

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007**

The City Council convened in a Work Session at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, March 7, 2007 in Conference Room A on the Mezzanine Level of Terminal One at the San Antonio International Airport with the following Councilmembers present: Flores, McNeil, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. Councilmembers absent were: Gutierrez, Guajardo, Hall, and Wolff.

**1. UPDATE AND OVERVIEW OF CURRENT PROJECTS AT THE SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT SYSTEM.**

Mark Webb made a presentation covering the Operational Results, Passenger Service Initiatives, Expansion Program, Capital Improvements, Terminal Design and Coming Events. A copy of the power point presentation made by Mr. Webb is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following the presentation, Mayor Hardberger asked all to join in the Ground Breaking ceremony for the parking facility. The groundbreaking took place and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in the Council Chambers, Municipal Plaza Building in a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 9:00 am.

City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek took the Roll Call and noted a quorum was present with the following Councilmembers: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger.

The Invocation was delivered by Monsignor Michael Yarbrough, Pastor, St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Guest of Councilmember Art Hall.

Mayor Hardberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

**MINUTES**

**MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 15, 2007 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND FEBRUARY 21, 2007 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

Councilmember Flores made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2007 Regular Meeting and the February 21, 2007 Special City Council Meeting. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Haass.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Item 4. AN UPDATE ON THE 80<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Andrew Smith, Director, Intergovernmental Relations, presented the City Council with an update to the 80<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the State Legislature. Items discussed included Committee Assignments and Legislative Bills that would be monitored. Bills with particular importance to the City included Water, Vested Rights, Eminent Domain and Rail Relocation. The power point presentation made by Mr. Smith is on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke on Items 4 and 5. He stated that according to the back-up documents for Item 4, the City of San Antonio was testifying in support of Eminent Domain and asked why the City was support this. Mr. Finger also asked why the City was not addressing toll roads as part of its Legislative Initiative Package.

No action was required on said item.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0259

Item 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CLOSURE, VACATION, AND ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A 25 FOOT-WIDE PAPER ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN RANDOLPH BLVD. AND ROBARDS ROW, WITHIN NCB 17625, DISTRICT 10, AS REQUESTED BY MCCOMBS FAMILY, LTD. FOR A FEE OF \$6,007 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF A 25 FOOT-WIDE EASEMENT RUNNING BETWEEN THE ALLEY AND ROBARDS ROW PERMITTING PUBLIC INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE REMAINDER OF THE ALLEY.

Mayor Hardberger opened the Public Hearing and Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Guajardo seconded the motion.

Mr. Shawn Eddy, Director of Asset Management, made a presentation regarding the proposed paper alley closure. He stated that the alley closure was being requested by the McCombs Family and would prevent the easement from being a dead-end paper alley.

Mayor Hardberger closed the Public Hearing being that no citizens were signed up to speak.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**CONSENT AGENDA: Items 6-26B**

Consent Agenda Items 7, 9, 10, 20, 24A, 24B, and 25 were pulled for Individual Consideration. The remaining Items except 13 and 22 (which were pulled) were approved upon the motion made by Councilmember Perez and seconded by Councilmember Haass.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Ms. Mary Olman Japhet representing the San Antonio Sports Foundation addressed the Council regarding Item 10. She stated that the organization was in support of the Alamodome Capital Improvements. Ms. Japhet stated that maintaining and improving the Alamodome was critical to the Sports Foundation and its partners in attracting major sporting events to the City of San Antonio. Lastly, she stated that sporting events were economic generators for the City.

Ms. Jenny Carnes representing the San Antonio Local Organizing Committee (SALOC) for next years' NCAA Men's Final Four stated that SALOC was also in support of Item 10. Ms. Carnes stated that the Alamodome needed to be maintained in order for the City of San Antonio to be competitive with other cities while serving as an economic generator for the City.

