

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1969 AT 8:30 A.M.

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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, JONES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: JAMES.

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69-15 The invocation was given by Reverend Richard Junkin, Northwood Presbyterian Church.

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The minutes of March 3, 1969 Special Meeting and March 20, 1969 Regular Meeting were approved.

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69-15 Mayor McAllister read the following proclamation which he presented to Mrs. Winfield Hamlin of the Conservation Society and to Miss Emily Edwards, the first President of the organization, and Mrs. Jules Fontaine, one of the original founders of the Society.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 45th Anniversary of the founding of the San Antonio Conservation Society, and

WHEREAS, during this period of time this organization has made many worthy and outstanding contributions to the welfare of historic San Antonio, among which are the saving of the San Antonio River from becoming a covered drainage ditch; purchase and restoration of the old granary at San Jose Mission and given to the State and is now a National historic site; purchase of a ten acre tract adjacent to the two century old Aqueduct near Mission Espada and also a National historic land mark; and

WHEREAS, the Society also maintains a museum, the Steves Homestead on King William Street, now designated as a historic district by the City of San Antonio; purchase and restoration of the Jose Antonio Navarro Home, thus saving the homestead of the one of two native-born signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence, and cooperated with the City in restoring and refurbishing the Spanish Governor's Palace; and

WHEREAS, they purchased lands adjacent to San Jose Mission and presented them to the San Jose Park Board for development of the Texas Historic Outdoor Theatre--the first in Texas; and

WHEREAS, large sums are being spent on restoration of the old Travieso Mill and Yturri-Edmonds homestead along Mission Road and when completed will be an added attraction to visitors; and

WHEREAS, one of the Society's boldest and most ambitious undertakings was the purchase of a portion of the Ursuline Academy, considered to be one of the best examples of French Architecture in the area. Efforts are continuing to purchase the entire property and after restoration will be put to a use that will benefit our unique City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. W. McALLISTER, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 27, 1969, as

"SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION SOCIETY DAY"

in San Antonio, Texas.

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69-15 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James and Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,356

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF METEOROLOGY RESEARCH, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT WITH ONE MECHANICAL WEATHER STATION FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,793.30.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,357

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CHAMPION BLOWER & FORGE COMPANY INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH INDUSTRIAL EXHAUSTER FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,230.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,358

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CRANE SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH CERTAIN FITTINGS AND PIPE FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,767.75.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,359

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED
BID OF ALLIED CHAIN LINK FENCE COMPANY
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DE-
PARTMENT OF AVIATION WITH CERTAIN STEEL
FENCING MATERIAL FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,974.00.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,360

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,055.50
OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION
FUND NO. 804 AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
PAYMENT THEREOF TO PAYEES IN AMOUNTS SPECI-
FIED AS FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REND-
ERED. (MR. H. GRADY STEBBINS, JR. - \$1,548.00;
MR. WILLIS A. PORTER - \$1,507.50)

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City Attorney Howard Walker advised that this is
in payment of appraisal consultation and expert testimony in
connection with the case of Ray Jones, et al v. City of San Antonio
involving alleged damages to property caused by noise in connection
with the operation of the San Antonio International Airport.

He advised the Council that the City had won this
case and the survey made by these professional appraisers will also
be used in future law suits that may be filed against the City and
recommended the passage of the ordinance.

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

69-15 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. Thomas
Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion made and duly seconded,
were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister,
Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None;
ABSENT: James.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,361

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 30-7 WITH COMMUTER AIRLINES OF TEXAS, INC., d/b/a AIR TEXAS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,362

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC. TO EXTEND SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 88 FROM MAY 1, 1969 TO JULY 31, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,363

AMENDING ARTICLE I, CHAPTER 4, OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THE PROMPT REMOVAL OF DISABLED AIRCRAFT; AND PROVIDING THAT ANY VIOLATION SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$200.00.

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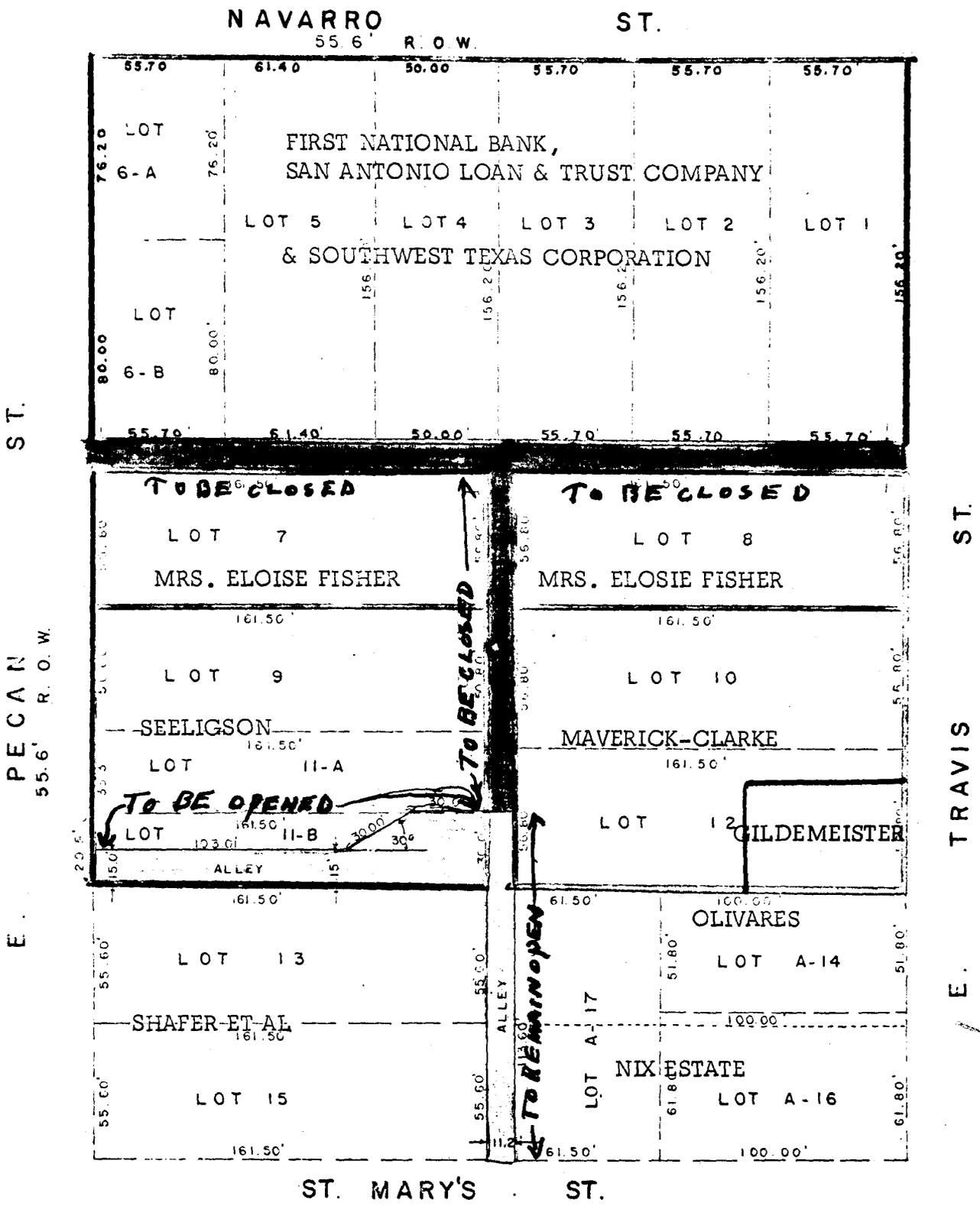
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69-15 The Clerk read an ordinance closing and abandoning portions of the alleyways located in NCB 408 and authorizing quit-claim deeds to the abutting owners for a consideration of \$16,860.00 plus the dedication of a new alleyway to be located in said block.

Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, explained to the Council the following sketch of New City Block 408:

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A SKETCH OF N. C. B. 408

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Mr. Clark explained that in 1967 a proposal was made by Mrs. Eloise Fisher, et al, to close, abandon, and sell to her the alley way running north and south between Pecan Street and Travis Street and that portion of the alley way running west which is contiguous to Lots 7 and 8 in NCB 408. At that time the petitioners did not own all the property that they own today.

He advised the petition had been circulated to all City agencies concerned and all approved except for the requirement of a small sewer easement and that petitioners submit a profile of the project before final action is taken. All parties involved were invited to a Planning Commission meeting held on Wednesday, March 26, 1969. The Planning Commission recommended against the closing. He read the Planning Commission's motion which is as follows:

"Motion made by Mr. Cortez and seconded by Mr. Herrera to recommend to the City Council the denial of Special Project #68-21-12 as proposed. The Commission feels that every consideration should be given to this project, with the further recommendation that some attempt be made to work out a satisfactory compromise between the petitioner and the opposition in this case. ROLL CALL VOTE: Guerra, Nelson, Cortez, Herrera, Dietert, voting in the affirmative; Hamlin and Hughes, abstained; Rice and Fite, voting in the negative. MOTION CARRIED."

Mr. Clark advised that the petitioners in favor of the closing of the alley and dedication of a new alley own all of the property in the block except for Lots 17, A-16, and A-14. This property is owned by Mr. Jose Olivares and the Nix Estate and they oppose the closing and the plan for a new alley as inadequate.

Mr. Clark explained that the ordinance under consideration would authorize the closing of the alley way running north and south between Pecan Street and Travis Street and a portion of the alley way running west therefrom contiguous with Lots 7,8,9,10 and portions of 11 and 12 in NCB 408. A new alignment from a point of termination of the closing of the E/W alley northward into Pecan Street is to be dedicated by the petitioners as shown on the plat.

Traffic Director Stewart Fischer stated that it is his opinion that this new alignment is a considerable improvement over the present situation. The alley cannot be used at present by garbage trucks without backing up into St. Mary's Street.

Mr. Leroy Denman, representing the First National Bank, stated that in 1967 they proposed to build a 325 space parking garage if the alley was closed. There was strong opposition to closing the alley at that time. They too had questioned whether 325 spaces would be adequate to serve people in the area. They have now worked out this project which they feel provides for an adequate flow of traffic through this new alley. If the closing is approved they proposed to build a parking garage to accommodate 500 to 800 cars. A feasibility study is presently under way for the garage building.

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The history of the alley and its use was discussed at length and persons spoke in favor as well as in opposition of the closing and the new realignment of the alley as follows:

IN FAVOR:

Mr. Leroy Denman
Mr. Frank Baskin, representing Mrs. Eloise Fisher, et al.
Mr. Charles W. Duke, representing St. Anthony Hotel
Mr. Irwin Matthews
Mr. Dick Rheiner, representing Gildemeister's

IN OPPOSITION:

Mr. Ralph Brite
Mr. Paul Green
Jose Olivares, Jr.

City Attorney Howard Walker advised the Council that it has the authority and power in this case to vacate and close this alley.

After due consideration of the evidence presented, Mr. Jones made a motion that the ordinance authorizing the closing of the alley be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. On roll call the motion failed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Gatti; NAYS: Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; ABSENT: James.

Mrs. Cockrell then made a motion that the Council reconsider its action and refer the matter back to the Planning Commission to see if a better settlement can be devised and that it be brought back to the Council in two weeks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

69-15 The following ordinances were explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,364

APPROPRIATING \$5,250.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS FOR PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; APPROPRIATING \$26,250.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND #404 FOR ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PERTAINING TO THE SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE; AND ALSO ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE BELGIUM LANE WIDENING PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,365

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$2,725.00 OUT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 99-09-04 FOR PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BELGIUM LANE WIDENING PROJECT AND REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 37299 PERTAINING TO THIS SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,366

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 5.552 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING. (HEARING - APRIL 10, 1969)

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AN ORDINANCE 37,367

APPOINTING GEORGE STREET AS A MEMBER OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION (TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF DR. LOUIS TUCKER ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969).

