

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1969 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: None.

69-8 The invocation was given by Reverend Edward Miller, St. John's Lutheran Church.

69-8 The minutes of the February 6, 1969 City Council Meeting were approved.

69-8 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance. He explained four bids had been received, all meeting specifications on the 228 chairs for the three new libraries.

Mr. Brooks explained that Mr. Don Wittig, of the Don Wittig Office Furniture Company and one of the bidders, was present in the Council Chamber and wished to be heard.

Mr. Don Wittig stated that the design of the new libraries was excellent and asked the Council to consider awarding the bid to the Wittig Company on the basis that his chair was much more adequate and fitted in much better with the decor than the chair of the Griggs Company, who was low bidder and whose chair the Purchasing Department recommended be accepted.

Mr. Brooks then displayed the chair of the Griggs Company and the Don Wittig Company. Don Wittig's Company chair would cost the City approximately \$200.00 more.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,233

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF GRIGGS EQUIPMENT, INC. TO FURNISH THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO NEW BRANCH LIBRARIES
WITH CERTAIN STACKING CHAIRS FOR A NET
TOTAL OF \$1,814.00.

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69-8 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Calderon was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,234

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH GRAYBAR ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF RED BURNING FUSEES FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ON DATE OF ACCEPTANCE AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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69-8 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance. He explained that this was a one source maintenance contract for the maintenance of all heating and air-conditioning of the Convention Center Complex for a period of one year.

In answer to questions from the Council, he stated that there were over one hundred electrical contacts to be checked. The cost to the City was approximately \$5.00 per contact per month.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,235

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO HONEYWELL, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR CONTROL SERVICES ON ALL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING OF CONVENTION CENTER COMPLEX FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,931.00.

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69-8 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,236

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF W. E. WILCOX, GENERAL CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH MATERIALS AND LABOR TO PAINT FIVE CITY SWIMMING POOLS FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$14,579.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,237

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF TEZEL & COTTER AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY FOR THE REPLACING OF STEAM BOILER AT THE OLD MAIN LIBRARY BUILDING FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,554.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,238

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 65-2, WITH A. E. HUEGLER, d/b/a TINY'S INSTRUMENT SERVICE, LESSEE, ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,239

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 1-1 WITH BRANIFF AIRWAYS, INC., LESSEE, FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,240

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. FOR SATELLITE ALTERATIONS AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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69-8 Item No. 9 on the agenda, an Ordinance accepting Grant offer from United States of America (Federal Aviation Administration) in the sum of \$578,000.00 for Project No. 9-41-080-C921 at San Antonio International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute Grant Agreement, was withdrawn at the request of the City Manager.

Mr. Tom Raffety, Aviation Director, explained that the Federal Aviation Administration requested delay in approving Item No. 9 as they wished to add a number of items for improvement which would increase the total amount of the Grant by \$20,000.00.

In answer to questions from the Council, he explained that the money received from the Federal Aviation Administration will be used in the strengthening of the N.W., S.W. Runway consisting of approximately 3,000 feet of runway pavement and install "In-Runway" lights along its full length.

69-8 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,241

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH W. R. CAMPBELL D/B/A CAMPBELL'S DELIVERY SERVICE, LESSEE, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 64 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,242

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BARBER SHOP CONTRACT WITH PHILIP POLICE FOR ONE YEAR AND RESERVING THE RIGHT TO RELOCATE THE SHOP.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,243

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PASEO DEL RIO ASSOCIATION FOR USE BY SUCH ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY ALONG THE BANKS OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER FOR ERECTION OF BOOTHS AND STANDS FOR SALE OF CERTAIN FOODS OR MERCHADISE DURING SCHEDULED FESTIVALS FOR A CONSIDERATION OF 10% OF GROSS RECEIPTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,244

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF LESLIE S. HUTTON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER WALL AT CATTO AND PUTTY BUILDING; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A

CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING \$12,890.17 OUT OF UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF THE GENERAL FUND AND TRANSFERRING SAME TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 99-11-06 AND THE PAYMENT OF \$12,290.17 TO LESLIE S. HUTTON AND \$600.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,245

CHANGING THE NAME OF MONTERREY STREET, FROM SOUTH PECOS WEST TO SOUTH FRIO TO WEST NUEVA STREET; AND CHANGING THE NAME OF NUEVA STREET, FROM SOUTH FLORES WEST TO SOUTH PECOS TO BE WEST NUEVA STREET; AND ALSO CHANGING THE NAME OF NUEVA STREET FROM SOUTH FLORES EAST TO SOUTH ALAMO, TO EAST NUEVA STREET.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,246

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 2611 HICKS AVENUE CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that the property is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elkins who have been notified by certified mail of the hearing this morning.

He stated this is a vacant one story wooden residence structure in a rundown, decayed and damaged condition. He presented pictures of the structure for the Council's consideration. He then reviewed the efforts to have the hazard alleviated and recommended that the Council find the property to be a nuisance, a fire hazard and a hazard to the public health and safety in accordance with the dangerous premises ordinance.

Neither the owners or their representatives were present.

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

69-8

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,247

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 520 ELMIRA STREET CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that the property is owned by Mr. Joe Centeno, who has been notified by certified mail of the hearing this morning.

He stated this is a vacant two story wooden residence structure in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He presented pictures of the structure for the Council's consideration. He then reviewed the efforts to have the hazard alleviated and recommended that the Council find the property to be a nuisance, a fire hazard and a hazard to the public health and safety in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner or his representative was present.

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

69-8

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,248

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 2330 AND 2332 VIRGINIA CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE

THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that the property is owned by Mr. W. S. and Lillie R. Gandy, who have been notified by certified mail of the hearing this morning.

He stated these are a vacant one and two story wooden residence structures in a rundown, decayed and damaged condition. He presented pictures of the structures for the Council's consideration. He then reviewed the efforts to have the hazards alleviated and recommended that the Council find the properties to be a nuisance, a fire hazard and a hazard to the public health and safety in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owners or their representatives were present.

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

69-8 In answer to questions from the Council Mr. Vann stated that while there is a backlog of abandoned homes, his Staff are investigating. Adding more employees to the Minimum Housing Section would not really help in that there are just so many cases that can be processed by the Legal Department.

Mr. Walker stated that his staff is averaging about twelve abandoned homes a week that he receives from Mr. Vann's office.

The Mayor then suggested that perhaps police officers riding in patrol cars could also check for abandoned homes and report them to the Housing and Inspections Department.

69-8 Mrs. Cockrell then asked Mr. Vann whether the Temporary Trailer locations that received permits to operate during HemisFair were still in existence.

Mr. Vann stated that they had all been removed except those where the property had been zoned for this type of operation.

69-8 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,249

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF DAKOTA STREET BETWEEN MITTMAN STREET AND HEDGES STREET, BETWEEN NEW CITY CLOCKS 1500, 1502 AND 1503 AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO SAN ANTONIO UNION JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00.

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69-8 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Jones, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,250

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF CASANOVA AND POTOSI STREETS BETWEEN BLOCK 1, NEW CITY BLOCK 6189, BLOCK 3, NEW CITY BLOCK 6191 AND BLOCK 4, NEW CITY BLOCK 6192 AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO AUGE PROPERTIES, INC., FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$880.00.

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Mr. Trevino felt that the Auge Properties, Inc., who were purchasing this property should be notified that in no way was the Council obligated to rezone this property if they wanted to enlarge their packing house in the future. The Company would still have to appear before the Council.

69-8 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,251

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED OF A PORTION OF LOT 52, NCB 8409, TO JOHN J. STOKES, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE DEDICATION BY SAID GRANTEE OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT IN THIS LOT.

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69-8 The Mayor was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti presided over the meeting.

69-8 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,252

APPROPRIATING \$500.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESS-WAY BONDS, 1961, FUND NO. 479-19, PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF ARTHUR E. CHAPA, ET AL, IN SATISFACTION OF JUDGMENT ENTERED IN CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-604 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN IMPROVED TRACT OF LAND IN NCB 6498 SITUATED AT 3215 NORTH ST. MARY'S STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, NEEDED FOR U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,253

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO REFUND TAXES BECAUSE OF DUPLICATION PAYMENT TO HERNANDEZ PROPERTIES, INC., LOT A-29, NEW CITY BLOCK A-29.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,254

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INSURANCE CONTRACT BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANY, BY ENDORSEMENT TO POLICY NO. AKF 80 92 50, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$1,309.16 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE BRUSSELLS INSURANCE AGENCY, FOR CERTAIN INSURANCE ON THE OAKWELL, LAS PALMAS, AND PAN AMERICAN BRANCH LIBRARIES.

