

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 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, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: JONES.

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The invocation was given by Councilman Felix Trevino.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD - 30 Minutes Maximum

Mr. Pete Salas, President of the South Laredo Street Area Community Council. RE: Model Cities Program

Mr. Salas: I would like to introduce myself to the City Council of San Antonio. I am the President of the South Laredo Street Area Community Council. I feel that you all are interested as to knowing what our community is working toward. Our main objective is to help promote the general welfare of our entire community which covers the area from streets South Brazos to South Zarzamora Street and from the South Laredo Street to Saltillo. We have with us the Executive Officer and Vice-President, Mr. Candelario Alejos; Mr. Jose Huerta the Treasurer, would you like to stand up. Unfortunately the Secretary happened to be on duty. We have today some recommendations that we urge the City Council to act upon immediately without failure. We, as Bona fide American Citizens feel sure that if we present these recommendations for you, you most likely will be interested in working towards the general welfare of our community. One, that we are working for is to become better citizens. We are conducting a Voter Registration campaign at the present time. Second, preserve our homes and community, a petition to be presented and delivered to the Council at a later date. Four, higher education. We are working on a problem concerning Johnson Elementary School located at 1811 South Laredo Street. Five, employment practices. Interviewing with agencies that exercising discrimination practices towards minority groups of the Mexican-American extraction. Six, Juvenile Delinquents. Juvenile Delinquency, vandalism and robbery. We are seeking more police protection and we are likewise working on numerous other problems that affect our community. We are also members of the Barrios Unidos, which is the United Neighborhood of which Mr. Mariano Aguilar is the Director. We are also conducting transactions with the Bexar County Equal Employment Opportunity in which Mr. Georges Rivas is the President. We have appeared on this date, January 2, 1969, before the Council to present three issues affecting our community area which covers the designated areas which I have just mentioned.

Issue number one: We are asking this Council for more police protection for the mentioned area. The problems: As results of Juvenile Delinquency, vandalism, theft, holdup and shootings. Some typical examples that we have occurred within our neighborhood recently is the Laredo's Restaurant located at 2426 South Laredo Street. That place has been broken into five times within the month of December 1968 and several times before in which some damages were also conducted. The juke box was damaged, silverware and various other equipment. The Cavasos Cafe and Garage at 1600 South Navidad. They broke into the business place several times with losses of approximately \$2,000.00. Brazos Drug Store, on Brazos and Laredo Street broken in twice in November and approximately three weeks ago a holdup of Mr. Juarez, which is the owner. Menchaca's Cafe, 1521 South Brazos Street, holdup took place on July 3, 1968, at which time the owner was wounded by a bullet. Nando's Cafe, 1815 Frio City Road, a holdup in December, 1968 also like both the scenes at Brazos and Angela. Police Captain L. G. Dunaway and Captain Ramiro Estrada were invited to one of our meetings conducted December 19, 1968 at 2516 South Laredo Street to explain our problems at which time several incidents were cited by the property owners. We were informed by Captain Estrada that the department was short-handed and the only way to cover our area would be by placing more patrolmen whenever they were hired. We, therefore, recommend that the City Council take immediate adequate action to place two officers per vehicle in order to patrol all the streets within our area every hour, twenty-four hours per day, the entire week.

Issue number two concerns Johnson Elementary School located at 1811 Laredo Street. We urge the Council that if a proposal is in the mill to close Johnson School, to stop it without delay. At a meeting conducted on the 18th of December 1968, at Our Lady of the Lake, Mr. Oscar Hakala, Deputy Superintendent of the San Antonio Independent School District, who presided at the meeting reported that it is not yet official that the Johnson School be closed. That it was just a proposal. He explained the proposal was made after a survey team found that only three hundred students attended classes. On November 19, 1968, Mr. Hakala attended our meeting at which time he assured us that the Johnson School will not be closed for two or three years. Investigation conducted on December 24, 1968 revealed Johnson School had an enrollment of 667 students in lieu of the 300 mentioned by Mr. Hakala.

Issue number three, we have a petition signed by property owners and residents. We the undersigned do hereby submit the petition and strongly urge the City Council of San Antonio, Texas to remove our sector from the designated Model Cities Program Area and the 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 in NCB 3158, 3159, 3160, 3161, 3162, 3163, 3961, 3865, 6311, 6712, 6194, 6195, 6196, 6197, 6198, and 6199 according to plat on file at the Office of the County Clerk, of Bexar County. This area covered is between South Brazos Street and South Zarzamora Street and between South Laredo Street and Saltillo Street. Most of the residents already own our homes and know and fear our homes will be condemned through the Model Cities Program, bringing us prices which will not buy us comparable living quarters in other