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, addressed the Council on Items 7, 10, 14, 22, and 23. In regards to Item 10, Mr. Finger stated that the City was promised a major sports team back in 1989 when the Alamodome was being built. He asked if someone in the City had completed a profit/loss statement on the Alamodome. As it relates to Item 7, Mr. Finger asked if it would also take 14 years for the bond programs to be completed. He asked voters to vote 'no' on the upcoming Bond Election.

City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek read a written testimony provided by Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora. Mr. Hodge asked that the City Council rename the Alamodome after him. He stated that it was better to name a facility after someone before they passed away. He also stated that it was best to recognize people for the good service they provide to the City.

The motion on the floor to approve the remainder of the consent items prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

2007-03-08-0260

Item 6. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE OFFER FROM GTSI CORP., UTILIZING THE US COMMUNITIES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, TO FURNISH LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM AND CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL B ROOM AND MEDIA BRIEFING CENTER FOR A COST OF \$512,375.23, AND FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR TWO YEARS FOR A COST OF \$104,032.06, FROM PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT CHANNEL MONIES.

2007-03-08-0262

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID FROM PLAY ON SURFACING TO PROVIDE PLAYGROUND SURFACING MATERIAL FOR THE PALM HEIGHTS PLAYGROUND PROJECT FOR A COST OF \$36,919.00.

2007-03-08-0265

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$236,000.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL SIDEWALK PRIORITY PROGRAM IN DISTRICT 7, A 2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET AND IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROJECT.

2007-03-08-0266

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,238,445.25 TO A \$4,953,781.00 INDEFINITE DELIVERY CONTRACT WITH RAM BUILDING SERVICES, L.L.C. TO INCREASE THE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION CAPACITY UNDER THE CONTRACT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY-WIDE 2005-2006 INDEFINITE DELIVERY PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

**PULLED FROM AGENDA**

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE XII (PARADES) AND ARTICLE XIII (RUN, WALK AND CYCLING EVENTS) OF CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE; CREATING ARTICLE XVII (PARADES, RUNS, WALKS, AND RELATED EVENTS) IN CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS TO ARTICLE XVII; AND PROVIDING FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE XVII.

2007-03-08-0267

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AND EXTENDING FOR THREE YEARS A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE FREE TRADE ALLIANCE OF SAN ANTONIO FOR 2,521 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER, 203 S. ST. MARY'S STREET, THE RENT STARTING AT \$14 A SQUARE FOOT AND ESCALATING TO \$16 A SQUARE FOOT OVER THE TERM.

2007-03-08-0268

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,209.00 FROM THE UNITED STATES FIRE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS AND EQUIPMENT AND TO TRAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ON THEIR USE.

2007-03-08-0269

Item 16. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION, AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD UP TO \$577,106.00 FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE ONGOING INNER CITY SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008.

2007-03-08-0270

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$750,000.00, FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES & SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO CONTINUE THE HEALTHY START INITIATIVE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2007 TO MAY 31, 2008.

2007-03-08-0271

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SANOFI-PASTEUR, INC. WHICH WILL PROVIDE FUNDING UP TO \$190,000.00 FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO CONDUCT A CLINICAL VACCINE STUDY FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2010; APPROVING THE BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS.

2007-03-08-0272

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING USING A PRE-EXISTING STAND-BY ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DEBRA J. DOCKERY ARCHITECT, P.C. TO OBTAIN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH INSTALLING AIR HANDLING UNITS AT THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$28,850.

2007-03-08-0274

Item 21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EBMS SOFTWARE LICENSE ADDENDUM TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UNGERBOECK SYSTEMS INTERNATIONAL FOR EVENT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,912.50.

**PULLED FROM AGENDA**

Item 22. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH KICH & COMPANY, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,750.00 TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR THE AUTOMATED GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SYSTEM.

2007R-03-08-0275

Item 23. A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN JUAN SQUARE PHASE II MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REQUIREMENT FOR A DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE (1) LINEAR MILE OF AN EXISTING DEVELOPMENT THAT SERVES THE SAME TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD.

