

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1966 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and BREMER. Absent: NONE.

66-1208 The invocation was given by Councilman Herbert Calderon, D.D.S.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 1966, were approved.

The Mayor recognized a group of twenty students from various schools in the San Antonio area who were participating in Youth and Government Day which is a part of "Youth Appreciation Week", November 1 through 8, 1966. As a part of the activities, students were assigned as counter-parts to Councilmen and to members of the Administrative Staff.

The group was accompanied by Mr. Roger Berry of the Sunshine Optimist Club, the sponsoring organization. Mr. Berry thanked the Mayor and the City Council for participating in this annual observance of "Youth Appreciation Week".

66-1209 First Zoning Case heard was Case No. 2723 to rezone Lot. 5, NCB 10779 from "A" Residence District to "B-2" Business District located on the west side of S. W. W. White Road, 793.8' south of Catherine Dr.; having 92.97' on S. W. W. White Road and a depth of 462.56'.

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. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bremer the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 34,932

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 5, NCB 10779 FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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66-1183 Next heard was zoning case No. 2825 to rezone Lot 13 and the east 192.6' of Lot 533, NCB 7883, from "B" Residence District to "B-3" Business District located southwest of the intersection of Southcross Blvd. and Commercial Avenue; having 192.6' on Southcross Blvd. and 220.87' on Commercial Avenue.

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

Mr. Gordon Davis, Attorney for the applicant, stated that his clients have reviewed their request since the first hearing before the Planning Commission and are willing to have a buffer zone approximately 52.6' in width on the E. side of Lot 13 and Lot 533 in order to protect the residences on the E. side of Commercial Avenue. If the request for zoning is approved his clients will landscape this strip of property and use it for non-commercial parking only.

Sgt. Warden, owner of Lot 531, immediately south of the subject property spoke in favor of the rezoning. He stated that he has tried to sell his property for two years, but the property does not lend itself as residential property.

Mr. Allen Menger, 1331 Commercial, recommended rezoning of the property for the same reason and stated that this area, the west side of Commercial, is not suitable for residential property.

Mrs. Sheila Cooper, 1410 Commercial, and Mr. W. V. Houston, 533 Burchan, both opposed the request for change of zone, stating that any change in the zone would decrease the value of their property and the additional traffic would create a hazard as well as a nuisance.

Mr. D. Walter, representing the owner of the property located at 525 - 531 Commercial Avenue also spoke in favor of the request for change of zone.

After a lengthy discussion by the Council, Mr. Jones made a motion to deny the request for change of zone as proposed and to rezone only the W. 140' of Lot 13 and the W. 140' of the East 192.6' of Lot 533, NCB 7883, from "B" Residence District to "B-3" Business District. The East 52.6' to remain "B" Residence District. Seconded by Mr. Bremer, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following ordinance, was approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 34,933

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 WEST 140' OF LOT 13 AND THE WEST 140' OF THE EAST 192.6' OF LOT 533, NCB 7883, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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66-1210 Next heard was Zoning Case No. 2831 to rezone Lot 13, NCB 7750, from "D" Apartment District to "B-3" Business District located on the south side of Edmonds St., 148' east of Sierra St.; having 49' on Edmonds and a depth of 165'.

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

Mr. Jack Sims, Attorney for the applicant, Mr. Joe Gutierrez, stated that his client has been operating a business on the rear of the lot for the past four years. Recently on a complaint by a neighbor, the Housing & Inspections Department of the City of San Antonio issued a cease and desist order to his client. The order stated that Mr. Gutierrez was in violation of the zoning regulations.

Mr. Sims explained that his client rewound generators and then baked the varnish on them at high temperature.

Mr. Rubiola of 427 Edmonds stated that he was opposed to the request for rezoning and that Mr. Gutierrez burns the generators in the evening and this causes irritating fumes which are in turn inhaled by his children causing them to have headaches. He also spoke for his mother who lives immediately across from the subject property.

After discussion by the Council, on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Jones the recommendation of the Planning Commission was upheld and the rezoning denied with the motion prevailing by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Parker; ABSENT: None.

66-1211 Next heard was Zoning Case 2839 to rezone Lot 38, Block 4, NCB 8638, from "C" Residence District to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the east side of Tesla Drive, 200' south of Plainview Drive; having 100' on Tesla and a depth of 200'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, briefed the Council on the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

Mr. Clarence Waters, representing the applicant, Mr. Jose Gonzalez, submitted to the Council a petition signed by seven residents within 200 feet of the subject property stating they have no objections to the rezoning.

Mr. Jose Gonzalez, in answer to questions from the Council stated that while he had wrecked cars on the lot he did not run a junk yard and this property is his residence and he would only use it for storing fence materials.