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AN ORDINANCE 37,368

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF THE McALLISTER BUILDING TO SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS AT A RENTAL OF \$600.00 PER MONTH.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,369

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH G. HASSLOCHER D/B/A FAIR FOOD FOR RENTAL OF THE O.K. BAR LOCATED AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$75.00 PER MONTH PLUS 5% OF GROSS RECEIPTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,370

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$3,110.00 FROM THE LIBRARY DEPT. ACCOUNT 15-03-01 TO LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT 15-02-01 TO DEFRAY COST OF SALARY INCREASES, APPROVED BY LIBRARY BOARD, FOR CERTAIN LIBRARY PERSONNEL FOR BALANCE OF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

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69-15 The Clerk read an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with H.C.P. Enterprises, Inc. of Royersford, Pennsylvania, for operation of the mini-monorail at HemisFair Plaza, for a term of ten (10) years.

Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities explained the lease.

It was the opinion of the Council that action be postponed to see if H.C.P. Enterprises would accept a five-year contract.

Mr. Jones made a motion to authorize the City Manager to continue the present lease on a month to month basis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Gatti; ABSENT: James.

69-15 The following ordinance was explained by City Manager Henckel and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,371

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE LANE TO AMEND THE PRESENT CONTRACT FOR AN AMUSEMENT AREA IN HEMISFAIR PLAZA SO AS TO CHANGE THE PERCENTAGE OF GROSS RECEIPTS TO BE PAID TO CITY, AND REQUIRING WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM CITY FOR EACH RIDE, GAME, OR SUB-CONTRACTOR.

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69-15 ANNEXATIONS:

The Clerk read the following ordinance for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE 37,372

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 21.547 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained that this action is being taken at the request of the Oak Glen Park Development Company, the owners of the property.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

69-15

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

USE OF CITY PROPERTY ON ALAMO PLAZA FOR FILMING OF THE "VIVA MAX!" MOVIE:

Mrs. William Laurence Scarborough, President-General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, stated that she and others were present to plead with the City Council not to permit the use of City property on Alamo Plaza for filming of the movie, "Viva Max!" as they feel that this movie is a mockery and desecration of the Alamo and its heroes who died for Texas.

Also speaking in opposition of the granting of any permit for this purpose are the following:

Mr. Elton Cude, President of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Chapter 7
 Mr. Alex Frazer
 Mrs. L. L. Wagner, President of Clara Driskoll Chapter, Corpus Christi, Texas
 A Mrs. May
 Mrs. Lillian Padget Maverick
 Mrs. T.J. Walthall
 Mr. George Towns
 Mr. Roy F. Adkins
 Mr. Duncan Neblett, Attorney from Houston, Texas
 Mr. Max Allen, Attorney from San Antonio, representing
 the DRT
 Rev. R. A. Callies

Those speaking in favor are the following:

Mr. Bernard Ladon, attorney representing the company filming the movie, "Viva Max!", reviewed the movie and assured the DRT and the City Council that it in no way desecrates the Alamo or its heroes. He asked the Council to grant a permit to place a temporary gate on the grounds outside the Alamo Courtyard and to utilize the property of the City for filming the movie. He added that this will in no way interfere with the ingress and egress of pedestrians into the Alamo and courtyard except for a very short period of setting up the gate and the filming.

Mr. Raul Rodriguez
 Mr. J. A. Logan

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City Attorney Howard Walker advised the Council that it has the authority to grant the permit if it wishes to do so and it could be done by a verbal motion. He added that if a permit is given it must be granted by the City Council.

After having heard from all parties concerned, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti made a motion that the Company producing and filming the movie "Viva Max!" be granted permission to erect gates on the ground outside the Alamo Courtyard and to utilize property of the City of San Antonio for the filming of the movie "Viva Max!" provided this use will in no way interfere with ingress and egress of pedestrians into the Alamo and the Courtyard except during the periods of setup and filming.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Torres.

On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: Calderon, Cockrell; ABSENT: James.

69-15

DOG LEASH LAW

Mr. Steve Sanchez, Mr. Frank Gutierrez, postal workers, as well as Mr. Woodrow Banks and Col. Richard W. Owen spoke in favor of a Dog Leash Law.

City Manager Henckel advised that the City Council has requested a report and recommendation from the Manager concerning this matter. The study is being made at the present time and should be ready in a week or two.