2007-03-08-0278

Item 24C. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUDGET OF \$667,000.00 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS, PROPERTY APPRAISALS, SITE PREPARATION COSTS, FEES TO PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTORS, AND RELATED EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND APPROVING A TOTAL OF \$565,000.00 FROM THE 2000 PROPOSITION 3 PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION VENUE PROJECT SALES TAX INITIATIVE FUND AND \$102,000.00 FROM THE 2005 PROPOSITION 2 PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION VENUE PROJECT SALES TAX INITIATIVE FUNDS.

Item 26. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

A. Appointing Laurie Gruenbeck (District 5) to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire September 30, 2008.

B. Appointing Victor Landa (District 6) to the Port Authority of San Antonio for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire November 30, 2008.

**[END OF CONSENT ITEMS]**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0261

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE OFFER FROM RAMTECH BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC., UTILIZING TEXAS BUYBOARD CONTRACT, TO PROVIDE ONE MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR A COST OF \$165,115.00, FROM 1993 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

Councilmember Guajardo moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0263

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,359,032.00 FROM THE 3M COMPANY TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, SOFTWARE, EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION, STAFF TRAINING AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (RFID) SUPPORTING INVENTORY CONTROL, THEFT DETECTION AND SELF CHECK-OUT FOR THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT; TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.

Councilmember Guajardo moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Hall.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0264

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REALLOCATION OF APPROVED CAPITAL BUDGET FUNDS FROM THE ALAMODOME ROOF REPAIR PROJECT TO THE ALAMODOME CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF \$1,006,682.00 FOR ALAMODOME UPGRADES, PAYABLE FROM THIS REALLOCATION AND HOTEL MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE AND REFUNDING BOND SERIES 2004B.

Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Hardberger excused himself from the meeting at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Haass presided at this time.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0273

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY POLLING SITES, AS ESTABLISHED BY BEXAR COUNTY, TO BE USED FOR THE MAY 12, 2007 GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION AND AMENDING ORDINANCES NO. 2007-02-15-0155 AND NO. 2007-02-15-0156 TO CONFORM TO THE REVISED SITES.

Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Hall, Wolff, and Haass. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Guajardo and Mayor Hardberger.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0276

Item 24A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: A 24' WIDE EASEMENT FOR A HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL THROUGH YMCA PROPERTY ALONG SALADO CREEK IN DISTRICT 2, A 0.1722 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ALONG LEON CREEK IN DISTRICT 6, A 6.098 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ALONG LEON CREEK IN DISTRICT 8, A 1.307 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ALONG SALADO CREEK IN DISTRICT 10 AND APPROVING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$27,465.00 FOR ACQUISITION, CLOSING COSTS AND DUE DILIGENCE COSTS FROM PROPOSITION 3 PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION VENUE PROJECT SALES TAX INITIATIVE FUNDS.

Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, and Haass. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Mayor Hardberger.

Mayor Hardberger re-entered to the meeting at this time and presided.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0277

Item 24B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A 20' WIDE EASEMENT FOR A HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL THROUGH PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOS PATIOS, ALONG SALADO CREEK IN DISTRICT 10 AND APPROVING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$481,029.00 FOR ACQUISITION, CLOSING COSTS AND DUE DILIGENCE COSTS FROM PROPOSITION 3 PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION VENUE PROJECT SALES TAX INITIATIVE FUNDS.

Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2007-03-08-0279

Item 25. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF APPROXIMATELY 37.24 ACRES OF LAND FROM HEB GROCERY COMPANY, LP IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARACOL CREEK PARK LOCATED IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4; ALLOCATING \$23,178.93 FOR CLOSING COSTS AND ASSOCIATED FEES FROM REVENUES COLLECTED FOR THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) FEES IN LIEU OF PARKLAND DEDICATION FUNDS.

