

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1965, 8:30 AM.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, BAUFMAN, COCKRELL, GATTI, PADILLA, PARKER and BREMER; ABSENT: None.

65-277 Invocation was given by the Reverend Raymond M. Maggart, Bethany United Church of Christ.

The minutes of the March 18, 1965, meeting were approved.

65-278 At this time Mayor McAllister recognized Mrs. E. Rubright, President of the Pilot Club, who in turn presented the City of San Antonio with 30 American flags to be displayed at those polling places which do not have a flag available on election days. She then personally presented a flag to Mayor McAllister as a present for his forthcoming birthday.

Mayor McAllister thanked the Pilot Club for its generous action in supplying the flags, and commended them on their civic interest in behalf of the City of San Antonio.

The following ordinance was explained by the Purchasing Agent, and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; ABSENT: Padilla; ABSTAINED: Kaufman.

65-279 AN ORDINANCE 33,155

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF WALKER MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH THREE TRUCKSTERS FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,741.75.

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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, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Padilla.

65-280 AN ORDINANCE 33,156

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF LONGHORN PAINT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH PAINT FOR SWIMMING POOLS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,807.55.

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65-281 AN ORDINANCE 33,157

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF TEMPLE, INC. AND WEST-INGHOUSE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,335.80.

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65-282 AN ORDINANCE 33,158

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF TRI-ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH CERTAIN FLOODLIGHTS FOR BASEBALL DIAMONDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,872.40.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,159

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,766.00 TO THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OUT OF 1964 PARKS IMPROVEMENT BONDS #489-03 FOR CERTAIN WOODEN POLES FOR LIGHTING OF SAN PEDRO SOFTBALL AREA.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,160

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT FOR DIESEL INJECTION PUMPS AND ENGINE PARTS AND SERVICE.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,161

APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U. S. 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; KELLY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT; EISENHAWER ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; GEMBLER ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT; STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #56A; AND MILITARY DRIVE SOUTH (LOOP 13), SECTION B, PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,162

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 OUT OF 1964 PARK BONDS FOR PURCHASE OF LAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PALO ALTO MUNICIPAL SITE; ACCEPTING EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS PERTAINING TO QUINTANA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, STORM DRAINAGE NO. 74-D, BANDERA ROAD SIDEWALK AND UTILITIES AND OLMOS CREEK INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECTS.

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After passage of the above ordinance, Mrs. Cockrell stated that it has been said that you cannot get anything from City Hall, but that through the effectiveness of one individual who has had his community at heart by bringing its needs to the attention of the City Council, this person, Mr. Kristjan Bredvad, has come to City Hall over a period of years and presented the needs of the Palo Alto Community to the Council.

Mr. Bredvad thanked the Council for acquiring the land for a park and thanked the Administrative Officials who cooperated in the matter.

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, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Padilla.

65-287

AN ORDINANCE 33,163

AUTHORIZING THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD TO ERECT A TRANSMISSION TOWER WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF WESTFALL AVENUE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF CLARK AND A TOWER ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WESTFALL AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 120 FEET EAST OF CHERRY STREET.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,164

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR TO CORRECT AND ADJUST CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS APPEARING ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX ERROR BOARD OF REVIEW.

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The following ordinances were explained by City Attorney Sam Wolf, and on motion of Mr. Kaufman, seconded by Mr. Bremer, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAINED: Padilla.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,165

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE A REFUND OF \$258.03 TO CHARLES G. DAVIS, BEXAR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,166

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE A REFUND OF \$1,081.90 TO CHARLES G. DAVIS, BEXAR COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR, SAID SUM BEING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE BEXAR COUNTY ON LOTS 37 & 38, BLK 2, NCB 3031, ACCOUNT NO. 48-438.

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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, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

65-291

AN ORDINANCE 33,167

AMENDING SECTION 5-23 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF ON-PREMISE BEER AND WINE LICENSES COVERING ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED WITHIN THREE HUNDRED FEET OF ANY CHURCH, SCHOOL OR HOSPITAL AND PROVIDING A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,168

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BRIDGE AVIATION, INC., FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,169

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO REUBEN E. WEISS FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,170

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND AND RENEW A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO AMERICAN AIRLINES.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,171

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,172

MANIFESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE TO JAS. K. DOBBS COMPANY AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WHEREBY THE CITY WILL PROVIDE CERTAIN JANITORIAL SERVICES.

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At this time the City Council considered the bids received for the construction of the Colorado-Brazos bridge.

