

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 1975.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: PYNDUS, BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE, NIELSEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

75-44 The invocation was given by The Reverend James Puckett, Harlandale Baptist Church.

75-44 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

75-44 The minutes of the Special Meetings of July 14 and 15, 1975, and the Regular Meeting of July 17, 1975, were approved.

75-44 FLORESVILLE PEANUT FESTIVAL

Mayor Cockrell recognized Mr. James Fietsam, President of the Floresville Peanut Festival Association, and invited him to the podium.

Mr. Fietsam read a proclamation inviting the Mayor and Members of the City Council to be their guests at the annual peanut festival in Floresville on October 10 and 11, 1975. He then introduced Miss Gerry Thompson, Queen, and Mr. Mike Harris, King of the Festival. Mr. Fietsam then introduced other members of the Court.

The Queen and King then greeted each Council member and presented them with gifts for the occasion.

75-44 GOVERNMENT CLASS FROM WHEATLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell recognized a government class present from Wheatley High School and welcomed them to the meeting. Mr. Stephen Johnson is the instructor.

75-44 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Cockrell read a prepared statement concerning downtown development. Her statement listed the many public and private projects that are underway or just recently completed. (A copy of Mayor Cockrell's statement is included with the papers of this meeting.)

Mayor Cockrell then introduced Mr. Edward H. Dennis, President of Dennis and Barnes Realtors, Montgomery, Alabama, and invited him to the podium.

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NEW HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Dennis announced plans to build a 20 story, 750 room hotel in the downtown area located with Navarro Street on the west, Commerce Street on the south, Presa Street on the east, and the River on the north. He said that options on the property have been obtained and it hoped that groundbreaking could take place in late 1975. It would be financed by local persons, but they were not named. The project would bring approximately \$600,000 per year revenue to the City and would employ 700 persons.

Mr. Benjamin E. Brewer, Architect, displayed renditions illustrating how the hotel would be developed on the river. He also had artists' drawings of the proposed structure.

Mr. Dennis stated that if the City will provide the following four requests, plans will be finalized and construction begun:

1. Closure of Crockett Street between Navarro and Presa Streets so the hotel can be built right down to the River but retaining a public pedestrian way which would be routed through the hotel.
2. Permission to widen the River at the hotel in order to provide barge turn around space.
3. Construction by the City of a parking facility across Commerce Street so that the hotel could have a long term lease on 400 to 500 spaces.
4. Permission to connect to the City's chilled water system at proper rates.

Several citizens addressed the Council and spoke highly of this proposed project and urged the Council to give it assistance. They were:

Mr. C. Linden Sledge, Chairman of the Board of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

General Robert F. McDermott, President of the Economic Development Foundation.

Mr. Jerry Ehrler, President of Downtowners, Inc.

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In conclusion, Mayor Cockrell expressed her enthusiasm over the announced plans. She referred the details to the City staff for review. She requested the staff to come back to the Council at its earliest convenience with plans for implementation of the Council's final approval.

All members of the Council expressed their pleasure at the announcement and offered their cooperation.

1ST BRIGADE, 49TH ARMORED DIVISION
TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Mayor Cockrell read the following Citation:

A COMPONENT OF THE ARMY, THE FIRST BRIGADE MAINTAINS A STATE OF READINESS IN THE EVENT OF MOBILIZATION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND IS AVAILABLE ON CALL FROM THE GOVERNOR TO HELP WHEN NATURAL DISASTERS OCCUR. ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS, THE FIRST BRIGADE SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE BATTLE OF FLOWERS, DIEZ Y SEIS, LIVESTOCK AND HARP AND SHAMROCK PARADES.

A GRATEFUL CITY GOVERNMENT DOES HEREBY EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION TO THE FIRST BRIGADE FOR ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITY, STATE AND NATION.

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Following the reading of the Citation, Mayor Cockrell presented it to Col. Harry V. Steel, Jr., Commander of the 1st Brigade. Each Council member in turn greeted Col. Steel and congratulated him.

Col. Steel responded by thanking the Council for its recognition.

75-44

SAN ANTONIO WINGS

Councilman Rohde read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-44-64

SUPPORTING THE SAN ANTONIO WINGS
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM.

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Mayor Cockrell presented a copy of the Resolution to Mr. Norm Bevin, General Manager of the Wings, and expressed best wishes for the team's success.

Mr. Bevin thanked Mayor Cockrell and the Council for its interest and support.

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CITY OF LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-44-65

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN ANTONIO APPROVING THE CREATION
OF A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION BETWEEN
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE CITY
OF LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS, AND
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE THE
NECESSARY STEPS TO EFFECTUATE THE
AFFILIATION PROGRAM.

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Mayor Cockrell thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente for initiating this Resolution as it points out the historic link between the City of San Antonio and the Canary Islands.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Cisneros, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
ELMER R. CRUMRINE

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-44-66

WHEREAS, life came to a close for Mr. Elmer R. Crumrine on Friday, July 18, 1975, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crumrine served as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of San Antonio from May, 1955 to September, 1957 and as Chairman of the City Water Board, and

WHEREAS, he was always active in the affairs of this community with particular emphasis on rural youth activities, and

WHEREAS, this great City has indeed lost a dear friend, NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the City Council of the City of San Antonio, on behalf of ourselves and the citizens of this community that we do express our deep regret upon the occasion of the death of Mr. Elmer R. Crumrine and tender to the bereaved members of his family our heartfelt sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the permanent records of the City and that a copy of the Resolution be sent to the members of the bereaved family.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

75-44

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
R. HENDERSON SHUFFLER

The Mayor read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-44-67

WHEREAS, life came to a close for Mr. R. Henderson Shuffler, on Sunday, July 20, 1975, ending a career of service in the fields of journalism and education, and

WHEREAS, he had served as Executive Director of the Institute of Texan Cultures since it was founded in 1967, and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the concept of enhancing the history of the ethnic groups in Texas was developed, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shuffler gave generously of his time and talent in civic affairs and has left this City an institution which will benefit Texans for generations to come, NOW, THEREFORE:

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

SECTION 1. That this City Council on behalf of City officials as well as citizens of this community does hereby express profound regret on the occasion of the death of Mr. R. Henderson Shuffler and tenders to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Council and a copy thereof delivered to the bereaved family.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The following discussion took place:

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: At this time we will then go to the 10:00 A.M. Budget Hearing which we are starting 30 minutes late due to the unusual circumstances of the morning and I'll first call upon the City Manager for any statements that he would like to make.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: Yes, Mayor and Council. Section 83 of the City Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the budget prior to its adoption. This public hearing fulfills that requirement.

Your administrative staff has made every effort to give the Council and the general public a full understanding of the budget in terms of the program of work which it represents. The budget, totaling \$120,019,325, in our opinion, meets the needs of the community adequately; or at least as adequately as available finances will permit. It is fiscally sound and balanced within available resources. This is what I've prepared and I'll get into something later. It should be understood that the budget does not offer any magic solution to the complex problems of direction and control of public business.