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areas. If the 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 out to the rural areas in the country. This petition will be delivered to the Council by next week already signed and will be delivered by our Vice-President of the Council which is Mr. Candelario Alejos. We have gentlemen, seen in the past, this relocation of Mexican-Americans and what had happened. We don't want to go out to Villa Coronado. We at no time whatsoever will be paid fair prices for our homes. This would be creating worse situations because if we cannot afford to pay for our homes we more or less won't be able to pay for a ten or fifteen thousand dollar home. We have a typical example right across from where I live at 2432 South Laredo Street. We have a party there that added a room to his house, it cost them \$1800.00 dollars. She is making monthly payments of \$17.00 per month and what they are paying for the principal is only \$9.00. We are willing to build our homes to the standards required by the City but we want to see the public legislators bring industry here into San Antonio. We don't have nobody to tell us to not to eat beans and tortillas because if we make more money we are going to be able to eat hamburger meat and steak. We are going to dress better and we are going to have better homes. I don't think none of us would not like to have a good decent home and therefore we urge the City Council to take immediate action into our recommendations. If you would like to hear some comments from our Council and if you permit me to do it so, I will present you some of our residents from our area. I would like at this time the opinion of the Council if they'd like to hear as to why we are objecting to moving out of our area.

Mr. Trevino: I don't know that some of the comments that you made about having to move out to the Villa Coronado are necessarily true. I don't know of anyone that has been forced to move out into any other area. This Model Cities is a brand new thing. Have you met with the Director of Model Cities to find on all the many other things that will benefit the Community and of the reason for having all that area within Model Cities Area. You take them out and the whole area will suffer. In other words, you are willing to allow, I don't know how many thousands of people, to be deprived of some of the benefits that Model Cities will bring in because you don't understand the whole situation. Have you met with these people yet?

Mr. Salas: Yes Sir. Had several meetings and one of them out at San Alfonso at which time I asked the Director of Model Cities, Mr. Alfred Rodriguez, that if these people who were not able to pay for these homes to be built, for example if a person was given \$2,000.00, that person could get indebted for a home of \$8,000.00, if they had anything interjected under the proposals submitted to Washington D. C. that states that these people would be given an even trade. And he said of course not.

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And I don't think it could ever happen. What are we going to enjoy if we move way out on the skirts of the City limits what education are we going to move. I feel sure that those people who are living way out on the outskirts of the City are living over there just for fun or because they think they are helping promote their general welfare. If they are moving over there it's because they cannot afford to live out here towards the Northside or maybe Eastside or close here to the Westside from town. I don't think they've been enjoying paying maybe 37¢ for the bus fare when we're just a short distance from town and the fare costs us 20¢. We have to move out there where there are no utility services.

Mr. Torres: Let me make a comment to you, Mr. Salas, on the three points that you brought up. There is no question on the need for better police protection. I think we are all in accordance with you. On the business of Johnson Elementary School, I think Mr. Hakala mentioned and I was at the meeting at your Council Meeting on Laredo Street when Mr. Hakala was there if you recall, Mr. Hakala mentioned this was three or four years off. I commented to you then, and I'll add now that any time that Johnson Elementary School has proposed or scuttled but is that it will be used by packing plant and I think that is a big objection of the citizens over there when that does come up, that would come up of a nature of a Public Zoning Hearing before the Council and I think it is good that you have made your objections and I'm glad that you brought this to the attention of the Council, thirdly, I don't think that I can disagree with you on this business of the fear of the residents. I have seen many of the residents in the area who are concerned about the imminent problem of their land being taken those who have paid for their properties who worried that they would have to move further out and with the amount of money that they get from Urban Renewal, they would not be able to buy comparable homes. Now the big problem, or better yet, your solution there I think is this: Number one, when this comes up before your component committees or before the CPPC of Model Cities of which you are familiar with you know that there will be public airing there. Secondly, before any land is taken by condemnation, there will be a hearing before this Council before the Council would approve any plan going to the taking by Urban Renewal or by condemnation of any way. So I think it is a real good thing that you have submitted your petitions to making your exceptions known but it would be on the last two items you mentioned there would be an opportunity to come before the Council and at the proper time make that particular complaint and I'm glad that you have taken your exceptions early. Thank you for coming down this morning.

Mr. Trevino: May I suggest one thing Mr. Salas, that you meet with the staff of Model Cities and Urban Renewal and find out the exact answers to some of these questions that you have. I do feel that if you don't have the full information, there is a lot reasons to have these fears. However, you might find that there is more to benefit.

Mr. Torres: I think what Mr. Salas is merely conveying to the Council, Mr. Trevino, is he is conveying the fear

that the residents have. Now fear can be either illusory or factual. So regardless of whether it is based on illusion, whether it is factual, the fact is the fear is there. I have seen it and this is why I comment.

Mr. Trevino: What I am trying to say, Mr. Torres, is that I know some of the citizens there and some of the citizens are willing to participate in Model Cities. This is why I say in order to do away with this confusion after you hear these people you might still feel the same way.

Mr. Salas: Okay, there is no word in the United States Constitution that does say that the Federal Government is authorized to build cities or to destroy homes.

Mr. