

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1969.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: MCALLISTER, CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: NONE.

69-56 The invocation was given by Councilman Herbert Calderon.

69-56 Mayor McAllister recognized Mr. Juan Garza, a civilian, who came to the aid of a police officer. He presented him with a citation which reads as follows:

City of San Antonio presents this citation to Juan Garza.

On November 25, 1969, a police suspect fired upon Police officer George Ramirez wounding him twice. Without regard to his personal safety, Mr. Garza grabbed the suspect and was himself shot in the arm.

Mr. Garza merits highest commendation for this prompt and courageous action which saved the life of the policeman. Such an outstanding act stands as an example for others to follow for which a grateful community expresses sincere thanks and appreciation.

Mayor McAllister then presented Mr. Garza with a \$100 check which he received from the Scottish Rite Temple.

Mr. Maurice Collins, representing the Optimist Clubs International, presented to Mr. Garza its award for heroism which is the highest award given to a civilian. Inspector John Fitch and Captain Henry Antan, representing the Police Welfare Fund and the Police Officers Association, each presented Mr. Garza with a \$500 check. John McDonald, KBAT Radio Station, also presented a check to Mr. Garza representing contributions from citizens of San Antonio who are grateful for what he did.

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Mr. George Ramirez, the police officer whose life was saved, then, on behalf of the Police Department presented him with a meritorious award. He also gave Mr. Garza a check for \$1,335.71 representing contributions from members of the Police Department and, students and persons from every walk of life.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM

69-56 Mayor McAllister asked for nominations for appointment to the Transit System Board.

Rev. James nominated Mr. Murrene Gilford. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hill.

Mr. Torres then nominated Joe Castillo, a former bus driver who is now in the insurance business. He presented a petition bearing 2,500 names endorsing this appointment. Dr. Nielsen seconded the nomination. Dr. Nielsen asked that the Council delay action until the nominees could appear before them and express their attitudes concerning operation of the City Water Board.

Mr. Torres introduced Mr. Joe Castillo who was present and asked the Council to delay action until they heard from both nominees.

Rev. James stated that Mr. Gilford was a highly respected member of the community which is reflected by his being president of the Alamo Chamber of Commerce and manager of the southwest region of one of the largest insurance companies in America. He added that they could easily get a petition endorsing Mr. Gilford.

Mr. Burke then made a motion that the nominations cease, and that the question be called. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The roll was then called on the nomination of Mr. Joe Castillo which failed to carry by the following vote:  
AYES: Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; ABSENT: None.

The roll was then called on the nomination of Mr. Murrene Gilford. The nomination which carried with it the passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Hill; Trevino; NAYS: Torres; ABSTAIN: Nielsen; ABSENT: none.

AN ORDINANCE 38,176

APPOINTING MR. MURRENE GILFORD AS A  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM.

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APPOINTMENT TO THE WATER  
WORKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

69-56 The Mayor called for nominations for appointment to the Water Works Board of Trustees.

Dr. Nielsen nominated Rev. C. William Black, Jr. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Torres who stated that the petition previously filed also endorsed Rev. Black for this appointment.

Mrs. Cockrell nominated Mr. Roland C. Bremer. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Hill. Mr. Torres, in this case, also asked that action be delayed until the nominees could appear before the Council and express their attitudes concerning operation of the City Water Board.

The roll was then called on the nomination of Mr. Bremer which prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, McAllister, Calderon; NAYS: Torres, Nielsen; ABSENT: None.

The roll was then called on the nomination of Rev. Black which failed by the following vote: AYES: Torres, Nielsen; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Trevino, Cockrell, Hill; ABSENT: None.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,177

APPOINTING MR. ROLAND C. BREMER AS A  
MEMBER OF THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that the proponent, Gibson's Department Store, has reached an agreement with the neighbors concerning screening but are having problems in meeting the parking requirements to go along with the expansion of the building. They have asked that this case be postponed indefinitely until they can resolve the matter.

On motion of Mr. Hill seconded by Dr. Nielsen, Zoning Case 3777 was postponed indefinitely but not longer than six months by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Caderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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PROHIBITING ADVERTISING COMMERCIAL  
PRODUCTS BY UTILITY COMPANIES

The Clerk read the caption of an ordinance prohibiting utility companies from advertising commercial products and provide for a penalty for violation thereof.

Mr. Torres, proponent, then read the ordinance in full. He then stated that he wanted to make it clear that he was only proposing to prohibit the sale of products in which the City Public Service Board is not actively involved in selling. He was not trying to restrict the industrial advertising program of the City Public Service Board as they are trying to bring industry to San Antonio.