A sincere effort has been made to reflect policies with respect to program priorities, service levels, and financing methods which staff believe are in tune with the City Council's judgement as expressed during numerous meetings in the past few weeks. In this regard, those changes that the Council has already made as a result of your reviews are reflected in the budget that is under consideration today. If you care to, I can go through the changes.

As I stated in the budget message, the budget does not include any wage increases for the hard working and dedicated City employees. In accordance with your policy directive, we will have a recommendation regarding employee pay increases to the Council for consideration not later than October 1st. Before making a recommendation we need to see the year-end results together with actual figures for the first quarter of the new year to give us solid data upon which to base a sound recommendation. We believe the amount of the increase will be in the range of 5 percent.

I need to bring to your attention a very serious matter involving an apparent shortage in the budget estimate for property taxes. It was brought to my attention, late yesterday afternoon that the budget estimate for personal property taxes is approximately \$3,000,000 higher than expected. When the estimate was prepared by the City's Tax Assessor, he was having to work with incomplete information furnished by the City-County Reappraisal Office; and while the final figures will not be known until after the Board of Equalization has completed its work in January 1976, we have enough data at this time to indicate that there will be a shortfall in tax collections amounting to some \$3,000,000. To correct this problem, the Council has several alternatives - either, one, raise the assessment ratio. Now there's some question whether we have that or not as I sat here and talked to our legal people because renditions have all been mailed out to the people in order that they may start appearing before the Board of Equalization by August the 1st. And, of course, those were all mailed out based on 45 percent of fair market value. The other alternative two, increase the tax rate to yield the \$3 million. As you know, the present budget is based on \$1.65 tax rate and the proposed budget was based on - the present one is \$1.65 and the old one was \$1.89 but in order to increase this budget to make up the shortfall by \$3 million would require a tax rate of \$1.80 and keep the assessment ratio of fair market value at 45 percent. The other alternative is which would

yield \$3,301,000 is to forego the action that was going to occur on August the 1st. The CPS fuel adjustment charge on fuel necessary to generate electricity only but continue to forego the first 300 kilowatt hours which would amount to foregoing of \$2,053,000 and you would continue to forego all of the gas adjustment which would amount to \$6,249,000 or a continual foregoing back to the taxpayers of \$8,253,000 rather than the \$11,300,000 that we had anticipated. I'd rather we get into that though, these discussions at a later date today since the public hearing provides the citizens the opportunity to participate in decision making process prior to the adoption of the budget, and Madam Mayor, we encourage such participation and we stand ready to answer any questions that might be raised today or to provide any additional information requested. I'd like now to recommend that we hear from those that have signed the register and then the public hearing will be recessed and reconvened at 7:00 P. M. tonight.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you for your statement. Now I would like to make a statement. On behalf of the City Council, I would like to state that I am displeased on the morning of the day when we are to have the final adoption of the budget to get this kind of news. The City Council has been working for weeks now taking individual assignments, trying to study the budget, trying to make responsible recommendations. We were doing this on the basis of information which we had received and had been given. The budget that we were nearing - for which we were nearing adoption was going to be a balanced budget, it was going to be in my opinion, a responsible budget and it was going to be one which this Council could honestly recommend to the citizens of this community. We are now confronted on the day when we are to adopt the budget with a shortfall in estimated income of \$3 million. I would like to start out and ask the City Manager. He states that he did not know of this 'til yesterday afternoon, I will say I did not know of this until last night and I would like to ask him when the staff members in the City finance department knew about it.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: It's my understanding from the meeting that they attended in my office yesterday afternoon when they requested a meeting with me that several of them, two of them, knew it since last Wednesday.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, now I would like to say that on Tuesday of this week the Council spent all afternoon hearing, we spent hours hearing requests from some of the groups in the community. Did they know it Tuesday when we were meeting?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, madam, it's my understanding that they did know it Tuesday, when we were meeting. However, when I asked the same questions that you're asking now, they told me or answered to the effect that the assessor-collector was in the hospital or was ill and the finance director and the head of the treasury division were waiting so that they could meet with the assessor-collector to make certain that this was actually a shortfall and they wanted to make sure and they advised me late yesterday afternoon that in fact it was a shortfall of \$3 million.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, we met all day, all afternoon on Tuesday afternoon in good faith with the Symphony Society, the Witte Museum, the Zoological Society, the Transit Board. We talked about the raises that it is our desire to award to the employees. All of these factors, and I really cannot understand why this information was not forwarded prior to this morning officially to the Council. I will just say that I'm very disappointed about it and there's no way to sweep it under the rug. I'm very upset about it.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: I understand your disappointment, I feel the same way.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Now then, you mentioned there were three alternatives that the Council had. The Council has a fourth alternative. The fourth alternative is simply to start from scratch where we were about four weeks ago before we granted any changes or increases and at that point start to eliminate from the budget to meet the required shortfall and not have any change in either the rate of assessment, the tax rate or what has already been pledged to the citizens and so far as I am concerned, that's the only way that I feel we can go and I will state my position right now. All right, Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: I would like to state my displeasure at the manner in which the budget figures have been given to us. During the past 20 years in my own business, I've had the background and familiarity with budgets. And in tackling the City budget, I find that in the time allotted to this Council with correct accurate consistent figures, this Council is not equipped to handle a budget on short term notice. It's too detailed and it's too voluminous for a clear decision to be made. Now this morning, to be handed the newspaper and to be informed that a \$3 million shortfall has occurred, I resent the fact that we were not informed directly by City staff. I resent the fact that it has to come out in the newspaper, particularly with regard to the long, long hours that I personally spent attempting to do a job on this budget. At this point and at a past point, I still was not sure whether our citizens faced a tax increase because the reappraisal program, and right now I'm still confused about this particular issue. I don't know with the reappraisal whether our citizens will have to pay more if we cut the budget down or if we increase the budget. It is an unknown fact to me this morning and I am required to make an approval of the budget. I certainly will not approve the budget as submitted to us at this point, and I have several proposals to make that I would like to propose to this Council. I would like to determine first how much monies we would need to carry this budget for a three to six month period. I propose to this Council that we appoint a citizens committee to review the current budget and report back to the Council within three months. I propose that Mayor Cockrell appoint a special committee of Council people and staff to evaluate the current wage structure of the City employees; to determine whether or not the City budget can afford a pay increase. If I'm confused, I know they're confused. And with regard to my confusion on the tax rate, I know the citizens are confused. I would like to know if the increase is justified. I would like to know what's justified up and down the scale or whether it's only in a certain lower section of the scale.

I would also propose to this Council that we set the example, and I would propose that we start this example by rescinding the \$200 monthly allowance that this Council passed. And I would propose that this issue be included with the entire budget that goes to the citizens committee.

