

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1969 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, TORRES; Absent: McALLISTER, HILL.

69-37 The invocation was given by Rt. Reverend Alexander C. Wangler, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church.

69-37 Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell presented Mr. Zoinol bin Mahmood a proclamation making him Honorary Mayor of La Villita. Mr. Mahmood is from Malaysia and is studying municipal operations in San Antonio.

69-37 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,813

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR USE OF SPACE IN THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A RADIO REPEATER STATION AT A MONTHLY RENTAL RATE OF \$60.00.

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Mr. C. W. McKennon, Assistant Director of Public Works, advised the Council that the U. S. Department of Justice had asked for a lease of seven and a half square feet of space on the 6th level of the Tower of the Americas for the purpose of installation, operation and maintenance of a radio repeater station. This station accepts and relays automatically messages from mobile units and walkie-talkies. The lease is for a one-year period with an option to renew for an additional five years.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill; ABSTAINING: Torres.

69-37

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,814

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING TWO FUNDS PERTAINING TO MODEL CITIES HEALTH PROJECTS AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$275,080.00; ALSO AUTHORIZING FIFTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

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Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Mr. Brooks Barker, explained that the Nutrition Education Project and the Health Education Project in the Model Cities Program have been approved by the Citizens Participation Policy Committee, City Council, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The projects are now ready to be implemented and this ordinance provides the funds necessary.

In the Nutrition Education Project, there are thirty-three positions authorized, twenty-eight of which are Home Economist Aide. In the Health Education Project, there are twenty-two positions authorized, eighteen of which are Health Education Aides. There will be active recruitment in the Model Cities area to fill these positions.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,815

REQUESTING THAT THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROJECT LISTED IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM BE ALTERED FROM THE PROJECT COST APPROVED IN THE GRANT BUDGET OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

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Mr. Brooks Barker explained that the Edgewood and San Antonio Independent School Districts have re-designed the Project to insure its effectiveness in preparing the pre-school age children for their formal education. They are prepared to implement this project in the up-coming school term. The allocation for this project has been reduced from \$828,760.00 to \$718,000.00.

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After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,816

REQUESTING THAT THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION OF THE STAFF TRAINING PROJECT LISTED IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM BE ALTERED FROM THE PROJECT COST APPROVED IN THE GRANT BUDGET OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

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Mr. Brooks Barker explained that the Staff Training Project is to be sponsored by the Edgewood Independent School District. The allocation is reduced from \$448,040.00 to \$31,036.00.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, The ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,817

REQUESTING THAT THE PROJECT BUDGET AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION OF THE COUNSELING SERVICES PROJECT LISTED IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM BE ALTERED FROM THE PROJECT COST APPROVED IN THE GRANT BUDGET OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

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Mr. Brooks Barker explained that the Edgewood and San Antonio School Districts have re-designed the Project to insure its implementation and they are ready to begin its administration. The allocation for this project has been reduced from \$553,148.00 to \$125,000.00.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

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69-37 Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell, with the consent of the Council, continued the scheduled hearings on appealed Zoning Cases numbers 3672, 3627, and 3695.

The Hearings were continued to September 18, 1969.

69-37 ZONING HEARING

a. First heard was Zoning Case 3649 to rezone Lot 38B, Blk. B, NCB 11512 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "O-1" Office District located on the northeast side of 36th Street, 51.65' northwest of Woodlawn Avenue, having 211.25' on 36th Street and a maximum depth of 270'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Clerk.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. James, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,818

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE
THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION
AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DES-
CRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 38B, BLK. B,
NCB 11512 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESI-
DENCE DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3668 to rezone the east 65' of Lot 61A, Blk. 19, NCB 3462 from "C" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District, located between Theo Avenue and Malone Avenue, 125' west of the cutback to Pan Am Expressway I. H. 35; having 65' on Theo Avenue and Malone Avenue and a distance of 153' between these two streets.

Assistant Planning Director, Burt Lawrence explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

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No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino,

AN ORDINANCE 37,819

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE EAST 65' OF LOT 61A, BLK. 19, NCB 3462 FROM "C" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3673 to rezone Lot 16, Blk. 10, NCB 1750 from "D: Apartment District to "O-1" Office District located northeast of the intersection of Ogden Street and East Park Street; having 66.24' on East Park Street and 127.8' on Ogden Street.

