

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL  
PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, MAY 16,  
1996.

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96-20 The City Council convened in an informal "B" Session at 10:00 A.M., Municipal Plaza Building, "B" Room, to consider the following item(s). The Council members present were: FLORES, McCLENDON, BILLA BURKE, AVILA, SOLIS, ROSS, MARBUT, PEAK, WEBSTER, THORNTON. Absent: HERRERA.

Staff Briefing of the Convention & Visitors Bureau Advertising RFP Process - After discussion, the majority of the Council concurred with staff's recommended schedule with a change in the transition period from eight to six weeks. The schedule to be as follows: (1) Pre-Proposal Conference - May 28, 1996; (2) Deadline for return of qualification data - June 14, 1996; (3) Short-listed agency/joint venture - Week of July 29-August 2, 1996; (4) Review Committee recommendations to SACVB Advisory Commission - August 6, 1996; (5) Council meeting - August 22, 1996.

(Transition period - 6 weeks with current contract expiring September 30, 1996.)

"B" Session adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

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96-20 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor William E. Thornton, with the following members present: FLORES, McCLENDON, BILLA BURKE, AVILA, SOLIS, HERRERA, ROSS, MARBUT, PEAK, WEBSTER, THORNTON; Absent: NONE.

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96-20 Invocation - Reverend Jim Cloninger, Oxford United Methodist Church.

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96-20 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.  
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96-20 Minutes of the March 21 and 28, 1996 Regular City Council meetings were approved.

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96-20 ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

Mayor Thornton welcomed members of the girls softball team from St. Francis Academy, and stated that they have been invited to today's City Council meeting to be recognized for their first place finish in the recent Texas Catholic Interscholastic League state softball tournament. He then introduced the school's athletic director, Mr. Ruben Reyes, and its softball coach, Mr. George Calderon, and noted that one member of the team is the daughter of Ms. Julia Aguirre of the City's Records Facility.

Team members then came forward to introduce themselves and identify the position they play on the team.

Individual City Council members then congratulated the team members and coaches, and spoke to the importance of the school to San Antonio's education base, and the team members' parents and their contributions.

Mr. Herrera spoke to the need for better athletic facilities for the city's west side.

Athletic Director Reyes spoke to the valuable contributions made by Coach Calderon, who volunteers his coaching time to the school.

Mayor Thornton then read the formal Citation, and presented it to the school representatives.

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96-20 AT YOUR SERVICE AWARD - POLICE OFFICER LOUIS ESQUIVEL

Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, introduced Police Officer Louis Esquivel and spoke to his history and job accomplishments.

A brief video presentation provided details of Officer Esquivel's work.

Mayor Thornton and Police Chief Al Philippus jointly presented Officer Esquivel with a special Certificate and a check for \$200.

Officer Esquivel thanked those responsible for initiating 'community policing' to San Antonio, and the Mayor and Council for this honor.

Individual Council members congratulated Officer Esquivel for his many job accomplishments and the SAFFE Program for community-based policing and its impact upon San Antonio's neighborhoods.

Ms. McClendon addressed Officer Esquivel's popularity in the westside neighborhoods, and for helping to stabilize them and making them safer for the citizens.

96-20      CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve Agenda Items 6 through 26b, constituting the Consent Agenda. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,091

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF SELRICO SERVICES, INC. IN THE APPROXIMATE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$413,130.90 TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH A SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,092

APPROVING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 3 - FINAL IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$53,093.43 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH V.K. KNOWLTON PAVING CONTRACTOR, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE HAWTHORNE STREET - IH 35 TO PLEASANTON ROAD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 81565 DATED FEB. 2, 1995)

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AN ORDINANCE 84,093

APPROVING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,450.05 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH WINTERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. CONNECTION WITH THE MCCRELESS BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; REVISING THE PROJECT

BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (AMENDS  
ORDINANCE NO. 82596 DATED AUG. 3, 1995)