69-15

REQUEST OF JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY PTA

Rev. R. A. Callies, Chairman of the James Whitcomb Riley PTA Community Project Committee, advised the Council that a new list of basic needs for his community will be submitted in the near future. He then listed the following improvements which they have requested for the school years 1967-69:

A. Traffic lights

1. At the intersection of E. Commerce and Spriggsdale Street.
2. At the intersection of Nebraska and South Gevers Street
3. Provide signal lights at the intersection of Expressway, IH 10, Artesia and Nebraska for both cars and pedestrians.

B. Bridge

1. Construct a bridge over the Salado Creek at Rice Road that will give both motorists and pedestrians an inlet and an outlet to this community for routine travel in the event of high waters, atomic attack or other such factors. We will not be barricaded on either side of the Salado Creek as we were during Hurricane Carla, Hurrican Beulah, and during the recent rains we experienced November 30, 1968.

C. Sidewalks

1. Construct sidewalks for school children within the six hundred through ten hundred block of Artesia Street.

D.- 1. Extension of Nebraska Street from 3500 block due east to W. W. White Road via Lord Road.

E.- 1. Drainage is very poor in the Wheatley Heights area, naming a few streets, Ferris Badger, Bellinger, Artesia near Rigsby and Bundy Street.

69-15

REQUEST OF SALVATION ARMY FOR TAX EXEMPTION

Mr. Mayo Galindo, attorney representing the Salvation Army, asked the Council to grant total tax exemption for the rehabilitation center at the corner of South Alamo and South Flores which was purchased in 1967. The building is being used to help deprived, depraved and underprivileged. Ten percent of the building has been dedicated and used for what is known as a thrift store for the sale of old merchandise, wares, and goods which have been worked on by people in the center.

The tax office has exempted all the property except the part used for this thrift store. He stated there is no provision for partial exemption. He added that the Goodwill Industries on Pleasanton Road has a thrift store and it is totally exempt. He asked that the portion of the building used for the thrift store be removed from the tax rolls.

Also speaking in favor of this request were Major Lewis Stilly, and Capt. Bertrand Norman of the Salvation Army.

The matter was discussed with the City Attorney as to hospitals operating restaurants and gift stores which are carried on the exempt rolls.

The City Attorney advised that he agreed there is no provision for partial exemption. The partial exemption was apparently worked out and agreed to by a former City Attorney.

After consideration, action on the request was postponed pending further study of the matter.

69-15

AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Walter Gray, attorney for property owners in the Airport Industrial Park which is an unplatted sub-standard subdivision, spoke to the Council concerning the problems of utilities particularly water, as well as streets, drainage and etc. He said this subdivision is tied on to a private water system that has been threatening to cut off service on the first of April.

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City Manager Henckel advised that the City has never accepted dedication of the streets in this area. The deterioration in the subdivision has come about more rapidly than anticipated; the streets are in bad shape; there is no drainage or sewers and the water company going defunct is really what has brought this to a head. He thought the City is in the best position it has ever been in to sit down with the property owners and work out a solution. As long as the streets were holding up and they had proper water service it was difficult to get everybody together to try to solve the problem.

Mr. Henckel then stated the Council, last week, instructed him to reanalyze the situation and come up with a new recommendation which he is doing.

Mr. Van Dyke of the Water Board has agreed to contact all of the property owners in the Airport Industrial Park to see if they would participate on the regular extension basis for a water system. The City Manager added he will, in the very near future, make a recommendation to the Council as to how to handle this whole subdivision. The water recommendation will be first and that will be that the Water Board put in a water system if the property owners participate. He advised the Council that under the law, the present water supplier cannot cut off service arbitrarily.

In answer to questions, Mr. Henckel stated the City would refund immediately the portion that individuals have deposited for water and then the property owners would work directly with the water board on any deposit that is required by them. Also Mr. Henckel stated that he would not recommend repealing or amending the present resolution of March 11, 1965 in which the City withholds public improvements and services from subdivisions which have not been approved until he got a report back from Mr. Van Dyke that there are enough people stating they are willing to become customers of the water system to justify a system in this area. He stated this is the basis for his contacting everyone in the subdivision.