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69-8 Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Cockrell; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones.

AN ORDINANCE 37,255

MUTUALLY TERMINATING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND ROLL-A-SEAT, A PARTNERSHIP COMPRISED OF RODERICK KROHN AND MRS. FRANCES LEVENSON.

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69-8 Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

69-8 Mr. Francis W. Vickers, Director of Municipal Facilities, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: McAllister; ABSENT: Jones.

AN ORDINANCE 37,256

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION TO AMEND THE PRESENT WITTE MUSEUM CONTRACT SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR LEASING A TEN MODULE BUILDING IN HEMISFAIR PLAZA TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS OPERATION AND MANagements IN ADDITION TO THE WITTE MUSEUM BUILDING, FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOUSING DISPLAYS OF ITEMS GIVEN THE CITY BY FOREIGN EXHIBITORS AT HEMISFAIR '68 AND OTHER ITEMS AS MAY BE APPROVED; SETTING ADMISSION RATES TO THIS BUILDING; AND INCREASING INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,257

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION, TO AMEND THE PRESENT WITTE MUSEUM CONTRACT SO AS TO INCREASE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUSEUM OPERATION FROM \$10,750.00 PER MONTH TO \$15,950.00 PER MONTH, BEGINNING MARCH 15, 1969, THROUGH JULY 15, 1969, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER SUCH INCREASED EXPENDITURES.

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Mr. Torres inquired as to the possibility of the County contributing funds to the operation of the Witte Museum at HemisFair Plaza as had been suggested by Mrs. Cockrell.

Mr. Vickers said he would check into that possibility.

69-8 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,258

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO LEASE CERTAIN FILM EQUIPMENT TO SOUTHWEST TEXAS EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COUNCIL (KLRN), WITH AN OPTION TO LESSEE TO PURCHASE SAID EQUIPMENT FOR \$1,655.83.

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

69-8 DOWNTOWN PARKING

Councilman Torres inquired as to the possibility of the City regulating the prices charged by the downtown parking lot operators.

City Attorney, Howard Walker, was instructed to investigate the possibility of the City controlling the parking lot prices.

69-8 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Councilman Hill stated he felt that the Parks and Recreation Department should be doing planning for their Summer Recreation Program now as had been suggested by his memo of January 7th, addressed to members of the Council.

City Manager Henckel advised he had a proposal to present to the Council at the informal session on the expanded program and, if the Council approves, an appropriation ordinance will be on the agenda next week.

69-8 SAFETY STANDARDS ORDINANCE

Mr. Torres inquired as to the status of the Safety Standards Ordinance submitted last year by Mr. Elton Schroeder and if the Committee had made a recommendation.

Mr. Henckel advised that the Committee met one time and was of the opinion that safety standards were regulated by the

insurance companies. Represented on the Committee were insurance companies, general contractors, sub-contractors and the unions.

Mr. Torres stated that he would submit next week some information concerning a Safety Standards Ordinance which he would like the Committee to consider and make a recommendation on.

Mr. Henckel stated that when this information is submitted, he will call a meeting of the Committee to consider the matter and with a request that a recommendation be made to the Council.

69-8 FOOD STAMP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Cockrell stated she felt that the Food Stamp Committee should meet again and recommend a method for additional stamp distribution centers. Conditions are not getting any better.

Mr. Henckel was asked to set up a meeting of the Food Stamp Committee to include the City and County members as well as the State Welfare people to consider the matter of additional Food Stamp centers.

69-8 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor McAllister presented the following Citation to Mr. Ben Quintanilla, Senior Class President, accompanied by a group of Seniors from Holy Cross High School:

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS

In recognition and appreciation of the outstanding example of citizenship and interest in the community as reflected by the Rivas Street Clean-Up Project undertaken by the 1969 Senior Class.

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69-8 Mayor McAllister then presented a Citation to Mr. Don Adar, of Churchill High School:

CITATION

On the 16th day of November, 1968 Don Adar was driving along Blanco Road and heard screams for help. He saw a man, John Anderson, caught in an automatic electric gate. He tried to pry him free but to no avail. He then went for help at a nearby home. When the man was freed he had ceased breathing. He administered artificial respiration reviving him, thereby saving his life, merits highest commendation for this prompt and courageous action.