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AN ORDINANCE 84,094

SELECTING RUST LICHLITER/JAMESON, INC. TO PROVIDE  
ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
LOCKHILL-SELMA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, FROM GEORGE ROAD  
TO WHISPER QUILL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE  
NEGOTIATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR  
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00; AUTHORIZING  
\$3,500.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY  
EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR  
PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,095

AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$3,300.00 PAYABLE TO ALAMO  
ARCHITECTS, INC. AND AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL  
ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DESIGN  
OF A NEW ROOF FOR THE CORTEZ BRANCH LIBRARY.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,096

SELECTING BEATY SAUNDERS ARCHITECTS, INC. TO  
PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN OF FIRE STATION NO.  
13; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT IN AN  
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,545.00 AND PROVIDING FOR  
PAYMENT .

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AN ORDINANCE 84,097

SELECTING FORD, POWELL AND CARSON ARCHITECTS, INC.  
TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH  
THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING EXTERIOR RESTORATION  
PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF A  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$40,154.00; AUTHORIZING \$5,766.00 FOR  
MISCELLANEOUS ARCHITECTURAL CONTINGENCY EXPENSES;  
AUTHORIZING \$18,080.00 FOR REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES;  
APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,098

APPROVING THE PRICE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF THREE PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE COLONIA SAN ALFONSO SHTA AND COLONIA SANTA CRUZ SHTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECTS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$10,750.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,099

ESTABLISHING VARIOUS PARKING RATES FOR THE CITY OWNED PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 803 DOLOROSA STREET, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1996, AS \$0.75 PER HALF-HOUR WITH A \$3.75 DAILY MAXIMUM, A FIESTA EVENT RATE OF \$4.00, A FLAT RATE OF \$2.00 AND A LOST TICKET RATE OF \$3.75; AMENDING THE CITY CODE; AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY. (AMENDS CHAPTER 19 OF CITY CODE)

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AN ORDINANCE 84,100

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY CLINIC, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF HIV/AIDS OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND COUNSELING SERVICES BY THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT (SAMHD) FOR CONSIDERATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 1996 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1997; ESTABLISHING A FUND; ADOPTING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,101

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$361,512.00 FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (TDH) TO CONTINUE FUNDING OF TB CONTROL ACTIVITIES BY THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT (SAMHD); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACT CHANGE NOTICE NO. 01, COMPRISED OF ATTACHMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT 7460020708 97 WITH TDH; REVISING THE BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATE SUPPORT PROJECT 1996/97 ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 83917 PASSED AND APPROVED APRIL 11, 1996; AND APPROVING A PERSONNEL

COMPLEMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 83917 DATED APR. 11, 1996)

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AN ORDINANCE 84,102

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 82688 PASSED AUGUST 24, 1995, ACCEPTING IN INCREASE IN THE GRANT AMOUNT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OF \$114,506.00, FOR A TOTAL GRANT OF \$1,419,431.00 FOR CONTINUATION OF THE CLIENT MANAGED PROGRAM; ADJUSTING THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CARRY-OVER FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 82688 DATED AUG. 24, 1995)

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AN ORDINANCE 84,103

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES), SECTION 19-68(b) TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SCHEDULE FOR "STOP" SIGNS, "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" SIGNS, "PROHIBITED PARKING AT ALL TIMES" SIGNS, AND "PROHIBITED PARKING AT ALL TIMES" SIGNS, AND "PROHIBITED TURN" SIGNS; AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF SAID DEVICES; DECLARING THEM AS OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES; OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THESE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO BE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00, AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTION 19-225 (ADMINISTERED ADJUDICATION OF STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING VIOLATIONS).