MAYOR COCKRELL: May I, Phil, I have a hand over here.

MR. PYNDUS: I would like to finish, Mayor Cockrell, because I'm quite upset about this issue, particularly because I put some in-depth time and experience into this situation, and I wasn't happy with the \$120 million anyway and right now I'm not happy with any figure until I get some facts that will stick. And I look to staff for these facts.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, let's see, Mr. Teniente and then the department.....

MR. RICHARD TENIENTE: Well, Mrs. Cockrell, I, too, am dismayed at what has happened in the last couple of days knowing full well that that which you remarked about having worked on the Council and each individual Councilman. Reviewing certain areas of the budget have

been just times wasted as far as I'm concerned because we'll have to look at it again. This is a situation that shows that there are areas even in our City staff that are not competent. I would call this incompetent insofar as certain departments in City staff. These things happen in every family. That doesn't mean we don't want to work for these people. It means that we have to get a little closer to some of these areas and just check them out a little more before we can approve anything like this. In light of the fact that this type of thing has come up and as little as this would be affected by the expense account, I would have to go along with the doing away with that part, my part or the expense account because this area just has to be reached in all departments. I am for the expense account but since we are in deficit, I would have to forego that little that would help me because I think the important thing that I want to do at this point is to try to do anything I can to prevent a tax increase. I will not support that at this time, and I don't want to support any kind of increase in certain services where the average citizen is affected across the board. I'm really disappointed.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Right, yes, sir, Mr. Hartman.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Madam Mayor, to state that I am concerned and upset would be, I think, an understatement. There's no point in repeating what others have said before me. The long hours of work developing a budget that seemed to be reasonably sound, and I'm particularly concerned and upset by the fact as was stated by one of my other colleagues, the first knowledge I had of this was picking up the morning paper. That's not the way I like to be awakened fully in the morning is with a shock of this sort. I would like, therefore, to state that we are indeed back at ground zero, and I think the only thing we can do is to start all over again and pursue your fourth alternative which you recommended. I think we now need to take an even closer look and review the whole matter from the very beginning and start all over again and look forward, again, to many more tedious hours of detailed work. I think this is the only way that it can be approached.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Rohde.

MR. AL ROHDE: Madam Mayor, this is indeed not a good morning but it's a morning that this Council has to face with responsibility with being cool and calm. I'm willing to get back to work in all departments that I've had before. If it takes moving a bed to City Hall, then we'll do it because we're on time limitation here. And I want to say this is that these things, it happened. We've got to take the leadership and the backbone and move back into these areas and do the best and work in close partnership with the City Manager to correct these things. I'm certainly against any tax raise for any citizen of San Antonio. In fact, I ran on that platform and I maintain to keep that platform. If it means a cut here or there and so forth, I'm for this. The two things I'm really strongly for is that I want to see the 6900 City employees not be suffered by a mistake made here because to put any blame on them would be a disservice to these City employees. This morning I've asked publicly that the firemen withdraw their court case in order to not be an elite group of this City and put themselves higher than any other City employees. And also I will go along with my Mayor Pro-Tem that I hereby make this announcement that I will support the withdrawal of an expense account, and I want to say an expense account because that's what it is for the City Councilmen. It's not a salary raise even though it's provided in the Charter, I will forego that when the time comes for the budget and I call on the Councilmen to do likewise.

MR. PYNDUS: Will you make a motion to that effect?

MAYOR COCKRELL: He just stated and I just certainly appreciate your statement and certainly the new office that I proposed Tuesday afternoon, the Office of Cultural Affairs which was dear to my heart is another one that has to go to the scrap pile.

MR. TENIENTE: Mayor, I want to say that stands.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Dr. Nielsen.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: I think Bob has had his hand up over there. Have you, Bob?

MAYOR COCKRELL: I want all the Council to know that I certainly will do my best to try to look around and see, and we do have a request that there is some sort of a little system where we can keep the Councilmen's desires to be recognized in order and I think we're looking at that system. Mr. Billa.

MR. BOB BILLA: I just want to say that it seemed like I have a very good recollection, you know, we're trying to blame our staff. We're talking about percentages. It looks about ten percent error in the tax revenue that we thought we would receive and maybe a little over point and a half in the overall budget, three million dollars, about two point something the overall budget, but I have vivid recollections of our City Manager and his staff telling us that there was no money. Of course, I realized that this is a big mistake but it seems to me that this Council put pressure on our manager to come up with answers that weren't there, and while I'm not opposed to any raises, I think that we've got to really take a hard look at these raises and not put the pressure on the manager to come up with funds, to be a magician and act for this Council. I would like to say a word in defense of the staff even though they have made an error. I think they had incomplete information too, and we just can't blame them entirely for not doing the job. That's not a popular thing to say I know for the citizens but I feel that way.

DR. NIELSEN: We have several other alternatives, Madam Mayor and members of the City Council. One would be that as we go forward with the review process as the budget was prepared. You know, simply saying that this is a tentative budget 'til we get the data, we can with whatever changes we have to make today we can amend it. There's another alternative, Madam Mayor, and that is that we know that the whole process of property tax assessment and collection is always a bit of guesstimate. Always has been and always will be. That's not changing. Now and won't unless we find some other financing mechanism. And as we get into it in the next few months, we will have a clearer idea and I'm not fully convinced that it's a \$3 million shortfall from a little figuring that I did this morning. We just have a lot of unknowns and we amend budgets through the year anyway. I think that we can be a little more optimistic this morning in terms of moving on. I don't see that it's such a great stall brick that we can't overcome it. One or the other alternatives seems much more reasonable than saying no to everything.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Reverend Black.

REV. CLAUDE BLACK: We are part of the system that provides us with the responsibility of taking a position with reference to policy and to adopt that information that comes to us from staff. I think staff has simply made an admission that they have been an error about some of the information that they have. It seems to me that this possibility always exists with any staff. I think that when we talk about how hard we work, I think the staff has also worked very hard and are greatly embarrassed by their own error.

I would think that our best approach to this would be to simply deal with the system as we always deal with it, and that is that we would refer this matter back to staff and then have staff come forth with some recommendations. He has indicated some that I don't know that I'm ready to act on at this moment. I'd like to know more about them but to follow the same process. Now, if we were having consistent and regular errors in this area, then I would think we'd have a more serious problem and then we'd have to talk about competence ability to deal with the problems. But I think the fact that we have had this error should not panic us but should simply call for a responsible reaction on the part of the staff to a situation which has arisen.

I would hate to work on a job where any error that I made would be subject to jeopardize my relationship with the people that I'm working with because the error is always possible, but I would think that if I continue to make errors, then the staff or the legislative body would certainly be responsible to see to it that I'm not competent for that position but I'm simply suggesting that we delay the action as much as we can and then come back with some, have staff come back with some recommendations as to how we might deal with this rather than taking little parts of it. I have no objection to, I'm on a third year on a \$20, I imagine I can make the rest of it on out so I have no problem with that part of it. My problem is, though, that if you just start taking little parts here, you still have to deal with a three million dollar problem.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Mr. Cisneros.