While no one spoke in opposition it was the consensus of the Council that "I-1" Light Industry District was not appropriate for this area, and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. James, the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the request for change of zone prevailed by the following vote: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

66-1212 Last case to be heard was Zoning Case No. 2846 to rezone Lots 36, 37, and 38, Blk 5, NCB 7927 from "B" Residence District to "B-2" Business District located on the north side of Crystal, 221.9' east of Packard St.; having 75' on Crystal and a depth of 115'.

Assistant Planning Director, Burt Lawrence briefed the Council on the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

Neither the applicant nor any opponents were present.

After discussion by the Council on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell the recommendation of the Planning Commission was upheld and the rezoning denied by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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

66-1213

AN ORDINANCE 34,934

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF SIMPLEX TIME RECORDER COMPANY FOR THE FURNISHING & INSTALLING OF SEATING FOR CONVENTION CENTER, ITEM "B" THEATER-BALCONY, AND ITEM "C" ARENA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$215,976.75 OUT OF COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER BOND FUND # 489-05 PAYABLE TO SIMPLEX TIME RECORDER COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE 34,935

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF L. L. SAMS AND SONS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER WITH CERTAIN FOLDING CHAIRS AND CHAIR TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$18,870.00.

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Mr. Gerald Henckel, Assistant City Manager, explained the following ordinance and stated that due to the death of Judge James Tafolla an emergency existed in Corporation Court and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Parker, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

66-1165

AN ORDINANCE 34,936

APPOINTING NORRIS YATES, JR. AS SUBSTITUTE OR ALTERNATE JUDGE OF THE CORPORATION COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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66-1215 The Clerk read an ordinance accepting the low bid of American Seating Company for the furnishing and installing seating for the convention center, Item "A", Theater-Orchestra level, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for said project and appropriating the sum of \$46,198.35 out of Community and Convention Center Bond Fund # 489-05 payable to the American Seating Company.

Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the proposed ordinance. He explained that Mr. Tom Noonan, the Architect for the Convention Center had written the specifications for the orchestra seats and recommended that the low qualified bid of American Seating Company be accepted.

Mr. B. F. Peters, Manager of the Auditorium and Stadium Seating Division of the American Desk Manufacturing Company objected to the proposed ordinance. He requested the Council reconsider the bids and award his Company the contract because only his bid met all the specifications and he explained his company had bid on their first line deluxe seats whereas American Seating Company's bid did not meet specifications and were their second line seats.

Mr. C. Sapp, Sales Manager of American Seating Company stated his Company made no second line chairs. Each line of chairs were made for a particular purpose and he further stated that his Company was requested to furnish a sample chair by the Architect and he now had the chair available for the Council to inspect. He requested the Council to accept the recommendation of the staff and Architect and award the bid to his Company.

After a lengthy discussion by the Council it was decided to inspect the sample chairs later in the morning during a recess.

66-1208 Mr. Walter Rudolf stated that he and his partner, Mr. Edgar Alcazar, owned a large tract of land on the new Durango Blvd., adjacent to the HemisFair area which is suitable for a hotel or motel site, but would be impossible with no curb cuts for access to the HemisFair area. Mr. Alcazar located the subject property on a large map for the Council's information.

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Mayor McAllister stated that the Council would discuss this problem next Thursday with the Staff Members involved.

66-1216 Mr. Joe Lopez presented a petition from the Santa Maria Community Council requesting the Council to adopt the Food Stamp Plan. Mr. Lopez explained how the Plan worked and how it would help the individuals concerned.

Mayor McAllister stated the Council would study the request and act as quickly as possible.

Mr. John Zimmerman stated he opposed the adoption of the Food Stamp Plan.

66-999 Mayor McAllister made the following statement.

The City Clerk has informed me that in response to the City's invitation for sealed bids with proposals for providing the City of San Antonio with the Tower of the Americas, one sealed bid by the San Antonio Tower Corporation was filed in his office before 11:00 o'clock, A.M., today. In view of the fact that in litigation now pending before the District Court, Counsel representing the City gave the Judge assurance that the status quo would be maintained until after a hearing is held on Monday morning at 9:00 A.M. to determine whether a temporary injunction should issue, no further action will be taken to process this bid at this time.

66-1208 Mr. Russell Clayton asked the Council to consider the annexation of Lackland AFB area in order to increase the City's population to 750,000, as well as to receive tax revenue.

66-1208 The Mayor declared the Council meeting recessed.

66-1208 The meeting reconvened at 11:45 A.M.

66-1215 Mr. Sapp of the American Seating Company again asked the Council to award his Company the bid on the orchestra seats for the Convention Center.

Mr. P. F. Burney of American Desk Company stated it was the accepted practice to submit samples with all bids.

After further consideration by the Council the Clerk was directed to read the following, substituting the name of the American Desk Company as the successful bidder.