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AN ORDINANCE 84,104

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$131,000.00, WHICH REQUIRES \$6,738.00 IN IN-KIND MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS, TO THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT THE COMMERCIAL AUTO THEFT PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,105

AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,026.00 FOR THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE COURIER DETECTION AND APPREHENSION UNIT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1996, TO DECEMBER 31, 1996.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,106

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$776,775.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE DISRUPTION UNIT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1996, TO DECEMBER 31, 1996.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,107

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$612,278.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE NARCOTICS ORGANIZATION DISRUPTION UNIT FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1996, TO DECEMBER 31, 1996.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,108

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,500.00 FROM THE LOCAL BOARD OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S (FEMA) EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER NATIONAL BOARD PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1995, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1996.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,109

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 82884, PASSED AND APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1995, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$693,000.00, TO REFLECT AN ACTUAL AMOUNT AWARD OF \$637,000.00 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,110

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GILLETTE BLVD. BETWEEN PALO ALTO ROAD AND HIGHWAY 16 FROM 8:00 A.M., SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1996 UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1996 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH FESTIVAL.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,111

APPOINTING BEN RANDLE, JR. (DISTRICT 2) TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 15, 1997.

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AN ORDINANCE 84,112

APPOINTING R. TOM RODDY (DISTRICT 1) TO THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1997.

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96-20 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 84,113

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF NUEVA FROM JUSTICE CENTER TO ALAMO; ALAMO FROM NUEVA TO BROADWAY; BROADWAY FROM ALAMO TO AUSTIN HIGHWAY; AUSTIN HIGHWAY FROM BROADWAY TO WALZEM; WALZEM FROM AUSTIN HIGHWAY TO I.H. 35 ACCESS; NORTHEAST ON I.H. 35 ACCESS TO END AT CITY LIMITS BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1996 IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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96-20 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 84,114

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION IN

THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700,000.00, WHICH INCLUDES \$320,000.00 IN IN-KIND MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AND \$260,000.00 IN CASH MATCHING FUNDS, TO THE TEXAS AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THE SALVAGE THEFT REDUCTION PROGRAM AUTO THEFT TASK FORCE.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Police Chief Al Philippus briefly explained the target for the Salvage Theft Reduction Program Auto Theft Task Force, and spoke to the large monetary losses each year from auto theft.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Webster.

96-20 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 84,115

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN POLICY INSTITUTE AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$34,950.00 TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS INITIATED AS PART OF THE GANG REHABILITATION, ASSESSMENT, AND SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Peak seconded the motion.

Police Chief Al Philippus addressed the importance of the anti-gang program, providing alternatives to gang membership.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Chief Philippus spoke to the overall decrease in juvenile crime in San Antonio.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 96-20-16

ENDORSING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN CONDUCTING A LOCAL DIALOGUE ON POVERTY IN SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY AS REQUESTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES NATIONAL DIALOGUE ON POVERTY.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mr. Rolando Morales, Acting Director, Department of Community Initiatives, narrated a brief video presentation on the importance of resolving poverty problems in San Antonio and around the nation.

Mayor Thornton spoke to the adverse impact that poverty has on a community.

Mr. Avila spoke to public hearings scheduled to be held in conjunction with this dialogue on poverty in San Antonio, noting that one-quarter of the city's population lives at or below the poverty level.

Mr. Ross, chairman of the Council's Social Services Committee, stated that the study will determine how the 'non-poverty community' can assist those at or below the poverty level in order to help them solve problems.

In response to a question by Mayor Thornton, Mr. Morales stated that San Antonio has 23.6 per cent of its population at or below the federal poverty level, and spoke to the income levels involved and problems it poses in all areas.

Mayor Thornton stated that, pragmatically, poverty adversely affects all neighborhoods.

Mr. Ross spoke to the need to focus upon the 'quality of life' issues as well as the environmental issues.

Mr. Solis noted that poverty is a great challenge to the survivability of the middle class.

Mayor Thornton spoke to poverty's impact upon literacy.

Ms. McClendon noted that this is a national issue, one that this dialogue will help address.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage

of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Herrera.