MR. HENRY CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, I would like to endorse the approach that I think Dr. Nielsen and Reverend Black have articulated which is that we not panic in a situation like this. We have a three million dollar shortfall apparently. I'd like to know a little more myself about exactly what the nature of the shortfall is and how it came to be, and so forth so that we can reason out in future years and perhaps be able to project it and see in advance and so forth. I think what's called for now is a very mature and well coordinated move forward and I would envision that what we do is simply delay on those new activities which we may have proposed earlier and look at the total package with due respect for the legalities involved.

I'd like to ask a question. Would someone explain please what is required at a minimum prior to this beginning of the fiscal year? What actions do we have to take of a nature that would mean by state law requires movement on the debt service fund or the sinking fund or whatever else and the rest be held in abeyance until we have a comprehensive look. What I'm asking for is something in between what your fourth option was and the great well planned kind of rational look at things that Reverend Black and Dr. Nielsen articulate.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: If I may answer, Mr. Cisneros and Council, state law requires that we adopt the budget by July the 27th. You can, in fact, adopt this budget by July the 27th. We will be making these studies that you know because you do not actually set the budget or the tax rate and you can amend as you go, month to month, day to day, till February or March is when you set the tax rate on the budget. And we have ample time to give you the indepth study that you need and no one regrets the error more than I. I'm going to have Carl White explain to you actually what happened so that you will know that, and for the budget making process, I think it's just a nature of the thing because we start in February, and we start very hard, we get a new Council in May and you all actually started looking into it about three weeks ago, and I'm not trying to make excuses, and I'm sorry that I wasn't able to reach all of you before. I would have read it in the paper nearly myself. I'm just so ashamed I don't know what to do but we made the error, we told you we made the error and I hope to God it doesn't happen again. I hope it's not really an error. I don't really know that it's an error. I've had seven verify it this morning for me that in fact it is an error and I would like at this time if it's in order to have Carl explain really what happened and why. I can't explain why I wasn't told sooner. I don't know how the newspapers knew about it, I think before I did.

MR. CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, can I follow up on my question?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes.

MR. CISNEROS: Would, Sam, an interim kind of budget be a legal step?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: You could adopt this as an interim type budget because you as I say.....

MR. CISNEROS: Set a monthly deadline for action.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: That's correct. You can amend it next week or two months from now and you don't actually have to set it till March.

MR. ROHDE: This is what I wanted to address, Madam Mayor.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I don't know whose hand was up first.

MR. PYNDUS: I think I was ahead of you, Al.

MR. ROHDE: Sure, I'll pass on that.

MR. PYNDUS: I would like to clarify the word, panic that's been used twice, and to be indignant and mad as the dickens, is not panic. I think the entire Council, if they received their information in this manner and this is a set precedent and the procedure that it was handled, was very poorly done, shabbily done. Not to have the information when we are the budget makers, and I reiterate the point that I'm unhappy with the way it was handled. As far as curing the defects, I still think that there are some steps that we can take, and I would like to propose that we ask the City Manager to give us the budget and let's have a budget for \$115 million and let his staff tell us where this budget is being cut and let his staff tell us what services will be curtailed. And the problem of wages for the City employees has not been solved, and again, I ask that we have a sub-committee work on the problem of the wage structure for the City of San Antonio and I would propose that we have a special Council meeting Monday, not approve this budget today but to give staff time to work on a lower budget figure.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Monday would be too late because it's the 28th.

MR. ROHDE: I'd like to give option No. 5 and be calm and cool about it because I think we need every bit of wisdom here and everything that the Charter provides. The City Manager would you hear this please - I'd like to propose, Mayor, that we accept the budget that the City Manager has recommended to us several months ago as the official budget for this City with the provision that it be amended within 30 days, that we come back and amend the budget and that you only take in and don't stop any services but you look at it with a very careful eye and that this Council come back and review the budget within the 30 day period and amend the budget but not stop the work and so forth because you can really panic many ways.

I think we need the calmness, and coolness, and the leadership, and the backbone to get in this thing in a very hard manner. But to go ahead and approve the budget that you have recommended now because this City has to move forward. Nothing should stop it, its services and so forth, its commitments according to the Charter. But then immediately the 1st of August, that we get back into the Council again and then go in and with the scrapers and scalpels and go ahead and see and take another review and amend the budget within 30 days.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you for that suggestion. Dr. Nielsen.

DR. NIELSEN: In the Council-Manager form of government, the legal requirement we have is to set the tax rate and approve the budget. We do not, I'm not sure by law, but by function and practice that this Council has not in all the years of the Council-Manager form of government ever really hasn't really, I forgot how you expressed it, we're not budget makers, it's the staff that does that. They bring the recommendations and we approve or disapprove or make suggestions, but it's their responsibility to really, as you said, set or make the budget. It's not our responsibility to make the budget and when we do get into that, then we have to have a different form of government.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, at this point, I believe the City Manager, if we can just hold the motions, I think it was a suggestion as another alternative, I think the City Manager has requested that the Finance Director be heard at this time.

MR. CARL WHITE: Well, no one regrets this any more than I. What happened in this particular situation, and let me go through the steps that are involved in preparing the budget. Our tax assessor makes an estimate of the assessed valuations and turns that over to our budget officer. That historically has always been extremely accurate. It's never missed the mark more than half a percent or, I don't know, it's always been very accurate. This year the tax assessor was working with information that was incomplete, part of the information was in the County, part of it was in the City, the other under the City-County Reappraisal Projects. At the point that it was being all pulled together, bits of it were here, and bits of it were over there, and he had to work with some incomplete information. The estimate that was made at that time by our tax assessor was proved to be, and I say, and it appears to be because we have not, the tax roll as you know, the assessment date is not in until August 31. We won't know what the tax roll is until January of 1976 until after the Board of Equalization has completed its hearings. But anyway, that's how this thing got started.

Now, about a month ago, I asked my staff to make a study of the reappraisal program as to the particular income groups, the census tracts and just where the impact of the reappraisal program would be because I anticipated that there would be a number of people appearing before this Council in protest of those values and so forth, as there will be before the Board of Equalization. That study was completed Wednesday of this past week.

CITY MANAGER: Yesterday?

MR. WHITE: Wednesday, yesterday a week ago and turned over to me as a by-product of that study and this was simply a by-product because this was not the intent. We made projections based on the information that we had and that's still incomplete data. When I got the information, I didn't believe it. I wanted to sit down with the tax assessor because I didn't think that we could possibly be that far off, I thought there was something wrong in the system.

MR. PYNDUS: Ten percent in other words.