Mr. Torres then made a motion that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen.

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Mr. Leroy Denman, Chairman of the CPSB, advised that they do not advertise products by name of the company who makes or sells them. The ads refer to better living electrically, home safety, etc. This is an effort to bring up the use of electricity during off peak loads.

Mr. Denman presented figures showing that in 1964 before the advertising program was initiated, the consumption in San Antonio was below the national average. Today, the consumption in San Antonio is 6.6% over the national average.

They spend approximately \$175,000 a year on San Antonio advertising which includes not just appliances but also night lighting and safety information. An additional \$80,000 is spent on national industrial advertising.

After consideration, the question was called and the ordinance failed to pass by the following vote: AYES: Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; ABSENT: None.

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69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance which was explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Cockrell, Hill, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 38,178

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF VULCAN SIGNS & STAMPINGS, INC.  
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION  
WITH CERTAIN ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS FOR  
A TOTAL OF \$5,002.25.

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69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,179

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF FLEXIBLE PIPE TOOL DIVISION  
OF ROCKWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
WITH TWO SEWER BUCKET MACHINES, LESS  
TRADE-IN, NET \$2,740.00.

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Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that only one bid was received and meets the specifications of the City. He added that the price is up \$100 from two years ago.

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

69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,180

ACCEPTING THE BID OF ECONOLITE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION WITH FOUR COUNTERS (TRAFFIC) FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,998.40.

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Purchasing Agent John Brooks explained that the bid of Signal Engineering Company was the low bid but did not meet the City's specifications which he explained. He recommended that the low qualified bid of Econolite be accepted.

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

69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,181

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED BID OF BECKMAN INSTRUMENTS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT WITH ONE SPECTROPHOTOMETER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$9,348.00.

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Purchasing Agent John Brooks explained that Perkin-Elmer Corp. submitted the low bid but did not meet the specifications in nine instances. He recommended that the low qualified bid of Beckman Instruments, Inc., be accepted.

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

69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance which was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill seconded by Mr. James was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Burke, James, Cockrell, Hill, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Torres, Calderon, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 38,182

CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE REMAINING PORTION OF A 10-FOOT ALLEY OUT OF NEW CITY BLOCK 6519 AND AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM DEED TO BLUEBONNET LODGE NO. 1219 A. F. & A.M. FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$125.00.

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69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinances which were explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief. After consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 38,183

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF WEST CRAIG PLACE AND SURPLUS PORTIONS OF ST. CLOUD RIGHT-OF-WAY, DESIGNATED AS LOTS A AND B, BLOCK 9, NEW CITY BLOCK 8340, AND AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM DEED TO JAY SAM LEVEY, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DR. W. A. LAWRENCE, DECEASED, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$7,865.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,184

CLOSING AND ABANDONING PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS AND ALLEYS IN THE HOEFGEN-MONTANA I. H. 37 AREA FOR STREET REALIGNMENT PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO ALAMO IRON WORKS FOR THE SUM OF \$12,250.00 PLUS THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALSO A QUITCLAIM DEED TO SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$2,397.00.

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69-56 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and after consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen seconded by Mr. Hill was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, McAllister; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Torres; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 38,185

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH GUY D. RUSMISEL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS A SENIOR RIGHT-OF-WAY AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE PROJECTS FOR A FEE OF \$850.00 PER MONTH PLUS \$50.00 CAR ALLOWANCE.

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69-56 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Francis Vickers, Director of Municipal Facilities, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Burke, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres, McAllister; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, James, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,186

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTOMS BUREAU OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATION OF A RADIO REPEATER STATION IN THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,187

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURER'S ASSOCIATION TO AMEND THE PRESENT AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE HEMISFAIR PLAZA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BY INCREASING THE LEASED AREA BY APPROXIMATELY 85 SQUARE FEET, AND INCREASING RENTAL BY \$30.00 PER MONTH.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,188

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SYMPHONY SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR LEASE OF THE JAPANESE PAVILION AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA TO BE USED AS A DEAD STORAGE AREA.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,189

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$3,751.79 FROM OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 99-11-05 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SAME TO JERRY ROGERS AND ARTHUR MATHIS, JR. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS AT LA VILLITA .

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Mr. Cliff Edgar, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, explained that this pays for architectural services for improvements at La Villita which have been completed.

Dr. Nielsen questioned whether payment should be made prior to relocation of the planters or lamps in front of the church at La Villita and near the driveway of the Conservation Society office.

