to Police brutality.

Mr. Billy Walker also asked the Council if any of the City Staff had visited San Pedro Park, as he felt it was a breeding place for an epidemic.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti advised Mr. Walker that the Staff would check into it.

Councilman James then restated his motion to appoint a committee to study the police brutality situation.

Dr. Calderon seconded the motion.

Councilman Torres asked Police Chief Bichsel if he had heard any of these charges previously.

Police Chief Bichsel said he was not aware of the complaints and if there was a complaint it was not made to him and as far as he knew it has not officially been received by the Police Department. He stated that he was aware of the complaint as to the arrest made at the Blue Room Cafe on the 6th of May. He explained that he had obtained reports from the Police Officers involved and there was a total of nine people arrested at that time. Of the nine arrested, seven were arrested for being drunk, one was charged for vagrancy, and one for possession of barbiturates.

Chief Bichsel stated that the Blue Room is a late hour restaurant, not a tavern, and does not have a permit to sell beer and therefore are not affected by the curfew. The restaurant aims at late hour business. He stated there has been liquor bootlegged in and it is drunk with coffee or something else. The restaurant is one that has to be policed if for no other reason than to protect the people who are there. He further stated that when individuals are found drunk in the establishment they are handled the same way as they are when found drunk in any other part of town.

Chief Bichsel stated that if the individuals have complaints against the Police Department they can take their complaints to the FBI, the Grand Jury, the District Attorney, the City Manager or to the Chief of Police.

Mr. S. L. Deckard, local President of the NAACP, stated that at one time the Blue Room was considered, before integration, as the Negro's "Earl Abel's". He said it is the habit of the Police Department to control and patrol Negro establishments unnecessarily. He felt that if the Negro breaks the law they should be arrested, but should not be whipped. He also felt that a Negro should be appointed to the Review Board that would investigate these charges.

After lengthy discussion by the Council and members of the group in the Council Chamber, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti called for a vote on Councilman James' motion to appoint a Council committee to study the police brutality situation and which was seconded by Dr. Calderon.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker and Torres; NAYS: Gatti; ABSENT: McAllister.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti announced that Mayor McAllister would appoint the committee.

A transcript of the proceedings of the foregoing item is on file with the City Clerk's office.

67-318 The Clerk read the following letter.

May 23, 1967

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

The following petitions were received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

5-19-67 Petition of Mrs. Isabel G. Alcontara, et al, requesting a street light be installed in the middle of the 200 block of Vanderbilt Street between S. Olive and S. Pine to help deter car prowlers.

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For continuance, see page 277.

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Petition of Mr. Roy R. Botello, Olympia Mexican Restaurant, requesting that the working hours of the downtown police foot patrol be changed from 6 P.M. - 2 A.M. to an 8 P.M. - 4 A. M. Shift.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

John Gatto
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