Mr. C. J. McKennon, Jr., Assistant Director of Public Works Department, presented a tabulation of the bids received and stated that the two low bids had made obvious errors in their bids for structural steel and was in receipt of letters from the Tom Barker Construction Company, and H. L. Freeland, Inc., the two low bidders, requesting that their bids be allowed to be withdrawn due to said errors. Mr. McKennon then recommended that the contract be awarded to Ben Gresham, the next lowest bidder whose bid qualified in all respects.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the bid of Ben Gresham was accepted by passage of the following ordinance the vote being as follows: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

65-297

AN ORDINANCE 33,173

ACCEPTING THE BID OF BEN GRESHAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLORADO-BRAZOS BRIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$81,618.00 OUT OF 1957 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS FUND NO. 479-10 PAYABLE TO BEN GRESHAM; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$85,618.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE 1957 STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND.

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The hearing on the request of the Saint Joseph's Benevolent Society that its building at 314 East Commerce Street be excluded from Urban Renewal Project No. 5, was called to order.

Mr. Jake Wurzbach, Chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced members of the committee, as well as the President, Mr. Al Keller. He then informed the Council that the property in question is owned by members of the Society composed of 308 members and will observe its 100th Anniversary in 1968. He felt this organization, through the years, reflected credit not only to staff, but also to the City of San Antonio. He told of the many conventions that the Society has brought to the city; the great number of organizations that use the facilities and of the worthwhile activities that are carried on. While of historic importance, he felt the activities and benefits of this building are of greater importance.

After discussion of the matter, the Mayor appointed Councilmen Gatti, Bremer and Jones to serve on a Council Committee to meet with a Committee of Saint Joseph's Society and discuss the problems involved to see if they can arrive at a decision.

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Mr. Edward Rodriguez addressed the City Council concerning the petition which he and other residents filed asking that the City require removal of horses that are kept at 539 Stonewall. He stated that the horses create a health hazard, and a nuisance, in addition to being a physical danger to children in the area, as one child has already been killed by the horses. He said no permit for 1965 has been obtained for keeping the horses, and asked the Council not to grant such a permit. He also reported that the

corral in which the horses are kept is unsafe.

Assistant City Manager Henckel stated the Health Department has reported that there is no requirement that requires a safe enclosure to keep horses, only that certain minimum health standards be met and than a permit for horses may be issued. He said a permit for 1965 has not been issued but that the owners of the horses are in the process of meeting the requirements of Sec. 6-8 of the City Code.

After discussion, the Council instructed the City Manager not to issue a permit to keep the horses at 539 Stonewall until it has had an opportunity to study the matter.

65-300 Next taken up was the scheduled hearing on the City Public Service Board's proposal that certain rates be readjusted and lowered.

Mr. Leroy Denman, Chairman of the City Public Service Board, reviewed the proposed reduction of 3.5 million dollars which are primarily in the electric rates.

The reasons for requesting lower rates was the result of the anti-trust litigation which made 2½ million dollars available to the Board for the future; the resulting lower price trend for electrical equipment and the many additions to the system will be made in the near future at lower cost than forecast in 1962. In addition, the Board has made economies as the system grows, such as the installation of bigger generators which are more efficient and reduce the cost of operation.

The Mayor asked if anyone wished to be heard on the matter.

Major Herbert K. Sloane, Legal Advisor from Kelly Air Force Base, and representing all military organizations in San Antonio who purchase electricity from the City Public Service Board, read a prepared statement submitting that the proposed rates to the military are too high and making several recommendations for inclusion in the rate ordinance to correct this situation. (Full text of statement filed with the minutes of this meeting.)

The Mayor stated his request would be taken under consideration.

Mr. Elton Schroeder, Business Agent for the Local Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union, questioned the City Public Service Board's contention that San Antonio has the lowest rates in Texas. He said it appears that the larger industrial users will be getting a decided break on the utility rates. He then complained of hiring practices of the City Public Service Board, stating that on a large installation presently under construction, 60% of the personnel are from outside the city. He felt that the personnel rules and regulations requiring the personnel to live within the city should apply to all City agencies. He also spoke of the ordinance adopted by the Council setting the prevailing wage scale for public works contracts and stated the City Public Service Board is paying less than the scale.

The Mayor stated he could not express an opinion at this time on the points brought out, however, he did say that in 1962, the request for raising rates at the residential level was denied by the City Council.

Mr. Al Chapa, speaking as a citizen, stated the City Public Service Board's proposal provides no reduction for anyone who uses less than 300 KWH. He stated that under the proposal, the Commercial user - the more they use the more benefit they get. He felt the success of the City Public Service Board in the courts could be used to benefit all users. He concluded by asking the City Council to check into the 20 year contract for

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gas made by the Board.

Mayor McAllister then asked Mr. Chapa if he would favor, in theory, an adjustment of rates so that every user of electricity and gas pays cost plus a reasonable return.

Mr. Chapa replied that he would.

Mr. Dick Dennehy, representing the Local Electric Workers Union, asked the Council to consider an off-peak rate for electricity as is done in sections of the country where there is a surplus of electricity. He said San Antonio has a surplus of power in the wintertime.