City Manager Henckel stated that the staff does not recommend any change in their location. They feel that it is an asset to the church at La Villita. The light next to the driveway does not block it. The changes can be made later with City forces if the Council so desires.

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

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69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,190

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 36689 THAT ESTABLISHED RATES TO BE CHARGED AT MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES BY PROVIDING A SENIOR CITIZEN ANNUAL GOLF PERMIT FOR PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER AT A PRICE OF \$30.00.

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Mr. Cliff Edgar, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreations, stated a request has been made by senior citizens for reduced rates. The staff has made a study and recommends that an annual fee of \$30 be approved for persons over 65 years of age. The permits will be honored on weekdays only exclusive of holidays. Councilman Torres asked if permits could be limited to citizens of San Antonio. City Attorney Walker stated that you could no more limit the permit to citizens of San Antonio any more than limit the use of the course which is open to everyone. Mr. Edgar advised that it would be difficult and time consuming to place such a limitation. He added that they estimate that there are only 50 persons at this time who will take advantage of the permit.

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

69-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,191

AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE CITY CODE BY PRESCRIBING CERTAIN SUBDIVISION STANDARDS APPLICABLE ONLY WITHIN THE OUTER PORTION OF THE CONFINES OF THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

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City Manager Henckel explained that this was discussed with the Council at the informal session last week and provides for two changes in the outer extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City:

1. It allows subdividers to put in streets at county standards. This eliminates the provision for curbs and use of hot mix as a wearing surface. The base does meet the City's specifications.
2. It places a limitation of 100 ft. frontage on lots and a minimum of one acre in size. This is larger than City requirements.

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

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MAYOR MCALLISTER: Is there any other business to come before the Council?

MRS. COCKRELL: I think that under the open meeting law, I may make these comments since they don't require any action today and it will be for future action or consideration. I want to make some comments in regard to Hemisfair Plaza, Mr. Mayor. The members of the Council have heard the oral presentation which was made by the representatives of Southwest Research who were commissioned by the Chamber of Commerce, and I have inquired and learned that the written presentations will not be ready until the second week in January. I am getting very much concerned about our time table because in the first place, we have the 1970 season opening this spring and while we open on a year-round basis, we do look with special emphasis to coming events about April or May and that is rapidly approaching. We also have the problem of -- if any capital improvements are going to be needed whether or not they are going to be considered at all in connection with the bond issue or just how the Council feels that this should be handled. I do have a few comments, therefore, that I think we should be thinking about. Basically, I think we need to ask ourselves--what is the legacy of Hemisfair Plaza? What is it that we have there and what is it that we want to promote and enjoy?

I feel that the answer is simply open space for our citizens to enjoy. At a recent Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting, the speaker talked about the fact that cities are becoming so dehumanized and that one answer to this is the need for open space. Rather than take Tivoli Gardens as the concept, I would rather take the idea of Central Park in New York City as our concept. This has been developed into a beautiful park for New Yorkers and visitors to enjoy. It contains museums such as the Museum of Natural History. It contains places where performances can be given. It contains a restaurant, eating places, playgrounds but it is an open space area in the heart of the city which is there for all to enjoy.

As a park, I think it should be open to our citizens and everyone without charge. I really feel very strongly on this point about open without charge. The reason is that I think that everyone should feel that this is their park. This is their plaza in the heart of the city. They are free to go there. Those who choose after they get there should have the opportunity to buy things or to spend money if they wish to eat in restaurants. Those who do not wish to spend money should be able to bring a picnic basket to simply drop in to enjoy it. But I think it should be open to all without charge.

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MRS. COCKRELL: The third point--although in the past I have been one who has been strongly opposed to considering any roads or any cuts through the area at all, I am now coming to believe that some additional access is needed and I think we should ask the city staff to come in with their recommendations as to what access might be needed, particularly to the Tower and to the arena. If Mr. Stewart Fischer is here, I hope he doesn't have a heart attack because of these statements.

The fourth thing is that additional parking is needed and I urge that the Project Y area now be cleared and developed into parking. I think that any area that is developed into parking should also be landscaped so that it is not just asphalt but that we have an intersperse with landscaping. For the coming year, I think any area that is undeveloped or not being used should be screened off and hidden from where there are activities and you just don't wander off into dead areas.

The sixth point is that a great emphasis should be placed on leasing particularly at the entrance, Gate 1--I think that one time Mr. Henckel mentioned the idea of having a nickelodeon palace in the Schultze Store. Something of this type where there is music, something attractive going on, I think will draw the people.