Councilmember Perez moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, and Mayor Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

**[CONSENT AGENDA CONCLUDED]**

**Item 27. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Sheryl Sculley reported on the following items:

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – Ms. Sculley stated that VITA was offering free income tax assistance at 28 sites throughout the city. The service was available to all individuals earning less than \$40,000 annually. She thanked Dennis Campa and the staff at the Department of Initiatives for their hard work.
- Men's NCAA South Regional Tournament – Ms. Sculley stated that the Alamodome and the City were preparing to host the Men's NCAA South Regional Tournament scheduled from March 21, 2007 to March 24, 2007. She reported that in 2008 the City of San Antonio would be hosting the Men's NCAA Final Four Tournament.
- San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) Update – Ms. Sculley reported that a memo was circulated from SAHA Executive Director Henry Alvarez to all the Councilmembers. The memo lists housing concerns and includes a timeline to address the concern.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hardberger recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:45 am in order to break for lunch and to convene in Executive Session at 2:00 pm for the purposes of:

- A. Deliberate the appointment, employment, and duties of certain personnel pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).
- B. Discuss legal issues related to the Police and Fire Collective Bargaining Agreements pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Hardberger reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm and addressed the Citizens to be Heard. The City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters and gave staff direction but took no official action.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Nazarith Ruben Flores Perez, 627 Hearne, thanked Councilmember Patti Radle for attending a meeting conducted by ACORN on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Mr. Perez addressed the Council and spoke on a recent *Express News* Article regarding religious discrimination being conducted by the Bush Administration. He presented the Council with information showing his genealogy.

Ms. Laura Thompson, 10251 Grand Meadow, addressed the Council and spoke about a new business organization that was created by African American Businesswomen entitled Sisters in Business. Ms. Thompson presented the Council with an information packet outlining the mission of the organization.

Ms. Della Guidry, 110 Broadway, addressed the Council and also spoke on Sisters in Business. Ms. Guidry reiterated the mission of the organization and its desire to do business with the City of San Antonio.

Ms. Debra Lawrence, 4423 Walzem, added that she also represented Sisters in Business and noted the use of their organization as a resource to the City.

Mr. Mark Perez, 119 Hardeman, addressed the Council regarding companies that are polluting the environment. He stated that he has contacted several individuals and departments for over 5 months. He noted that the City has not responded to his complaints.

Ms. Bertha Ovalle, 754 Fulton, addressed the Council regarding the roundabout being developed in front of Cotton Elementary. She stated she was concerned with the safety of children as they cross the streets in front of the school. As a member of the PTA, she also stated that she and other parents were not informed of meetings being held regarding the installation of the roundabout. Ms. Ovalle read a letter from another concerned parent. The letter read questioned the Council's awareness of a school being in front of

the proposed roundabout. The Council was asked to reconsider the placement of the roundabout.

Ms. Hope Garcia, 210 Repose, also addressed the Council regarding the roundabout. She asked the Council to reconsider the installation and questioned the timing of the development. Ms. Garcia stated that she felt her concerns were not being heard. As such, she no longer felt she could trust the City Council. For this reason, she stated that she would be voting 'no' on the May 2007 Bond Measures.

Ms. Lucy Eller, 831 W. Lynwood, also addressed the Council regarding her concerns with the installation of the roundabout. She stated that cars were not stopping to allow children to cross the street. Ms. Eller stated that to date, no major accidents have occurred in the area. She added that if an accident were to occur, it would be at the hands of the Council. Ms. Eller stated that she had a petition signed by 197 parents from Cotton Elementary requesting that the roundabout not be built.

Ms. Delia Guajardo, President of Cotton Elementary PTA, also addressed the Council regarding the development of the roundabout. She stated that common-sense would say that it was not appropriate to install a roundabout in front of a school due to safety concerns. Ms. Guajardo stated that she was acting as the voice of the children. Lastly, she asked the Council what was needed to stop the development of the roundabout in front of the school.

Mr. Ed O'Campo, 402 Precious, addressed the Council regarding the construction of his SAHA/KB Home. He stated that the homes in the Fortuna Subdivision were built on a landfill. Mr. O'Campo requested that the City Attorney's Office research how the homes could be bought back by KB Homes.

