

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1971.

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The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P. M. by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, HABERMAN, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: NONE.

71-11 The invocation was given by Councilman S. H. James.

71-11 Councilman Ed Hill introduced a resolution for consideration relating to Federally subsidized multiple housing. The resolution had been rewritten since its presentation to the Council on March 11.

Several members of the Council felt that the content of the resolution should be discussed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development before taking action on it. Others expressed the desire to take an early vote, but to allow time to study the revised resolution before acting.

After consideration, Mr. Torres moved that action on this resolution be postponed to the meeting of March 25, 1971. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen and passed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: Calderon, Hill; ABSENT: None.

The Clerk was instructed to transmit copies of the resolution to the regional and local offices of HUD and request their comments. The Clerk was also instructed to include this resolution on the docket of the Council Meeting to be held March 25, 1971.

71-11 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 71-11-79

ENDORING THE SUBMISSION BY THE  
ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS,  
OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDS  
FOR ESTABLISHING A NIGHT MAGISTRATE  
COURT, AND EVIDENCING THE CITY'S  
INTENTION TO COOPERATE IN ESTABLISHING  
AND OPERATING A NIGHT MAGISTRATE SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. The City of San Antonio hereby endorses the submission by the Alamo Area Council of Governments of an application for Federal funds through the Criminal Justice Council for establishing a Night Magistrate System for San Antonio and Bexar County. A copy of the application is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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SECTION 2. It is the intent of the City of San Antonio to cooperate with the Alamo Area Council of Governments, Bexar County, and the Bexar County Legal Aid Society in the implementation of such a system.

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

71-11 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 71-11-80

OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO APPROVING  
THE FILING OF A FEASIBILITY SURVEY  
APPLICATION BY THE URBAN RENEWAL  
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance of local public agencies for surveys of urban areas to determine whether the undertaking of Urban Renewal projects therein may be feasible, and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance and Executive Order of 11063 prohibits discrimination on basis of race, color, creed or national origin in sale, lease or other disposition of residential property (including land intended for residential use) or in the use or occupancy thereof, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio in co-sponsorship with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County and San Antonio River Authority, conduct such a survey in the urban area situated in the City of San Antonio, County of Bexar, and State of Texas, and generally described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio intends to initiate and participate in the planning of Federal Participation Projects in the said urban area in co-sponsorship with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County and the San Antonio River Authority after the aforementioned survey, provided that the undertaking of such projects is deemed feasible, and

WHEREAS, in order to conduct such a survey, the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio must file an application with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to obtain the necessary financing pursuant to Section 102 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, and said Agency has requested that the

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City of San Antonio approve the filing of the Feasibility Survey Application, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1. That the City of San Antonio supports and approves the filing of the aforementioned Feasibility Survey Application by the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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Mr. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, reminded the Council that consideration of this Resolution had been postponed from the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 1971, in order to give Councilmen more time to study it. He was accompanied by Mr. Fred N. Pfeiffer, Manager of the San Antonio River Authority.

Mr. Martin distributed copies of a breakdown of the estimate of costs for the project and invited questions.

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

71-11 The Council then began consideration of Legislation, which has been introduced in the 62nd Legislature and which will effect the City of San Antonio.

The following persons were present to mention briefly the Legislation, which is pending, that would in one way or another have an effect on their operations:

1. Mr. Tom Deely, Assistant Manager of City Public Service Board.
2. Mr. Robert Van Dyke, General Manager of City Water Board.
3. Mr. John Daniels, speaking for Mr. Dick Jones, San Antonio Housing Authority.
4. Mr. E. L. Lammons, representing Mr. Norman Hill, General Manager of San Antonio Transit System.

Mr. Deely and Mayor McAllister both spoke in opposition to S.B. 191 and 540 and H.B. 87. Mayor McAllister will represent the City Public Service Board at a hearing on March 16 on S.B. 781. This Bill would give authority to the Railroad Commission to renegotiate natural gas sales contracts. It was felt that renegotiation of the City's gas contract would result in an increase, which would be paid by the consumers in this area. Mr. Deely referred to a recent contract renegotiation in this area where the gas rate was increased to 36¢. San Antonio's present rate is 22-3/4¢. Such an increase could result in added costs of \$120,000,000 over the remaining 12 years of the contract.