The next point--we should develop a program each year to remove some of the acres of asphalt and replace it with walkways and landscaping. Now, this was one of the features of the Chamber of Commerce which I think can very practically be carried out and that each year we redevelop some portion in putting it into parks and landscaping. But for this year, I think No. 1--take out the admission charge, screen off the unused area, get as much of the people in, and redevelop some portion of it not at an \$8,000,000 cost but at a modest cost under our Parks and Recreation Department. They have very fine people, staff people, that are available. They should consider it a park. I think we have gone wrong by trying to manipulate figures, by trying to come up with something that is a money making project and I think that really, the greatest asset we have is to think of it in terms of open space and I think we know and realize that our parks are all subsidized. We get what we can from concessionaires but we subsidize the parks and I think this is the proper approach to this particular area. So these are just ideas that I put out for your thinking but I do think that early in January we need to get down to brass tacks and get something going at Hemisfair Plaza.

Mayor McAllister stated that the suggestions made were well worthy of study.

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COUNCILMAN TORRES: When would you suggest eliminating that gate fee.

MRS. COCKRELL: Well, I think by April 1. I think that--if we could, between now and then, during this period I think there has got to be some redevelopment and therefore this is probably not the time to have the greatest access while we're doing some work. If we're going to get ready for this season, we have got to do something pretty quickly. But I would like to see it begin with April 1, have a grand reopening and have at that time, the access free to all citizens.

Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell presided.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

ASSOCIATED SUBCONTRACTORS OF SAN ANTONIO

RE: BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR CPSB CALAVERAS LAKE POWER PLANT

Mr. Amos M. Wente, executive secretary, read the following statement:

We as an Association feel that in any construction projects sponsored by and spending public money, each and every contractor and supplier be able to offer his bid for the items or services specified.

However, we feel that the guidelines of the specifications should be set up as to the product desired, outlining what specific item is wanted, giving brand names if desirable, but also allowing "or equal" items to be substituted and leaving the "or equal" status proof up to the supplier.

A list of contractors or suppliers should not be set forth in the specifications with the statement that only these firms or individuals will be acceptable to bid and supply items or services on any public project. The specific project being referred to is the City Public Service Board Calaveras Lake Power Plant. A portion of Section 1A7-List of Approved Suppliers, from the specifications for this project, is quoted for your information. "1A7.1 GENERAL. This Section covers a complete listing by category of the suppliers approved by the Owner for work,

equipment and materials to be furnished under these contract documents. The General Contractor shall utilize the suppliers from this list and, where work by subcontractors is included, work by the General Contractor's labor force will not be acceptable."

If a list is drawn up and put in the specifications of future public projects it should include all firms available to bid on like items or services and should publicly state the reasons why any firms excluded should be denied the right to bid on the particular project.

We have noted that, on the list of suppliers referred to in the Calaveras Plant Project, there are many reputable firms from the San Antonio area that are not included in their respective categories. It has further been noted that in some categories there are firms listed that are no longer in business. Also firms listed that no longer carry or represent the particular items called for.

In summary we as an Association feel that any public project should be available to all of the public, that public funds are not for a chosen few. We certainly feel that any firms or individual, his services or products can be rejected by the public officials but only if the reasons are made known.

The City Manager was asked to look into the complaint and report back to the Council.

MRS. JOE KENNY RE: REDUCED BUS FARE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Mrs. Joe Kenny appeared before the Council asking that the City Council request the Transit System Board to reduce bus fare for senior citizens to 5¢ during non-rush hours. She read news dispatches from San Francisco which describes a similar program and which has proved highly successful even to the point where now some of the downtown restaurants are serving meals to senior citizens at reduced prices. Mrs. Kenny felt strongly that such a reduction in fare would encourage senior citizens to ride the busses more and certainly would be a great benefit to them.

Various members of the City Council concurred with the feelings of Mrs. Kenny and City Manager Henckel stated that it was quite possible that the additional riders resulting from this plan would help greatly in reducing the Transit Board's deficit for this year.

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Mr. Burke suggested that Mrs. Cockrell, acting as Mayor Pro-Tem, instruct the City Manager to prepare a resolution to be on the agenda of the next Council meeting. Such resolution would be a request of the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Transit System to give consideration to a 5¢ bus fare for persons over 65 years of age during non-rush hours. Other members of the City Council concurred in this request and Mrs. Cockrell requested that the City Manager have the resolution prepared.

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

A P P R O V E D

*Mr. McAllister*  
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ATTEST:

*J. H. Sullivan*  
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