Assistant Planning Director, Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Jack Liegl, a resident in the 200 block of East Park Street objected to the proposed rezoning. He stated that the entire block with the exception of two properties was owner occupied. He complained that after the Planning Commission recommended approval of the change in zone the applicant, Mr. Burton Louie started remodeling immediately. He could not understand why such a permit was issued prior to the Council passing on such a change.

Mrs. Josephine McAmis, 202 East Park, stated that at the Planning Commission hearing she understood that there would only be one office. However, signs have been erected saying there will be three offices and that there is space for rent. She also understood there would be ten parking spaces. Already cars are being parked in front of her home.

Mr. Burton Louie, the applicant, advised that they are not remodeling. The building is in such a bad condition they had to do some work to strengthen the building structure before it can be remodeled. If they did not start on it right away, it would take a long time to get the job completed.

He stated the second floor would be taken up for architects office. The lower floor will be used for used real estate office and he will rent out the other office. There are 2400 square feet in the building. The lot has eight thousand square feet.

There is enough room for twelve off-street parking spaces.

Assistant City Manager Douthit reported to the Council that a permit was taken out for installation of a heating and air conditioning system not for remodeling of the building.

It was also brought out that the applicant must meet the formula of having one parking space for each 300 square feet of office space.

City Attorney Howard Walker advised the Council that there is no prohibition to keep people from erecting a sign such as was done in this case.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Torres, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: Cockrell, Nielsen; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,820

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 16, BLK. 10, NCB 1750 FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3675 to rezone Lot 41, Blk. 8, NCB 11195 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located southwest of the intersection of Pima Street and Palo Alto Road, having 150' on Pima Street and 83.32' on Palo Alto Road.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: Trevino; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill

AN ORDINANCE 37,821

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 41, BLK. 8, NCB 11195 FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3677 to rezone Lot 16, Blk. 3, NCB 14224 from "Temp. R-1" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, located east of the intersection of Casa Loma Street and Prima Vista Street, having 120' on Casa Loma and 425' on Prima Vista and a maximum depth of 420'.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

Discussion brought out that the property is being rezoned for the purpose of a recreation center for residents in the El Dorado Subdivision. Discussion was had as to whether it would be better if this type of activity could be placed in a new classification without the necessity of changing the zone to an "R-3" Multiple Family Residence District.

After consideration on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Torres, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,822

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 16, BLK. 3, NCB 14224 FROM "TEMP. R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

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69-37 REQUEST THAT PLANNING COMMISSION MAKE A STUDY AND
REPORT ON ZONING FOR RECREATION CENTERS IN SUBDIVISIONS

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell, with the consent of the Council requested that the Planning Commission review the uses in recreation-type zoning, namely "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, to see whether it would be advisable to have an additional classification for recreation centers.

69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3683 to rezone Lots 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 7, NCB 13453 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-2" Two Family Residential District, located on the east side of Laven Drive, 135' north of Culebra Road; having 209.0' on Laven Drive and a depth of 139.66'.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration on motion of Mr. James seconded by Mr. Trevino, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,823

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 6, 7 AND 8, BLK. 7, NCB 13453 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND LOT 9, BLK. 7, NCB 13453 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3712 to rezone the remaining portion of Lot 1, NCB 3138 from "C" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District, located southeast of the intersection of Stafford Street and Tilden Street; having 48.7' on Stafford Street and 90' on Tilden Street.

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Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,824

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE REMAINING PORTION OF LOT 1, NCB 3138, FROM "C" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3713 to rezone Lots 23, and 24, Blk. 37, NCB 1848 from "D" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District, located northwest of the intersection of West Woodlawn and Capitol Avenue; having 50' on West Woodlawn and 125' on Capitol Avenue.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by the passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,825

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 23 AND 24, BLK. 37, NCB 1848, FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3716 S. R. to rezone Lot 8, NCB 13663 (50.169 acres) from "Temp A" Single Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District for a hospital, located north of the intersection of Medical Drive and Babcock Road, having 1367.61' on Medical Drive and 1862' on Babcock Road.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved for the purpose of establishing the Villa Rosa Rehabilitation Facility. Ten structures will be constructed and will be an expansion of the Santa Rosa Medical Center.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote:
AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,826

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE
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ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION
AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DES-
CRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 8, NCB 13663
(50.169 ACRES) FROM "TEMP. A" SINGLE
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1"
BUSINESS DISTRICT FOR A HOSPITAL.