City Manager Henckel referred to S.B. 513, by Senator Kothmann, which would prohibit discharge of municipal wastes of a certain content

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into an open pond or lake - a Bill obviously concerned with Mitchell Lake, which is south of San Antonio. Mr. Henckel expressed strong opposition to the Bill, as written, as it provides for a fine of from \$1,000 to \$10,000 per day and would go into effect in November, 1971.

Mr. Sam Granata, Director of Public Works, said he is also opposed to the Bill, as it would require a capital outlay of \$3.5 to \$5 million to make the Salado Treatment Plant capable of meeting the Bill's requirements. Additionally, the operating expense of the sewer system would be approximately doubled. He described certain procedures, which can be used to alleviate some of the odor from the lake.

After deliberation, Dr. Calderon moved to instruct the City Manager to oppose the Bill, as written, but to state that the City will be willing to discuss amendments, which would be acceptable to the City and with private business being covered, as well as municipalities. The motion was seconded by Rev. James and passed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: None.

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S.B. 303

The Council next considered S.B. 303, by Harrington, which would permit organization of unions by public employees and the right to bargain collectively. It also would provide for union dues check-off.

Mayor McAllister expressed oppositon to the Bill, as he felt that it would give public employees the right to strike.

City Attorney, Howard Walker, said that he has discussed this Bill with the City Attorney of each of Texas' largest cities and they are all opposed to this Bill. He did not recall that strikes would be permitted under this Bill.

Mr. Torres and Dr. Nielsen spoke in favor of the Bill, saying that it would be very beneficial toward relations with City employees.

Mr. Henckel said that the staff is not making any recommendation in this instance.

After discussion, Dr. Nielsen moved that the Council express support of this Bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and failed by the following vote: AYES: James, Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Haberman, Hill; ABSENT: Trevino.

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H.B. 868

This is a Bracket Bill to require election of Municipal Court Judges at regular city elections.

Dr. Calderon moved that this Bill be opposed by the City staff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Hill; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: Trevino.

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H.B. 318

To increase longevity pay of firemen and policemen in cities over 10,000, from \$3.00 per month to \$5.00 per month for each year of service up to 25 years of service.

City Manager Henckel said that in view of salary increases recently given to firemen and policemen, the City does not have funds to support this Bill or the next Bill to be considered - H.B. 765. He recommended that the City staff oppose this Bill, as well as H.B. 765.

After discussion, Dr. Calderon moved that the City express its opposition to this Bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Haberman, Hill, Torres; NAYS: Burke, Nielsen; ABSENT: Trevino.

H.B. 765

To remove present 90-day ceiling on number of compensible sick leave days accumulated by firemen and policemen.

After consideration and in view of Mr. Henckel's statement above, Dr. Calderon moved that the City express its opposition to this Bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Hill; NAYS: Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: Trevino.

H.B. 189

Relating to discrimination in deducting membership dues and administrative fees.

After discussion, Dr. Nielsen moved that the City express its support of this Bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and passed by the following vote: AYES: Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon; ABSENT: None.

H.B. 506

To exempt the State of Texas from Daylight Savings Time.

Mr. Torres spoke in favor of this Bill and asked the Council to also support it. He cited the inconvenience to many people, because of Daylight Savings Time. He read telegrams from the Texas Restaurant Association and the Texas Bowling Proprietors Association asking that the Council support this Bill.

Mr. Bill Rau, owner of a local drive-in theater, also spoke in support of this Bill.

After consideration, Dr. Nielsen moved that the Council express its support of this Bill. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and passed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Haberman, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: McAllister; ABSENT: None.

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Mr. Henckel said that he would recommend Bills covering the following items and asked the Council for an expression supporting them.

1. H.B. 809 - requiring one Justice of the Peace to be holding Court in County Seat at all times.
2. H.B. 792 - to authorize cities over 50,000 population to issue revenue bonds for parking facilities.
3. S.B. 106 - amends Penal Code to provide penalties for dealers receiving stolen property.
4. H.J.R. 20 - aid to those assisting police.

The Council expressed agreement in supporting the above Bills.

Mr. Henckel recommended that the Council express opposition to the following:

1. S.B. 580 - to prohibit spoke annexations.
2. S.B. 537 - to permit firemen and policemen to participate in local political campaigns.
3. A Bill, by Paul Silber, to require cities to give fire protection to entire extraterritorial jurisdiction.

After consideration, the Council unanimously agreed to express opposition to the above three Bills.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

*Mr. Maurice*  
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ATTEST:

*J. H. Lueckman*  
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