96-20 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 84,116

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 81779 PASSED MARCH 9, 1995, AUTHORIZING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BEATY SAUNDERS ARCHITECTS, INC. TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$223,000.00 PAYMENT FOR DESIGN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN PEDRO PARK REHABILITATION PROJECT FUNDED OUT OF 1994 PARKS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING A \$12,000.00 ARCHITECTURAL CONTINGENCY.

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke to the need to pay for additional design services relating to the San Pedro Park Rehabilitation Project.

Mayor Thornton spoke to the background history of San Pedro Park and its historical importance as the vital water source for San Antonio in its early days.

In response to a question by Mr. Flores, Mr. Darner addressed the status of the five-year project, noting that public meetings are scheduled to be held on this.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ross.

96-20 Agenda item 32, being a proposed ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase Contract to purchase land for the Market Street Municipal Parking Garage to be located on the former Groos Bank site at Market and Navarro Streets at a cost of \$5,485,000.00 plus reimbursable and closing costs totaling \$260,750.00 and appropriates \$3,745,750.00 from a combination of the Parking Fund ending balance, 1994 Bond Funds, and 1994 Certificates of Obligation to make the initial payment for the land at closing on May 31, 1996, was earlier removed from consideration by the City Manager.

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96-20 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 84,117 .

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AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT 2  
CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO COUNCILWOMAN RUTH JONES  
McCLENDON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400.00 FOR AN  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH MARSHA  
LYLE-GONGA FROM MAY 1, 1996, TO JUNE 30, 1996, AS  
REQUESTED BY COUNCILWOMAN RUTH JONES McCLENDON.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance.  
Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage  
of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores,  
McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster,  
Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Solis.

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96-20 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 96-20-17 .

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DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO INITIATE A STUDY ON THE  
PLANNING, POTENTIAL FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A  
SALADO OPEN SPACE CORRIDOR AND NATURE TRAIL; AND TO  
ADMINISTRATIVELY ESTABLISH A STUDY GROUP COMPRISED  
OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM AFFECTED CITIZEN GROUPS AND  
PUBLIC AGENCIES TO UNDERTAKE SAID STUDY.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed  
Resolution. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks & Recreation, spoke to the  
background of the feasibility study.

Mr. Walter Heard, representing Groves & Associates, landscape  
architects, spoke to the neighborhood work on the concept and proposal,  
and outlined the open space corridor and nature trail along Salado  
Creek, narrating a video presentation of the project. He stated that  
this is a workable concept, tying the Salado Creek into adjoining  
neighborhoods.

Ms. McClendon spoke to the pro bono work on this concept by Groves & Associates, and addressed the genesis of the project.

Mr. Ross stated that he feels the watershed study should precede this study because of its potential impact upon the project.

In response to a question by Mr. Webster, Ms. McClendon noted that the project concept started in District 2 because of expressed interest in such a project by the community, and stated that it will eventually encompass much of the Salado Creek's 39-mile length.

In response to a question by Mr. Webster, Mr. Darner explained the use of bond funds in the planning process of this project.

Mr. Webster stated his belief that earlier-identified parks projects should perhaps be taken care of, first.

Mr. Darner addressed the need for a total master plan for the Salado Creek project.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa Burke, Marbut.

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96-20 City Council recessed its regular session at 2:30 P.M. in order to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

A. Attorney-Client consultation regarding litigation case styled Guadalupe C. Castilleja vs. City of San Antonio and Robert Wilson, Cause No. 95-CI-12750 in the 73rd Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas.

B. Attorney-Client consultation regarding litigation case styled San Antonio Police Officers Association (SAPOA) et al vs. City of San Antonio, et al, (Out of Class Pay Lawsuit).

City Council adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened in regular session at 3:52 P.M., at which time Mayor Thornton stated that City Council had been briefed on the above-named topics and had given staff direction, but had taken no official action.

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96-20            PRESENTATION OF THE FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL FORECAST

Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, spoke briefly in introduction of the budget process.