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69-37 Next heard was Zoning Case 3666 to rezone Lot 40, Blk. 83, NCB 11060 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District located northwest of the intersection of Gillette Boulevard and Rockwell Boulevard; having 100' on Gillette Boulevard and 150' on Rockwell Boulevard.

Assistant Planning Director Burt Lawrence, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Clifton Grumbles, the applicant stated that he bought the property in 1948 and has operated a store at that location since that time. At that time it was outside of the City. He stated that he had gotten a permit for remodeling. This was issued but he was advised to make application to have the property rezoned. This is the only way that he could expand his store business.

He added that later on he would like to install a laundromat at this location.

Mrs. Irene Hatcher, 814 Gillette St., spoke against the rezoning. She feared that he could sell the property and it could become a beer place or some use which would be detrimental to the neighborhood. She could not understand why he needed to have the property rezoned just to remodel.

City Attorney Walker advised that the property has a non-conforming use and that he could remodel and continue the operation. However, if he is seeking to change to another non-conforming use, he could not get a permit for the new use without getting it rezoned.

Discussion brought out that the Planning Staff and the Traffic and Transportation Departments were not in favor of the change in zone.

After consideration, Mr. Burke made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres. On roll call, the motion failed by the following vote: AYES: Burke, Torres; NAYS: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

Mr. Grumbles then advised the Council that since the property was not rezoned and he could not use it in the manner in which he desired, that he felt that his taxes were too high.

Mr. Grumbles was advised that if he felt he was paying in excess of what he thought he should be paying, that he could appeal his assessment to the Board of Equalization at the City Tax Office.

69-37 Councilman S. H. James introduced the following Resolution of Respect which he read.

A R E S O L U T I O N
OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of August, 1969, death brought to a close the active life of Dr. Artemisia Bowden, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Artemisia Bowden, through her foresight and zeal for education of the Negro, earned the affection of the people of San Antonio and the State of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the stature she attained in this community by her exemplary life and monumental achievements as President, Dean, and Dean Emeritus of St. Philip's College was recognized during her lifetime,

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BE IT THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas, does, by this resolution and public record, recognize the profound influence of Dr. Artemisia Bowden upon the development of education in this community, recognizing further that her death is a distinct loss to the City in which she worked and won deep respect and affection,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Council and a copy thereof sent to her family in recognition of Dr. Bowden's respected place in this community.

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Councilman James moved the adoption of the Resolution which was seconded by Mr. Torres and on roll call was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Hill.

69-37 CONSUMER AFFAIRS ORDINANCE

Councilman Torres advised he had sent to the Council a proposed ordinance creating a Consumer Affairs Department in the City. He asked the City Attorney study it and make a report to the City Council.

After discussion, Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell, with the consent of the Council, asked for a study of the proposed ordinance by the City Attorney. Also a study by the City Manager's Office as to whether such ordinances have been passed by other cities and their experience with them.

Councilman Torres advised he has ordinances from the cities of Chicago and New York, as well as material from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and information regarding laws at the State level which he would furnish the City Manager.

69-37 HEMISFAIR PLAZA MAINTENANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell reported that she had visitors over the weekend and had dinner at the Goliad Food Cluster. The music was nice, the food delicious, but it was very dirty. There was litter all over the grounds that needs to be cleaned up.

69-37 TOURIST BOAT RIDES

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell advised that while there is a boat driver, there is no commentary. Out of town people have suggested that there be commentary on what the sites are as they are passed on the river. She asked that this suggestion be passed on to the boat concessionaire.

69-37 TOWER OF AMERICA'S - WINDOW CLEANING

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell asked for a progress report on the project for cleaning the Tower windows.

Assistant City Manager Douthit reported he hoped to have within a couple of weeks a demonstration of the window cleaning machine which the City has ordered.

69-37 MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING - SIGN

Dr. Calderon suggested that a sign be placed, facing the river, to identify the building to tourist boat riders. It is a beautiful building but tourists do not know it is the new main library.