AN ORDINANCE 34,937

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF AMERICAN DESK CO. FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLING SEATING FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER, ITEM "A", THEATER-ORCHESTRA LEVEL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$55,337.04 OUT OF COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER BOND FUND #489-05 PAYABLE TO THE AMERICAN DESK COMPANY.

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

66-850 Mr. Arthur Troilo, representing TransAmerica Insurance Company, requested the Council to approve the assignment of his client's lease at International Airport to Swearingen Aircraft Company. He explained that Swearingen Company is already leasing space at the Airport and needs more room for expansion. If for any reason Swearingen Company does not live up to the terms of the lease, his client would reassume the lease under the same provisions.

The Council was agreeable to the terms of the assignment and instructed the City Manager to prepare an ordinance for consideration at the next meeting.

66-1216 The Mayor recognized the Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez, Congressman.

Congressman Gonzalez strongly recommended that the City Council adopt the Food Stamp Plan as soon as possible as time was of essence due to limited Federal Funds available.

The Mayor thanked Congressman Gonzalez for his suggestion and stated the Council will give the Plan their most serious consideration.

66-1208 The following resolution was introduced by Mayor McAllister and adopted by a standing vote of the City Council.

A RESOLUTION
OF RESPECT

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WHEREAS, the City Council has learned of the death of Mr. Lee Shelley, the beloved brother of City Manager Jack Shelley, and

WHEREAS, his passing will be sorely felt by the members of his family, his many friends and associates,
Now Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

This Council expresses its heartfelt regrets and offers the family and relatives of Mr. Lee Shelley, its deep and sincere sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this resolution be inscribed in the Minutes of this Meeting and that a copy be sent to the members of the bereaved family.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of November, 1966.

/s/ W. W. McALLISTER

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ATTEST:

/s/ J. H. Inselmann
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66-1208 The Clerk read the following letter.

October 31, 1966

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

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Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 10-27-66 Petition of H. L. Lee and others requesting the City install a traffic signal light at the intersection of Rio Grande and East Commerce Streets.
- 10-31-66 Petition of Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Marshall and Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Hornbuckle, Jr. requesting the City to close the walkway from the alley to Mt. Eden Street between 1019 and 1023 Mt. Eden and that same be quit-claimed to adjacent owners.
- 10-31-66 Petition of Mr. Howard T. Harris, Jr. requesting the City to sweep, on a daily basis, Marne Street between South St. Mary's and Guenther Streets and Guenther Street between Marne Street and South Alamo Street which are littered with dirt that has fallen from overloaded trucks being used in connection with widening of the San Antonio River between Brackenridge High School and Lone Star Brewery.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

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PUBLIC HEARING, BEFORE THE CITY
COUNCIL HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 1966 IN
McALLISTER AUDITORIUM AT SAN ANTONIO
COLLEGE.

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The Public Hearing on the question of a minimum wage ordinance for the City of San Antonio was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and BREMER; Absent was COUNCILMAN JONES.

The Invocation was given by Father Joseph.

The Mayor announced that the Council would hear from the organized proponents and organized opponents of a \$1.25 per hour minimum wage for 20 minutes each. Other speakers would then speak for 3 minutes.

Speakers were asked to confine statements to the minimum wage only.

Members of the City would not speak for or against the proposition, but at the conclusion of testimony could ask questions for clarification only.

Organized proponents speaking in favor of the minimum wage ordinance were the following persons:

Reverend S. Clifton Byrd
Reverend Sherrill Smith
Arthur Gochman
Reverend Don Post
Ben Rodriguez
Erasmus Andrade

Mr. Tom King, attorney, representing the San Antonio Restaurant Association, San Antonio Motel Association and San Antonio Hotel Association spoke against a \$1.25 minimum wage. A copy of his presentation was filed with the City Council and City Clerk for record.

Speaking for three minutes in favor of minimum wage was Mr. Armando Scott.

Mr. Sam Snell speaking neither for nor against minimum wage presented an alternate plan called the "Preferred Suppliers Plan." A copy of the plan was filed with the City Clerk for record.

Others speaking in favor of a minimum wage were the following persons:

Henry L. Champion
Juan Vasques
Willis Miller
Elton Schroeder
John Alaniz
Imael Solis
Father Casso
Tom Cahill
O. J. Valdez

Peter Torres, Jr.
Tony Calderon
Stephan Harvasty
Joseph T. Castillo
Joe Lopez
Robert Rodriguez
Richard W. Owen
Gilbert Kessler
Roy Padilla
Charles Stough
George de la Garza
Peter Vaca
Peter G. Garcia

All persons registered to speak were given an opportunity to do so.

The Mayor thanked the speakers for their views on minimum wage and stated the testimony presented would be given serious consideration by the City Council.

The Hearing was then declared closed.