MR. WHITE: Yes, well, whatever the percentage is. It's a substantial sum of money. We sat down yesterday, we went through all the procedures and apparently, there is no error. It apparently is the way it's going to turn out. In other words, we're going to be short three million dollars. As soon as I found that out, I immediately contacted the City Manager ascertaining that that is in fact the case. I didn't want this to be something that would come up six months later. In other words, I didn't want this Council to face the problem six months from now. As soon as we found it out, that's when we made the information public. And that's the sum and substance of the entire affair.

Now, I have a report that I would be very, I think it would be worth this Council's time to spend some time on this report because it's a very thorough, very well done report on the reappraisal program. It does justify and indicate that the objective that the reappraisal program set out to accomplish, and that is equalize the tax burden has been accomplished and that's been proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, with the study.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Would you mention, Carl, where the biggest error was, in personal property.

MR. WHITE: Well, it's all in personal property.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: That's right.

MR. WHITE: The tax, the estimate for personal property was by the tax assessor was \$500 million. It looks like that the figure will be around \$330 million instead of \$500 million, that results in a three million dollar tax decrease, that's the assessments we're talking about now.

DR. NIELSEN: While you're on that, might I ask now if we go back to last year at a \$1.89 which is what it would be on personal property, right?

MR. WHITE: That's right.

DR. NIELSEN: And this year - and that was on 60 percent, right?

MR. WHITE: 60 percent, that's right.

DR. NIELSEN: Okay, if we just use those same figures at 45 percent at \$1.65, I thought I saw some figures that didn't come up with three million difference.

MR. WHITE: Well, Dr. Nielsen, this would be a legal question but as I understand it, we cannot use one percentage and one tax rate for different classes of property. It's one assessment ratio for all classes, personal and real, and one tax rate. So we couldn't have something for real and a different ratio of tax rate.

DR. NIELSEN: I just don't see from the figures and I didn't bring the budget in here on whatever page that is on, if you use the 70....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: I think it was \$489,000.

DR. NIELSEN: This isn't the place to do it.

CITY MANAGER: No, let's do it.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, let's see if I can find it. It's in these yellow pages.

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir, it's the first page.

DR. NIELSEN: Yeah, it's the telephone book.

MR. WHITE: It's the first page, it's the first rate page, it's on page 19.

DR. NIELSEN: Yeah, okay, we use \$405 million as personal property at \$1.89 and 60 percent, if we could use that and drop it to 45 percent and \$1.60, somebody help me that's faster than I am with mathematics, that only looks like it's over a little over \$2 million.....

MR. WHITE: No, you see, when you reduce it from 60 to 45, you're taking off 25 percent, you reduce that by four, so it would be 300. That 405 equates the 300 million when you take it.

DR. NIELSEN: \$1.60, that's only 1.8 - 1.8 million dollars difference.

MR. WHITE: No, sir.

DR. NIELSEN: No, you're right.

MR. WHITE: I wish you were right.

DR. NIELSEN: Now, wait, wait...300.....

MR. WHITE: Well, the difference is roughly \$170 million in assessments. It takes \$170 million times \$1.45 and that's what we're.....

DR. NIELSEN: No, no, no. It's 300 million times \$1.60, is it not?

MR. WHITE: Well, \$1.65 is the tax rate.

DR. NIELSEN: Maybe this is not the place for it right now but we need to get our heads together on just where it is.

MR. WHITE: I agree.

(Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente presided.)

MR. TENIENTE: Carl, I think Mr. Hartman had a question.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Well, I was just going to say, Mr. Mayor, I don't think we're prepared to run percentages at this particular time. I think that we need to agree is to what our course of action will be with regard to how we go now. I think the number one, I think there's obviously a need in view of the time factor of having some sort of an interim budget to go with, in other words recognizing that the time is right before us. I think this is point number one.

Point number two, I think we obviously need to sit down and start from scratch in effect at ground zero and look at what monies will be available and arrange our budget accordingly and the staff come forth with a recommendation. I'm not saying that we would develop the budget but I think the staff can develop a new proposal to the Council and that we then set a date, 30 day period, within which then we will reapproach the problem in much the same manner as we approached this one and be prepared then to act on an amended budget 30 days hence. And if a motion be in order, I would like to put that in order.

MR. CISNEROS: If that's a motion, I'll second it. I think that's the approach we ought to follow.

MR. ROHDE: Is it proper though, if you are, is it proper before the budget hearing to do this?

CITY MANAGER: Don't make a motion until you have the public hearing.

MR. ROHDE: That's what I'm thinking, yes.

MR. TENIENTE: So that we will withhold the motion at this time. Do you have anything else, Mr. City Manager, at this time?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: No, sir. I suggest that you get the input from the citizens.

MR. TENIENTE: We're getting the citizens in, we will. Citizens have signed up and we have the General Fund Budget Hearing. We have some citizens that have signed up for items that are not related to the General Fund Budget Hearing.

MR. HARTMAN: Mr. Mayor, point of order, if I may, in view of the fact that this will be at best an interim budget that we will now have the hearing on, what is the legal aspect of this? I mean we will be having people responding to the budget that will at best be an interim budget. Are we fulfilling the legal aspects of it?

MR. TENIENTE: Yes.

MR. HARTMAN: It is strictly legal requirement, although it will be null and void 30 days hence.

MR. TENIENTE: Even if this were the regular budget.....

MR. HARTMAN: I see.

MR. TOM FINLAY: Depending on what...when we actually get in to see what the income is.

MR. HARTMAN: I defer to our legal counsel.

MR. TENIENTE: All right. Ms. Shirley White, are you addressing yourself to the budget? All right. From Bexar County ME/MR, fine.

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The following citizens then spoke with reference to the budget:

BEXAR COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH-MENTAL RETARDATION

Mr. Carlos Melick, Director of Physical Affairs for Bexar County Mental Health - Mental Retardation Center, said that Council had approved an allocation of \$229,860 for the Mental Retardation program out of General Revenue Sharing Funds. This has the character of Federal monies as far as other funding is concerned. The program cannot realize its potential in funding from other federal sources, namely Title XX of the Social Security Act, if funds are received from Revenue Sharing rather than from the General Fund which has the character of local money. He asked that the City's allocation of funds be made from the General Fund rather than from Revenue Sharing.

Mayor Pro-Teniente told Mr. Melick his request would be referred to the staff for consideration.

MR. HENRY MUNOZ

Mr. Henry Munoz, Business Manager for Local 2399, said that he has been having daily meetings with City workers telling them that the Council has agreed to some pay increase for City employees on November 1. Now with the \$3.1 million shortfall in anticipated revenue, the employees feel that there is a plot to prevent them from getting the increase. He said that these employees need a six percent wage increase on August 1, 1975, and cannot wait.