69-37 HILL BURTON FUNDS - EAST SIDE HEALTH CLINIC

Councilman James asked if there has been any report on obtaining Hill-Burton Funds for the Eastside Health Clinic.

Assistant City Manager Douthit stated he would check on the status of the application.

69-37 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Stephen Harvesty - RE: City Public Service Board

Mr. Harvesty representing the Committee of Return the City Public Service Board to the People, spoke to the Council regarding the question of whether the customers get a discount for prompt payment of electric and gas bills.

He reviewed the bill received by Mr. Raul Rodriguez and disputed a statement alleged to Mr. O. W. Sommers advising that customers are rewarded with a discount for prompt payment.

Mr. Harvesty asked of the Council when, under the present circumstances, the CPSB can be placed under control of the City Council.

Mrs. Lucille Braden - 117 El Rancho Way

Mrs. Braden referred to a letter written to the Council concerning the rate schedule of the City Public Service Board.

She complained that she was being charged commercial rates at her home because she has two office machines in a room which she uses in connection with her home bookkeeping service.

The City Manager was asked to investigate the matter and make a report to the Council.

69-37

C. J. Alejos - Laredo Street Area Council

Mr. Alejos presented two complaints regarding the Apache Creek Project in the Model Cities area.

1. Mr. Henry Cisneros on Wednesday stated on KCOR Radio that affected residents had been informed and were in accord with selling their property and moving. Mr. Alejos stated this was not true and at next Thursday's meeting he will bring in a list of the persons affected. Out of fifteen contacted, only one has agreed to move. He added that no low income housing has been built although there are plans for such housing in connection with the project.

He felt that if the planned widening of Apache Creek were reduced there would be no need to relocate as many families and businesses.

The City Manager was asked to review the need for the proposed width of the Apache Creek Project. Also the extent to which affected residents have been contacted by Model Cities and the Urban Renewal Agency and the residents' views concerning it.

2. He stated there are 700 small businessmen in the Model Cities area. They were told they would get another component with the Model Cities structure. They would split manpower and economic development into two components instead of one. He felt their group was being left out.

The City Manager was asked to make a report on what the current planning is within the Model Neighborhood structure for the consideration of the problems and the needs of the small businessman.

Mr. Torres: Before you go, I want to ask you, since you are a City-County Representative on the EODC. According to the newspapers, you apparently, well you did walk out in apparent disgust over the proceedings when was it, Tuesday night was it? I've got two questions. Number one, Mr. Alejos, as a City-County Representative, and as a member of the EODC Board, just very briefly, for my benefit and I think the Council should share in what your attitudes and opinions are as a board member. Number one: What is the root of the problem as you see it? And Number Two: Do you feel that because of the personality disputes on the EODC Board that the substantive programs are suffering? Do you think you could answer that?

Mrs. Cockrell: The Chair would like to interrupt just a moment. If we may, I think that the entire matter of the EODC Board is a very serious one and rather than putting one member on the spot here I just would like very much to for us to get an overall report in which Mr. Alejos's opinion would certainly be a valued part but where we would get the picture from all sides. I think it is a little bit of a problem to give one person the opportunity to speak without there being opportunity to hear other sides.

Mr. Trevino: I feel the same way. I was there and I am representing the City Council. The Board is going to be divided into three components. All members of the City-County are going to have one meeting in which all of us would be under one roof. Mr. Alejos is a member of that group and I feel that I think I share most of his feelings in this. But I think we are going to have to bring a lot of personal things out and this might not be the proper place to discuss them, Mr. Alejos.

Mr. Alejos: The only reason I would say I did walk out was that I felt it was useless for me to go out and stay in there.

Mrs. Cockrell: Mr. Alejos, the Council would like to hear this entire matter but I think that we want to discuss the best way of getting at all the facts so we will want to hear you but if you don't mind, we'll just hold this particular matter so we can set it up.

Mr. Torres: With all due respect Madam Chairman, Mr. Alejos has appeared as a citizen this morning. As an elected official of this community, I certainly think I am entitled to share his wisdom. I have asked him a question and I'd like a reply, if you will, Mr. Alejos, to the question I asked you.

Mrs. Cockrell: The Chair has asked as a matter of courtesy that this be held. Does anyone wish to appeal the decision of the chair?