Ms. Terry Brechtel, Director, Office of Budget & Management Analysis, narrated a video presentation on the five-year financial

forecast. A copy of her presentation, and a written copy of the forecast booklet, are made a part of the papers of this meeting.

Ms. Brechtel spoke to an overview of the process and the purpose of the five-year forecast; 36 strategic issues, broken down into five key interrelated elements; the three-tiered strategy for managing with performance measures; the economic update and outlook; the general fund forecast; others funds forecast; and the budget process schedule.

Discussion then took place concerning projected shortfalls in fiscal years 1997 and 1998, and how those projected shortfalls can be addressed.

Mayor Thornton stated this that report provides a good picture of San Antonio's financial matters, and the Council must set priorities for spending. He noted that town meetings held in many Council districts this far indicate that citizens want solid, basic and fundamental City services. He stated his belief that raising City taxes is not an option, and mandated that costs be held to a minimum. He then thanked City staff for doing a good job on the financial forecast.

Mr. Ross questioned several charts comparing the City of San Antonio with other cities, and how certain figures were arrived at and calculations made.

(At this point, Mayor Thornton was obliged to leave the meeting. Mr. Webster presided temporarily, inasmuch as Mayor Pro Tem Ross was speaking to this issue at the time.)

Discussion then ensued concerning disposition of excess funds allocated from property taxes above the 96 per cent level of collection achieved.

In response to a question by Mr. Ross, Ms. Brechtel stated that spending mandates are to be found on Page 95 of the five-year financial forecast.

Mr. Ross spoke to his belief that the Council needs to re-examine the budgeting process.

(At this point, Mayor Pro Tem Ross presided in the absence of Mayor Thornton.)

Mr. Briseno spoke to the seven per cent reduction package being required of all City departments as an effort to free up funds from less-important programs, and spoke to a top-to-bottom review of about five City departments each budget year.

In response to a question by Mr. Herrera, Ms. Brechtel addressed figures from the Kelly Air Force Base re-development strategic

plan, in which Mr. Herrera questioned the use of the phrase, "high-paying jobs", in reference to positions to be retained at the air base.

(At this point, Mayor Thornton returned to the meeting to preside.)

Mr. Herrera stated that he could not support a raise in City taxes, even as an option.

Mr. Peak spoke to the five-year financial forecast as a useful budget tool, and noted the increase in Fire Department response-times, rather than a decrease in the forecast, stating his belief that the planned addition of new fire stations will help this statistic. He spoke to tough decisions that must be made concerning the shortfalls, and addressed his concern with the large property appraisal increases on north side homes this year.

Mr. Webster spoke to the forecast as a good document, and thanked the City Manager for working into his plans the City departmental budgeting procedures used in Phoenix. He noted that City Council must make some tough decisions and effect some cuts, and spoke to the need to manage mandates and control spending. He stated that he would not support a property tax increase, and declared that he cannot tolerate the skyrocketing property appraisal rates now showing up.

Ms. McClendon also stated that she would not support a property tax increase, and discussed figures relating to juvenile arrests.

Mr. Solis noted that the budget is the most important issue to the City Council, and stated that he cannot discount a possible tax rate increase until deeper into the City's financial planning operations.

(At this point, Mayor Thornton was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Ross presided.)

Mr. Solis spoke to the City's history of handling deficits and shortfalls in recent years past, and addressed his concern with City Public Service revenue projections. He noted that the City has been able to do more with less, and even to effect increases in levels of service. He spoke to the need for 'cooperation' before 'consolidation' with Bexar County, and addressed the disparity between what the City pays for its prisoners housed in Bexar County Jail with what is being charged to prisoners being brought in from Colorado, for instance. He stated that he is not ready for any move toward "zero-based budgeting".

Mr. Flores stated his belief that a seven per cent reduction in the budget is practicable, and he spoke against any City tax increase. He then spoke to the need to look at all the City's revenue options.