It was brought out that a second meter with a time clock that comes on at a certain time would need to be installed for each user.

Mr. Leroy Denman, Chairman of the City Public Service Board, stated that in regard to the military, the matter had been discussed with Major Sloane and the Board had provided them with much information. He could not criticise their asking for a further rate reduction, but did not feel it is justified. He said the military is the largest consumer, but there are 16 separate points of connection. If the military's request was granted, then they would have to do the same for each user who uses the same as the military at an individual meter.

Concerning Mr. Schroeder's comments on rates, he stated that the actual fact is that San Antonio's rates are lower than other cities in Texas. As to the rates benefitting few customers, he stated the rates might benefit many one month and not another month, depending on consumption. He estimated that 70% of the customers will get some reduction at some time of the year.

As to the suggestion of a lower rate for off-peak consumption, Mr. Denman stated it certainly was one promotional idea, but is mostly used where there is hydro-electric power and the generators run all the time, such as Tennessee Valley Authority. He said the City Public Service Board is considering a promotion to get people to have outside lighting. This would require a separate meter.

Councilman Calderon asked what percentage of residential electric users get service below cost.

Mr. Denman stated that on any bill that is less than \$4.81, the cost of service is not recovered and this is the case with 39% of the users.

No other citizen desiring to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed and stated the various points brought out would be considered by the Council.

The following ordinance was read for the second and final time.

AN ORDINANCE 33,081

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 3.89 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. (DEWHURST ROAD BETWEEN LEMUR AND SULLIVAN).

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Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed annexation of a portion of Dewhurst Road from Sullivan to Lemur to solve a maintenance problem. No one asked to speak on the matter.

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

The following ordinances were explained by City Manager Shelley, and on motion made and duly seconded were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Padilla and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

65-302

AN ORDINANCE 33,174

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST BRANCH OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY. (Mr. Emmitt R. Tuggle).

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AN ORDINANCE 33,175

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND FILE A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY TO SECURE FUNDS TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROPOSED SOUTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY.

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The following ordinance for purchase of a major fire station site was explained by City Manager Shelley, and on motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Padilla and Parker.

65-304

AN ORDINANCE 33,176

ACCEPTING AN ASSIGNMENT FROM THE MISSION BROADCASTING COMPANY TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF AN EARNEST MONEY CONTRACT TO PURCHASE CERTAIN PROPERTY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 1759 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$32,500.00 AND APPROPRIATING \$32,500.00 OUT OF FIRE STATION BONDS, 1964 SERIES, IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

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The following resolution was read and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Bremer, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Kaufman, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Padilla.

65-305

A RESOLUTION

MANIFESTING DISAPPROVAL OF HOUSE BILL 877 INTRODUCED INTO THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE RELATING TO THE ELECTIONS PERTAINING TO BONDS AND ELECTIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODIES OF ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN BEXAR COUNTY.

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65-306 The public hearing on the proposed annexation of 40.901 acres of land which includes a 35 acre high school site and a portion of the Fratt Road relocation from Walzem Road to the East-West portion of Fratt Road, was called to order at 10:00 A.M.

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Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed annexation.

No one asked to speak on the matter.

The Mayor then declared the hearing closed and stated the first reading of the annexation ordinance will be held in two weeks.

65-307 Mrs. M. G. Ortiz, 4808 West Martin Street, presented a petition signed by residents of the area bounded by 26th Street, McMullen Drive, West Commerce Street and West Martin Street, requesting that a crossover be authorized and constructed over the drainage channel on Knoke Street, needed for access by approximately 100 school children.

After discussion, the Mayor informed Mrs. Ortiz that the Council will give very careful study to the request and advise them of the action taken.

65-308 Father McMannus, Pastor of Saint Patrick's Church spoke to the Council regarding his petition for a permit to erect a sign identifying the church, with one of the poles to be on City-owned property.

No action was taken pending a report on the request.

The Clerk read the following letter:

March 25, 1965

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 65-309 3-16-65 Petition of Home Development, Inc., requesting annexation of Camelot, Unit 5, containing 13.94 acres of land.
- 65-308 3-16-65 Petition of Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, requesting permission to place one of the support poles for a sign identifying the church to be placed approximately 3 feet into the parkway.
- 65-299 3-18-65 Petition of Edward V. Rodriguez, et al, requesting the City to take action to remove the corral and horses located at 539 Stonewall, which are a physical danger and a health hazard.
- 65-310 3-19-65 Petition of Mrs. Carrie R. Wiley, et al, residing on Oak Knoll Drive, requesting the City to install sanitary sewer lines in the 200 block of Oak Knoll Drive.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

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

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

A P P R O V E D :

M. M. Macester
MAYOR