MS. LINDA RAMIREZ

Ms. Linda Ramirez, Assistant Business Manager for Local 2399, has been daily informing City employees that they will get a wage increase. Now, it would appear to be hopeless. She urged the Council not to penalize the City employees because of someone's mistake.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, spoke in opposition to a percentage cost of living wage increase. The only fair way is to give every employee the same amount of increase. He said that government leaders, utility management and other agencies should have a summit meeting to study means of doing away with inequities.

MR. DAVID ALVARADO

Mr. David Alvarado, 426 S. W. 37th Street, addressed the Council concerning certain needed improvements on the west side of San Antonio. He mentioned a swimming pool at Cuellar Park, drainage projects, need for street repairs, sidewalks and crossover bridges on General McMullen Drive.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente said that most of the projects he mentioned would be addressed in a bond issue.

SAN ANTONIO POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Jerry Clancy, President of the San Antonio Police Officers Association, read a prepared statement saying that police officers need financial relief immediately. (A copy of the prepared statement is included with the papers of this meeting.)

MRS. HELEN DUTMER

Mrs. Helen Dutmer, 827 McKinley Avenue, said that the City Charter provision for payment of expenses to Council members is open ended and should be changed. She also complained that the City-County reappraisal is being made when the real estate market is at its highest peak ever.

KAREN SPRAGUE
SIBIL KANE

Mrs. Karen Sprague and Mrs. Sibil Kane, representing the Valley-Hi Area, said that a park is very badly needed in their area. It would serve many homes and should include a miniature golf course and a pool. They urged the Council to try to provide funds.

At this point the public hearing was recessed until 7:00 P.M.

75-44 The Council meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 P. M., and reconvened at 2:10 P. M.

75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. William H. Holtzinger, Assistant Director of Convention Facilities, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Black, Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 45,506

AUTHORIZING FREE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM BASEMENT BY THE CENTRAL INDEX OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 30 THROUGH DECEMBER 23, 1975.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Jim Gaines, Director of HemisFair Plaza, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Rohde, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black.

AN ORDINANCE 45,507

MANIFESTING THE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE WITH MR. JESSE C. CROOM D/B/A TACO HUT FOR 550 SQUARE FEET IN BUILDING 513 AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Jim Gaines, Director of HemisFair Plaza, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,508

MANIFESTING THE EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THAT CERTAIN LEASE WITH MRS. SAM YOON TAK D/B/A TIENDA FILIPINO FOR BUILDING 512A AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA.

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75-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,509

ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$33,698.00 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR SIX MONTHS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1975, ESTABLISHING A FUND, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$67,396.00 FOR THE PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE PROJECT FUND FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF \$33,698.00 AS THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROJECT.

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The Ordinance was explained by Police Chief Emil Peters who said this grant would continue this traffic safety program which has proven very effective. Off duty officers are used to work areas where accidents occur frequently. Ten men are used three days each week from 3:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. The City provides funds on a 50-50 basis.

Mr. Pyndus said that there are so many grants such as this it is difficult to know them all. He asked if a form could be provided to show the funds expended to now and then to have a brief evaluation so the Council could have his recommendation. It would show the City's cost and other related factors.

Chief Peters urged the Council to adopt this program as it is doing a job in reducing injury accidents in the target areas.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus; ABSENT: None.

75-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,510

ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$3,400.00 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF ACCIDENT LOCATIONS

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AND RECOMMEND COUNTERMEASURES, ESTABLISHING A FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING THE GRANT FUNDS FOR EXPENDITURE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Chief of Police Emil Peters who said that this Ordinance will provide further study of accidents at locations where accidents frequently occur. It would target in on street surfaces. The work would be done primarily by the Traffic and Transportation Department.

Mr. Pyndus said that he felt this is an area the Council should take a long look at. Perhaps these funds could be used in another area.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Teniente, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus; ABSENT: None.

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CRIME REPORTS

Councilman Rohde asked Chief Peters about recent crime statistics, especially the first six months of 1975, and asked that a copy be provided so that he could compare it with the previous six months report.

Chief Peters orally reported some of the recent statistics on burglary, robbery, etc., and said that he would provide it in writing soon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente asked that the additional programs now being operated be included with the Chief's other reports and that the time and one-half labor be extended in the reports.

75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Cisneros, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,511

DECLARING THAT CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTING THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS TO BE PLACED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

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In answer to Dr. Nielsen's question, Mr. Darner said that Cuellar Park should be completed in about two months. Ordinance No. 45512 covers an additional lot adjoining the park which will resolve a drainage problem and will provide an entrance to the park directly across the street from Edgewood High School. There are existing plans for a pool at Cuellar Park but the pool has not been funded.

75-44 Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente presided.

75-44 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,512

CONCURRING IN THE ACTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ESTABLISHING THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED FOR DHUD PROJECT OSL-TX-06-59-1009.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,513

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BELLAIRE PANTHER CUBS FOOTBALL CLUB FOR THE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 20, 1975, AND ENDING JULY 19, 1977.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,514

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF PRASSEL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,439.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CLUBHOUSE AT WILLOW SPRINGS GOLF COURSE, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD CITY PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL FEES.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Cipriano Guerra, Director of Planning and Community Development, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,515

ACCEPTING THE GRANT EXTENSION FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR CONTINUATION OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING SERVICES UNTIL AUGUST 15, 1975; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AMENDMENT PROVIDING THEREFOR.

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75-44 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,516

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE HERTZ CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL 300' OF 7' CHAIN LINK FENCE TO ENCLOSE A NEWLY LEASED AREA AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,517

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE HILLMAN OIL COMPANY TO ERECT APPROXIMATELY 85 LINEAL FEET OF 7' WOOD PRIVACY FENCE AT 1581 AUSTIN HIGHWAY.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,518

GRANTING PERMISSION TO MR. LEE S. FOUNTAIN, JR., TO INSTALL APPROXIMATELY 40 LINEAL FEET OF 8' REDWOOD FENCE ON THE REAR PORTION OF HIS EAST PROPERTY LINE AT 2315 CAMELBACK DRIVE.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,519

AMENDING ORDINANCE #45403 OF JUNE 26, 1975, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A NEW CONTRACT TO REFLECT THE CHANGE OF THE CONTRACTING AGENCY FROM TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

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75-44 Item No. 15 of the Agenda being a proposed ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the City Code by changing the definition of "Commercial Vehicle" was read by the Clerk.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, said that many recreational vehicles qualify for a commercial license plate and then they park in loading zones. It has been causing so much trouble the law is being changed to require the name of the company to be painted on the front door of the vehicle.

A discussion was had concerning the placement of signs on a vehicle and whether or not the wording in this ordinance would solve the problem.

After consideration, the Council withdrew this ordinance for study.