Mr. Webster stated that the City cannot do what it can't pay for, and the Council needs to make some tough decisions, and may have to forego some things.

Mr. Briseno noted that the five-year financial forecast is just that: an estimate, but acknowledged that tough choices are ahead for the City Council. He discussed some possible budget cuts or revenue increases, and spoke to the City becoming more entrepreneurial, and addressed several examples.

Mayor Thornton stated that the Council may ultimately name a small committee of Council members to work with the City Manager and the budget staff on this coming year's budget matters.

Mr. Solis asked City staff to look into the matter of costs being charged for prisoners being housed in the County Jail.

Mr. Webster noted that he had earlier asked Bexar County to explain the disparity between costs charged for City prisoners and those being brought in from Colorado. He summarized his earlier stated reasons, and stated that he would share any information he receives on this matter with other Council members.

Mr. Solis then made a motion to direct City staff to look into the matter of costs being charged for prisoners being housed in County Jail. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Briseno discussed several examples of charges made to the City by Bexar County in certain areas, and vice versa, and stated that he would get the necessary information for the City Council.

After discussion, the motion on direction to City staff prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Peak, Webster, Thornton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Marbut.

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LETTER TO SAN ANTONIO SPURS

Mr. Webster read a letter being dispatched to the San Antonio Spurs in Salt Lake City, encouraging them on the eve of their next playoff game with the Utah Jazz.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ALAMODOME SIX-MONTH REPORT

Mr. Mike Abington, Director of the Alamodome, briefed the City Council on the 1995-96 Mid-Year Financial Report on the Alamodome, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He spoke of

the creation of a Reserve For Revenue Loss Fund, and noted that the Alamodome is doing well financially this year, citing \$1.249 million in revenues over expenses for the first six months. He projected an eventual profit for the Alamodome operations by the end of the fiscal year, noting that revenues from several major events have not yet been confirmed but are expected to take place. He then spoke to future scheduled events at the Alamodome.

Mayor Thornton stated his opinion that it is smart to set aside funds to make renovations to the Alamodome, and spoke to staff's target of having some \$20 million set aside for that purposes, when needed.

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GRAFFITI WIPEOUT PROGRAM

Mr. Sergio Soto, Director of Youth Initiatives, spoke to the details of the planned Graffiti Wipeout Program to be held Saturday next, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M., and addressed the areas being targeted for the graffiti wipeout campaign.

Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, spoke to the Summer Youth Employment Program, noting that some 153 young people will be put to work in various City departments this summer.

Mr. Ross made a motion to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for next week, commending and expressing appreciation to the Sherwin-Williams Company for donating the paint for the Graffiti Abatement Program for use during the clean-up day May 18, 1996. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

After discussion, the motion prevailed by the following vote:  
AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Peak, Webster, Thornton. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Marbut.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

PATSY CHEYNEY

Ms. Patsy Cheyney, San Antonio Alliance for the Mentally Ill, expressed appreciation to the City Council for their assistance in the past and also spoke about recent occurrences at the Mental Health Mental Retardation Center which seem to indicate a positive change in direction.

MARIA J. DOMINGUEZ

Mrs. Dominguez spoke to the City Council about a recent bus drive and visit to a public housing project where she saw great

improvements in the design of the housing units. She also spoke to Via's Trolley Ride charges.

KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, read a prepared statement to the Council entitled, "Speech on STP Settlement at City Public Service Public Hearing, May 15, 1996," (A copy of which is on file with the papers of this meeting.

WALTER SCHUMANN

Mr. Walter Schumann, Monte Galvan Preservation and Attendant, 1110 Vista Valet 78216, spoke to the Council about their newly-formed association they have organized to preserve and protect a historical area, this being the Walker Ranch. He spoke to the plans to accomplish their objectives and the challenges they face. He asked for Council to support their endeavors.

Mr. Peak stated he is working with this group.

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96-20 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

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