Dr. Nielsen: I think, what you are pointing out Madam Mayor is that this may not be the best kind of a forum?

Mrs. Cockrell: That is correct.

Dr. Nielsen: Now I don't know what your past policy has been, but I understood that when a citizen came he could be cross-examined, but this is an entirely different subject.

Mrs. Cockrell: We have heard Mr. Alejos on those two subjects on which you wish to speak. The Council is very interested in the EODC Board. We want to hear you on that but Mr. Alejos, the Council would like to ask that you register your point of view when we set up a meeting.

Mr. Torres: Of course, the chair's comment was that Mr. Alejos was being put on the spot and I think Mr. Alejos has indicated that he wasn't being put on the spot and he is willing to lend us the benefit of his wisdom. I recognize that the Council wants to become concerned with the problem and if the Council wants to examine this problem in its entirety, however, because Mr. Alejos is here as a citizen to be heard, and I am interested in Mr. Alejo's views and I certainly think the people of this community would be interested in what his views are and I'd like to at this time again, reiterate the question. Mr. Alejos, unless you have any reservations, about answering the question, I'd like for you to do so.

Mrs. Cockrell: Mr. Alejos, the chair has concluded the matter. The matter is closed, unless there is an appeal from the decision of the chair. We will contact you and ask that you appear when we interview others on this matter.

Mr. Alejos: That's fine.

Mr. Torres: Madam Chairman, I am not aware of this or I have never seen the procedure resorted to in stifling or in preventing the response to a query as I have raised this morning. I merely want to point to you, Madam Chairman, that I am, I have equal status on this Council, with you Madam Chairman as an elected official of this community. I recognize your position as Mayor Pro-Tem, however, I don't think this gives you the authority, the prerogative, to preempt a discussion of which should rightfully take place and if these discussions don't take place in the chambers of government, Madam Chairman, I don't know where in the world they are going to take place. The situation that has transpired in the EODC is one in which I think we should all be concerned, I recognize that we want to get a complete investigation. That we want to find out, at least we want to hear both sides on the matter. As Mr. Alejos appeared during the Citizens to be Heard portion of the meeting this morning I think that it is my prerogative if I should so choose to inquire about the matter pertaining to the functions of the City of San Antonio. I think that actions of the war on poverty and its these agencies and especially the actions of one representative of the City of San Antonio deserves an explanation when a representative on the EODC appears before the City Council.

I certainly, Madam Chairman, would take exception to your preventing Mr. Alejos answering the questions raised. I want to note my exceptions for the record this morning.

Mrs. Cockrell: Thank you. For the record, let me just state this. The chair does not intend to stifle Mr. Alejos. We simply wish to redirect this entire matter to a setting when we can hear from all the points of view involved. It is a very delicate matter and that involves personalities as well as issues and the Council certainly wants to give it its most serious consideration. So, therefore, we do wish to hear from Mr. Alejos but we want to set a setting when we can see the entire picture. As Mr. Torres has pointed out, all members of the Council are equal. It just happens that in any meeting, there has to be a presiding officer and there can only be one presiding officer at a particular time. So I certainly do not desire ever to stifle debate but we do wish to set this up and we will hear from all of those who are part of the discussion.

Mr. Torres: Is the Chairman, saying, number one, is the Chairman speaking for the City of San Antonio and for the City Council in saying that in ruling that if one person appears that inquiries cannot be made before the Council of that one person? Number two, are we asking for a report from the Staff on the EODC activities?

Dr. Calderon: Let me answer a question. Number one, Pete, that Mrs. Cockrell was not acting as an individual. She was acting as a representative of the majority of us here. Now if I support her position as I am sure the rest of us do because twice she asked that if we did not concur with her position, to speak up. So she acted as one representing the majority on this council and not as one single individual. And I again would say that I do not feel the public interest would be served by discussing this thing piece meal. This whole matter with regard to EODC. We would be looking at a total picture, at a total spectrum, not just at one part. And I am much concerned that we solve the problem but I cannot see it being resolved in this manner. For this reason I supported the Chair in the ruling.

Mr. Torres: I of course, share your concern and of course I have great hopes for humanity, Dr. Calderon, with your coming to the defense of Mrs. Cockrell, knowing that chivalry in this community is not dead.