Ms. Janet Ahmad, 18 Silverhorn, also addressed the Council regarding the Fortuna Subdivision. She stated that the Hope VI Program has been mismanaged from the onset. Ms. Ahmad requested that the City make SAHA more responsive. She continued by stating that Development Services was responsible for allowing the homes to pass inspection. She asked the Council to correct the situation.

Mr. Richard Hernandez, 511 Precious, also addressed the Council regarding the Fortuna Subdivision. He stated that as a construction worker he takes pride in his work. He noted that he does not cut corners in order to save money. Mr. Hernandez stated that he expected his home to be built with the same pride but found that it was not built that way. He stated that his home was not worth anything because nobody would buy it from him.

Ms. Sara Olivares, 458 Precious, also addressed the Council regarding the Fortuna Subdivision. She stated that representatives from KB Homes recently inspected her home. Ms. Olivares presented all her construction issues. However, the representatives were not interested in fixing all the problems. She continued by stating that the City was responsible for her foundation problems. She asked the City to buy back her home.

Mr. Luis Citron, 432 Precious, also addressed the Council regarding the Fortuna Subdivision. He requested that KB Homes also buy back his home.

Peter and Crystal De Los Santos, residents of the Fortuna Subdivision, also addressed the Council regarding their KB Home. Mr. De Los Santos stated that his home has made him and his family ill and the only way to get better was to move out of his home. He stated that his home was not worth buying.

Mr. John Valdez, 2300 Commerce, # 105, addressed the Council regarding the TXU electric buyout. He stated that ACORN was against the buyout since rates for customers would increase. He requested that the Council monitor electricity deregulation. Mr. Valdez presented the Council with a proposed resolution regarding said deregulation.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, asked the Council if one had to be in love in order to get married on the River Walk. He stated that the cost to do so increased to \$200. Mr. Hodge continued by singing "You are My Sunshine" to the Council.

Ms. Olga Hernandez, 731 Clower, addressed the Council regarding the roundabout being built in front of Cotton Elementary. She stated that at each of the meetings held, the constituents in the area were against the development of the roundabout. She cited that all had safety concerns. Ms. Hernandez asked the Council to reconsider building the roundabout

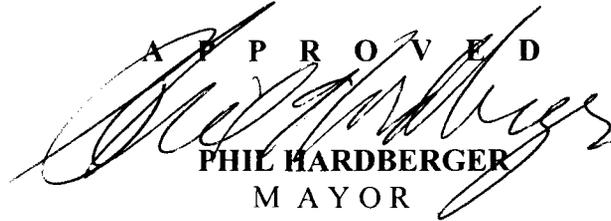
Mr. Carlos Villarreal, 8910 Mission Top, also addressed the Council regarding the roundabout. He stated that even though he does not live near the area, the safety of children was a city-wide issue. Mr. Villarreal questioned how someone could think that building a roundabout was a good idea, especially in front of a school. He requested the Council to reconsider said item.

Ms. Rosa Rosales, 915 Guadalupe, addressed the Council regarding the restructuring at CPS Energy. She stated that the CPS Energy Board has allowed executives to contract out work and jeopardize the safety of its workers. Ms. Rosales requested the Council investigate Mr. Milton Lee and staff. She continued by stating that the restructuring calls for workers who have worked with CPS Energy for over 15 years to work at entry level positions. She also indicated that several employees have been offered retirement but can not afford to do so on the severance pay being offered. Ms. Rosales stated that many CPS Energy employees live in San Antonio and pay taxes. She also noted that many have financial obligations and cannot afford to take a 37% pay cut.

Mr. Gary Factor, representative of IBEW, addressed the Council regarding the restructuring at CPS Energy. He referenced the banners placed throughout the Council Chambers which address caring, fairness, civic responsibility, and dependability. Mr. Factor asked that the CPS Energy leadership be fair and responsible. He stated that it was not fair that employees were being asked to take a 37% pay cut or to take an entry level position. He stated that since the Council appoints the CPS Energy Board members, the Council had the ability to influence the decisions being made regarding the restructuring.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

**A P P R O V E D**  
  
**PHIL HARDBERGER**  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
**LETICIA M. VACEK**  
City Clerk