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VILLA CORONADO PETITION

Mr. Antonio D. Ruiz read the following petition:

"We, the residents of Villa Coronado, wish to bring to the attention of all our fellow citizens a deplorable condition which exists in our community. It is the presence of an open sewer ditch which flows through the Villa Coronado residential area.

This ditch is one of three laterals leaving the City of San Antonio's Rilling Road sewage treatment plant. One, which empties into Lake Mitchell, runs in an enclosed pipe. The other, which empties into the San Antonio River, is also covered. The Villa Coronado ditch, which is the only one passing through a congested residential area, is uncovered.

This open ditch carries the sewage southward for use by farmers in the area, who have a contract with the City for this purpose. In its exposed condition it represents a severe health hazard, as well as a bothersome nuisance, to the residents of our community. The danger of hepatitis, typhus, dysentary, and a host of mosquito born diseases, is constant.

No one present today would tolerate this unsanitary condition or the foul odor which it produces. We are therefore petitioning the San Antonio City Council as well as all concerned citizens, to aid us in our efforts to either remove or cover this ditch."

Mr. Sam Granata, Public Works Director, stated that they are well aware of the open ditch and explained it would cost over \$250,000.00 to cover the ditch, however, the City would still be liable for supplying water to the farmers. The City, by court order, has to continue supplying water to the farmers until the year 2001.

Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney, reviewed the legal background of the contract which had been signed by the City in 1901. He explained the Attorneys Staff have been checking the contract to see if there is any legal way in which the City can stop furnishing water to the farmers as per the contract. He stated the City would welcome an individual bringing suit against the City so that the matter could be brought out in Court and with the help of the State Board of Health, he felt sure the ditch would be constituted a health hazard; however, they will continue researching the contract.

69-8 The Mayor explained that Mr. Raul Rodriguez's statements regarding the Commerce Street Overpass which he made last week at the Council meeting were incorrect. He stated the State built the overpass and had their own inspectors working. The City had nothing whatsoever to do with this project.

Mr. Rodriguez, who was ejected from the City Council meeting last week because of his demonstration, stated he was appearing this week to honor the flag and was happy to live in a country where there was freedom of speech.

MODEL CITIES PROGRAM

Mr. Mariano Aguilar presented the following petition:

We the undersigned do hereby submit this petition and strongly urge to the City Council of San Antonio, Texas to remove our sector from the designated Model Cities Program Area and Urban Renewal for relocation of residents. Lots, tracts or parcels of land lying and being situated in Bexar County, State of Texas, and within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio and described streets covering from 19th S.W. to 21st S.W.; Arizona, Persyn, Laredo, Potosi, Hidalgo and Tampico Streets.

Most of the residents already own our homes and know and fear our homes will be condemned through Model Cities Program bringing us prices which will not buy us comparable living quarters in other areas.

If this Council ignores the voice of the citizens; then our public legislators are failing to contribute towards the general welfare of our community. This would create severe difficulties and hardship. The only alternative will be to move to rural areas out in the country.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Aguilar stated he felt that the representatives from Model Cities should be in advisory capacity only and not have the right to vote on the fate of the people in this area.

After further discussion by members of the Council, the matter of Model Cities was taken under advisement.

69-8 Mayor McAlister presented Dr. Elizondo with a Proclamation designating the week of February 16-21 as "Lulac Week".

Dr. Elizondo thanked the Mayor and stated that the Lulac granted twenty scholarships in the past year and a total of 200 scholarships in the past seven to nine years to deserving youths. Dr. Elizondo then introduced members of the Lulac Organization.

69-8 The Clerk read the following petition letter:

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

2-10-69 Petition of Villa Coronado Community Council, Inc. concerning an open sewer ditch running through the Villa Coronado Residential area and requesting that it be covered or removed.

2-10-69

Petition of Mrs. Arelious Walker requesting action be taken to stop dumping of trash at 1523 Peck Avenue at which location there are No Dumping signs erected.

Sincerely,

J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D

W. W. Mallette
MAYOR

ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
CITY CLERK

February 13, 1969