75-44 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,520

GRANTING THE HILL COUNTRY JAYCEES PERMISSION TO CLOSE PIEDRAS DRIVE FROM 10:00 A. M. TO 6:00 P. M., ON AUGUST 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31, AND ON SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 13 AND 14, 1975 FOR THE ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBIES.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,521

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND DR. CHARLES S. FELDSTONE FOR COMPLETION OF A "TRIP ANALYSIS PROJECT" AS A PART OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,522

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CITY DEPARTMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE LONG RANGE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION STUDIES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR; AND APPROVING BUDGETS AND PERSONNEL FOR SAID PROJECTS.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,523

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH W. F. CASTELLA & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES INCLUDING PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE MOUNT VERNON HOMESITE OFF SITE SANITARY SEWER MAIN; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,525.00 IN PAYMENT FOR SUCH SERVICES AND THE SUM OF \$275.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY EXPENSES OUT OF FUND 820-03.

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75-44. The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mike Sexton, Library Director, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-44-68

URGING THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TO INVENTORY THE NEEDS OF THE LIBRARY
SYSTEM AND TO DEVELOP A LONG RANGE
PLAN FOR EXPANSION IN PLANT, SERVICES
AND MATERIALS.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Director of Land Acquisition and Right-of-Way, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,524

APPROPRIATING FROM CERTAIN FUNDS AMOUNTS IN THE
TOTAL SUM OF \$1,772.00 IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES
INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH 24TH STREET IMPROVE-
MENT PROJECT; STORM DRAINAGE #58-C; CUPPLES ROAD
IMPROVEMENT; MAYBERRY DRAINAGE (PROJECT #58-D);
RITTIMAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT DRAINAGE (MISCELLANEOUS
EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS); IN 10 TEXACO SUBD.
LIFT STATION SITE (MISCELLANEOUS EASEMENTS AND
DEDICATIONS); THUNDERBIRD HILLS STATION ABANDON-
MENT; SO. NEW BRAUNFELS AVENUE IMPROVEMENT (MIS-
CELLANEOUS EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS); THOUSAND
OAKS REALIGNMENT AT JONES MALTSBERGER (MISCELLANEOUS
EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS); THE WAY SUBDIVISION;
PHASE III (MISCELLANEOUS EASEMENTS AND DEDICATIONS);
ARROYO LARGO DRAINAGE.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Director of Land Acquisition and Right-of-Way, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,525

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH PARK T.
BENNETT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS A RIGHT-
OF-WAY AGENT IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS CITY
RIGHT-OF-WAY AND REAL ESTATE PROJECTS FOR A
FEE OF \$1,042.00 PER MONTH, PLUS \$60.00 CAR
ALLOWANCE.

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75-44 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,526

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$52,430.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF AN EASEMENT OVER CERTAIN LANDS; ALL TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,527

ACCEPTING THE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 SUBMITTED BY SELIG H. CARR AND VERNON C. FRIESENHAHN FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED THERETO.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,528

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 45308 TO ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL \$10,310 FROM AACOG FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE WORK PERIOD FOR TWENTY STUDENTS IN THE YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING ENROLLMENT OF THIRTY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS.

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75-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,529

ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$3,329,387 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION AS AN INCREMENTAL FUNDING PORTION OF A TOTAL PLANNING GRANT OF \$7,589,677 UNDER TITLE I OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1973 (CETA) FOR FUNDING OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE CETA PROGRAM, 1975-76; ADOPTING A BUDGET; APPROPRIATING THE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH DELEGATE AGENCIES FOR OPERATION OF PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Sam Dominguez, Director of Manpower Planning Services, who said that in "B" Session today, he had distributed a memo covering this item. He then outlined the projects to be funded under the Manpower Program. The total funds applied for are \$7,589,677. He went over the procedures used in selecting delegate agencies and also what was in the approved plan. He then read some excerpts from the plan submitted to DOL.

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He showed a chart giving the distribution of funds to the various delegate agencies for contractual services for manpower training and employment programs.

Dr. Nielsen moved that the ordinance be approved, provided that the staff be instructed to work with Project SER to include in their contract additional services that would have Outreach and Intake Services and other services, the same as the CETA Service Centers and also that \$27,000 be taken from the Reserve Summer Youth Program funds and added to the United Organizations Coalition (MITP) Project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cisneros and on the following roll call vote, the motion, carrying with it the adoption of the Ordinance was passed and approved. AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: Pyndus; ABSENT: Cockrell.

Mr. Pyndus asked that the Council be given a quarterly evaluation of the performance of the agencies in this program.

75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Teniente.

AN ORDINANCE 45,530

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO EXTEND EXISTING RADIO MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1975 AND ENDING JULY 31, 1976.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Teniente, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,531

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO WRITE OFF CERTAIN ACCOUNT RECEIVABLES WHICH ARE PAST DUE AND DEEMED UNCOLLECTIBLE.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Finance Director, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black, Teniente.

AN ORDINANCE 45,532

APPROPRIATING FUNDS OUT OF VARIOUS BOND FUNDS TO REIMBURSE THE GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND LAND ACQUISITION DEPARTMENT, PARKS DEPARTMENT, AND ENGINEERING DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS BOND PROJECTS DURING THE 1974-75 FISCAL YEAR.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,533

AUTHORIZING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE REVERSION OF THE UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR TO THE GENERAL FUND SURPLUS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL SAID PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED OR ABANDONED.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, who said that this is a requirement of Section 87 of the City Charter and is confined to the Special Projects section of the General Fund. Those projects that are not completed but have remaining funds are carried forward into the next fiscal year. Those projects that have been completed are closed and any remaining funds revert to the unappropriated fund balance.

Mr. Pyndus asked for a list of the projects and amounts that are being transferred.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,534

APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER THEREOF TO VARIOUS ACCOUNTS TO COVER INCREASED REQUIREMENTS DURING THE 1974-75 FISCAL YEAR.

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STATEMENT BY MR. CARL WHITE

Mr. Carl White said:

"May I make a statement that relates to what we discussed this morning that may perhaps - may put it in a little better perspective. I think the thing may have gotten out of control or out of perspective.

There are a couple of points I want to make. First off, the projections that were made - the study that was referred to this morning was as of June 30th. That's a dated report and from my experience in projections that were done on this basis the end result will be better than what was projected. It will not anywhere come close to making up the \$3 million shortage in personal property tax collections. We are confident that, at least I am from past experience, that the data that was used, it is incomplete and there will be additions and so forth that will be made to the tax rolls. As a matter of fact, we make corrections and additions all the way up through January. The certified

roll is not certified until we set the tax rate in February. There will be, I am confident, some recovery of that \$3 million. It may be on the order of \$2 million deficit when we finally end up. Whatever it is, there is a gross error but I wanted to make that point clear.

The other point I want to make is that this Council - the previous Council and this Council reaffirmed it - is that the Council pledged that we would not take any more in taxes as a result of the reappraisal program than we were getting previously. The \$35 million that is in the budget does not represent an increase in total taxes, not individually. When we made the projections back in March, it looked like 45 percent and a \$1.65 tax rate would produce the \$35 million. That 45 percent appears to be--what I'm trying to say is that if you adjust the tax rate or the assessment ratio - either way but the tax rate would be the best - the City would not be taking any more in total dollars. We are not talking about a tax increase. There was discussion this morning about not raising taxes. That's not what we are doing.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Not totally but some people will be getting a tax raise.