Mayor McAllister thanked Mr. Gray for bringing this to the Council's attention and Mr. Henckel will take the necessary steps to see what can be done to solve the situation in this area.

69-15

MARINA GARAGE

City Manager Henckel informed the Council that he has changed the instructions regarding the Marina Garage bids. He has asked the Purchasing Department to take informal bids for the parking operation on a thirty day basis in order that the garage will be open for the reopening of HemisFair Plaza and the other functions that are going on there. He stated three bids were received and have been analyzed and the best bid by far is that of Allright Parking, Inc. He explained that no Council action on this is necessary as the thirty-day operation can be added to Allright's present contract. Within thirty days, the City will award a ~~contract on a long term basis.~~

There were no objections from the Council to this procedure.

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69-15TRINITY UNIVERSITY

Mr. Henckel stated that Trinity University has written a letter of which the Council has received a copy, requesting that the Southern Golf Conference Tournament be held on a municipal golf course without a green fee. Trinity has in the past reciprocated by allowing the City use of their facilities.

No action was taken on the request.

69-15SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor McAllister announced that he has called a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Wednesday, April 2, 1969 at 8:30 A.M. in the Council Chamber for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the April 1, 1969 Election.

69-15ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Councilman Torres brought up the matter of the application to have a part of the City made into an Economic Development District which has been turned down.

City Attorney Walker read a provision from the Act which states that the proposed district not have a population in excess of 250,000 according to the last preceding federal census. He stated if this provision is what the Secretary of Commerce is basing his decision on, he is doing it on a statutory basis. Most federal law is written in vague form so the Department can write its own rules and regulations and that may be the case in this instance. Mr. Walker stated however that his decision may be based on the statute and then he is following that provision.

Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell, City representative on the Alamo Area Council of Governments, explained the action that has been taken by AACOG and that it is a matter of interpretation as to whether they consider the application on the basis of population of the proposed district or the population of the entire City.

Mr. Torres felt that the Council should either pass a resolution or send someone to Washington on this matter. He added that Mr. Tom Perkins is going back to Washington on this next week.

It was decided that a letter from the Mayor be prepared and sent with the group going to Washington seeking reconsideration of this application.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated in reference to the Fire and Police Pension Fund that they recently had a new actuary study made and he has been working with them on this. At a meeting yesterday, the Pension Board came to the conclusion and would like to recommend to the City Manager, a change in the base pay for pension purposes. He added that Fund No. 2 is in the process of being incorporated into Fund No. 1 by legislative action. The retirement is now based on \$400.00 per month base pay. The study indicated positively that the City could increase the base pay by ordinance for retirement to \$450.00 per month, which would increase benefits to firemen and policemen retiring and those already retired by 12½%. This is in line with attempts being made to set up in the future retirement based on the last five years pay. As Chairman of the Fire and Police Pension Fund Board, he asked for the Council's approbation and to have Mr. Henckel make a study on this. It would cost 7½% of \$50.00 per month for each fireman and policeman or approximately \$63,000 a year. He stated it would not impair the actuarial soundness of the fund.

He added that San Antonio is one of the few cities in the country that does not have retirement in rank and this is a step in that direction.

69-15

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

- 3-24-69 Petition of Mr. Salvador Garza, et al, residents of La Violeta Street complaining of the drainage condition and requesting improvement of the street.
- 3-24-69 Petition of Darrell Wayne Gonzales, 562 S. W. 37th Street, requesting correction of the drainage system in the vicinity of Edgewood High School.

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- 3-24-69 Petition of Chris B. Christian, Inc. requesting consideration of a plan to extend W. Summit and W. Agarita Streets in a direct line from the North bound access road of I.H. 10 east to the railroad tracks on a participating basis.
- 3-25-69 Petition of Donald B. Harrell requested the City abandon part of Emile Avenue and to close and quitclaim said portion of the street to petitioner.
- 3-25-69 Petition of Jose F. Olivares, Jr., and others petitioning the City not to close the alley in NCB 408 running north and south between Pecan and Travis Streets, west of Navarro and a portion of the alleyway running west without due consideration to the public purpose and the rights of other property owners.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

M. M. Muller
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ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
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