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Mr. Luis G. Oviedo, Member of Laredo St. Council

Mr. Oviedo presented a letter to members of the City Council concerning former Model Cities Administrator, Mr. Fred Rodriguez and his replacement.

This being a personnel matter, the letter was referred to the City Manager for reply.

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SOUTHSIDE BABE RUTH ALL STARS

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell recognized the World Champion San Antonio baseball team and its coaching staff and presented to them the following Citation.

SOUTHSIDE BABE RUTH ALL STARS

The City Council, on behalf of all the citizens, does hereby congratulate the Southside Babe Ruth All-Stars, their manager Fred Carver, Jr., and Coach Bill Daffin on their accomplishment of winning the National Championship Baseball Tournament at Morristown, New Jersey, they are further commended for the good conduct and sportsmanship displayed by the entire group as Goodwill Ambassadors of San Antonio.

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SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM

Mr. Robert Thompson, Bus Operator for the San Antonio Transit System, on behalf of some bus driver, mechanics, helpers and porters made the following statement:

We wish to inform the Council, since they represent all of the people of San Antonio, that we are distressed that at this late date the San Antonio Transit System has failed to bring forth a satisfactory settlement to our Working Agreement. Our Union has tried to negotiate with the management of the San Antonio Transit System to no avail. Councilman Pete Torres appeared at the July Transit Board meeting to urge the management and Transit Board to bring forth a good working agreement for us the employees of the San Antonio Transit System. Councilman D. Ford Nielsen has written and talked with the management of the San Antonio Transit System also about an improved working agreement for us. With management and the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Transit System failing to meet our requests for a new working agreement, we feel that the City Council must now take an active part in our behalf to attain a settlement of our requests, since it is this very Council who appoints members to the Transit Board to operate the San Antonio Transit System for the citizens of San Antonio.

Pertaining to our request for a new working agreement, we feel since we are employees of the City of San Antonio, we should have all the benefits that City Employees now have, and enjoy at present.

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He then discussed with the Council additional benefits they seek in the way of working hours, vacation, sick leave, uniform allowance, holidays, overtime and an increase in pay to \$3.50 per hour and a one year contract rather than a two year one, or a cost of living provision.

(A detailed copy of their requests is filed with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Thompson stated the only offer received so far is a 5% increase in wages.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell asked the City Attorney what the relationship of the City Council to Transit System employees is and the Council's authority in the matter.

City Attorney Walker advised the Council has about the same authority as it has over the City Public Service Board and the City Water Board. It has no real authority and the Council could not pass an ordinance which will require the Transit System to pay them a certain salary.

After further discussion Councilman Torres stated he felt that as elected officials, the problem of the working man is a problem of the Council. While the Council has no real authority, and not withstanding the provisions of the bond indenture, it should become involved and use its influence to try to resolve the disagreement between management and workers of the Transit System.

Mr. David M. Rodriguez, Jr., 550 San Joaquin, also spoke concerning the additional benefits sought by bus drivers. He stated they were only asking for benefits they should have gotten many years ago.

Mr. Joe Castillo, ex-bus driver, also spoke concerning increased benefits for workers of the Transit System and the financial condition of the Transit System.

69-37 Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell explained the following ordinance and after discussion on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote:
 AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Nielsen, Hill.

AN ORDINANCE 37,827

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO RECOMMENDING THAT THE PROJECT AREA WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO KNOWN AS THE "NEW TOWN IN TOWN PROJECT" TEX R-122A BE RECONVEYED TO THE UNITED STATES AND MADE A PART OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY RESERVATION KNOWN AS FORT SAM HOUSTON.

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69-27 Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell introduced and welcomed Mrs. Helen Pauley, from the Washington office of Congressman O. C. Fisher.

69-37 The Clerk read the following letter:

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

8-13-69 Petitions submitted by Mr. George R. Adams in behalf of a majority of landowners in number and in value desiring to organize conservation and reclamation districts to be known as Bexar County Water Control and Improvement Districts No. 19 and No. 20 and requesting the City Council's consent.

8-15-69 Petition of Mr. John Moore, John Moore Auto Parts, 512 So. W. W. White Road, objecting to the median presently being constructed at the East Houston Street and So. W. W. White Road intersection.

J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:


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ATTEST: 
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