MR. WHITE: There are some inequities and we have maps to show you where. The point I wanted to make was that we are not talking about a tax increase. This was talked about this morning as a tax increase.

DR. NIELSEN: If we're not talking \$32 million (inaudible) \$35 million as the budget is presently designed to manage responsibly. We've either got to either have a tax rate change or through some other source of revenue make that up.

MR. WHITE: I understand that but what I'm trying to say is that we would not be receiving any more in tax dollars. The \$35 million represents normal tax collections.

DR. NIELSEN: But if we are only collecting \$32 million that is in fact even less.

MR. WHITE: That's right. If you stick with what we've got we'd be actually - the City would receive less in tax collections next year than we have this year.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: You just redistribute it. The money is the same but we're getting it from different people. Some people will be paying more, a few less, a few the same. It's the same amount of money. The extra million, of course, that he spoke of that we might make up can go toward the November 1st raise. There was about a million dollars we had to make up too.

MR. PYNDUS: There was a statement made this morning that one of the alternatives was to change the tax rate and I think this is where the confusion might have arisen. I understand it was a forecast of revenue.

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir.

MR. TENIENTE: I think this is important for me to state at this time. The remarks that perhaps were made this morning as far as I am concerned and speaking for myself, I have the utmost confidence in our staff. The fact that a mistake was made is certainly disappointing and things that you don't particularly like but in no way were my statements to be interpreted as saying that we are out looking for a new Finance Director or taking applications for this. This got carried away and I'm certainly not looking for a new City Manager. I just want these people to go home and have a nice dinner and then come back and go to work and try to help us make our job just a little easier. I just want to compliment you for your frankness.

75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,535

REVISING CERTAIN LICENSE, PERMIT,
SERVICE AND INSPECTION FEES AND RATES
CHARGED FOR VARIOUS CITY ACTIVITIES
IN THE BUILDING AND PLANNING
ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, MARKET
AND PARKING, POLICE, HEALTH AND PARKS
AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS.

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75-44 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,536

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE STATE BOARD
SELECTION COMMITTEE OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND MENTAL RETARDATION.

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Councilmen D. Ford Nielsen and Claude W. Black were appointed to replace Mayor Lila Cockrell and former Councilman William O'Connell, for a term ending April 30, 1977.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado, spoke of Mrs. Armandina Saldivar who was appointed to the EODC Board by Mr. Pyndus. The Board however rejected her appointment because of her writing in the Chicano Times. He said that Mrs. Saldivar was exercising her rights and read some excerpts from Chicano Times protesting incidents of police brutality.

RENA McCALEBB

Miss Rena McCalebb said that she had visited Bexar County jail early this morning and found Mr. Martin Olvidias, 3221 Colima Street, staggering out of the jail without a shirt. He had been beaten and had bruises over his body. Miss McCalebb had brought Mr. Olvidias to the meeting to exhibit his bruises which he did.

Mayor Cockrell asked Mr. Joe Madison to discuss this matter with these complaintants and relay the complaint through the City Manager to be investigated and a full report made to the City Council.

Mr. Cisneros said that he has received numerous complaints regarding mistreatment at the jail and would like for the Chief of Police to have an investigation made of booking procedures especially.

75-44 There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 4:30 P. M.

75-44 The meeting reconvened at 7:00 P. M. to continue the public hearing to consider the 1975-76 annual budget.

Mayor Cockrell recognized a large delegation from Citizens Organized for Public Service (COPS).

Mr. Roy Kaiser, Executive Vice President for COPS said that they were here to learn why the Council has not lived up the various commitments it made in last year's budget and accused the Council of not pursuing it.

Several members of the organization addressed the Council concerning various projects such as the Columbia Hieghts area, Frio City Road Pedestrian Overpass, Fair Meadows Bridge, improvements to Somerset Road, and others:

Those speaking were:

- Mrs. N. Salinas
- Mrs. Janie Gonzales
- Mr. John Tenorio
- Mrs. Virginia Meyers
- Mrs. Beatrice Gallego
- Mr. Augustine Ruiz
- Mr. Miguel Landeros
- Mr. Mike Avala
- Mrs. Inez Ramirez
- Mrs. Minnie Aleman
- Father Al Benavidez

It was also suggested that a master plan for 5, 10, or 15 years be developed with a time table and financing plan so that citizens would know if a project is scheduled to be accomplished. This point was discussed at some length.

Mrs. Maria Dominguez, 250 Freiling, suggested that the City raise the tax on liquor by the drink to make up the budget deficit.

Mr. Wendall Harrington representing the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce, distributed copies of a proposal. He requested an allocation of \$64,000 for his organization to help with its expenses.

Mayor Cockrell responded that such an appropriation would be doubtful because none of the other Chambers of Commerce are being funded.

No other citizens were heard.

After discussion, Mr. Pyndus moved that a budget in the amount of \$117,000,000 be approved with the understanding that an evaluation and amendment to the budget be made within 30 days. The motion died for lack of a second.

City Manager Granata read a budget summary naming the additions and reductions in the budget. (A copy of the summary is included with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Cisneros said that as a temporary measure the Council could adopt a budget to include the E. M. S. item but the other increases which had informally been approved be deleted. The remainder of the \$3.1 million shortage should be made up by an austerity program.

Mr. Hartman made a motion that the budget as presented be approved with the proviso that the Council have 30 days within which to make the necessary adjustments, either to find the money to fund the budget or adjust downward with the further proviso that any new hiring of personnel or any other new programs with the exception of E. M. S. that would be funded with this budget be held in abeyance for 30 days until such time as the Council had an opportunity to deliberate.

Mayor Cockrell spoke in opposition to the motion. She said that once an item is put in the budget, it is too difficult to take it out later.

The motion was discussed at some length after which Mr. Hartman restated the motion as follows:

The motion is to adopt the budget of \$120,019,325 as proposed with the exception that under No. I of the summary, Items 2 through 10, are to be placed in a freeze condition for 30 days. Also any other new positions or any other new programs that are not in Items 2 through 10 that are in the line items of all the budgets of the City are to be frozen for 30 days. Within the 30 days, the Council is to address the imbalance of \$3.1 million. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rohde.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: Cockrell; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,537

ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1975-76, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; AND FIXING THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE.

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75-44 The Clerk read the following letter:

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

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Madam and Gentlemen:

The following petition was received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

July 17, 1975

Petition submitted by Mr. Billy G. Pool, 127 Jonathan Avenue, requesting permission to erect a concrete curb from the existing curb on his property out to the City curb line.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

Lila Cockrell

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ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
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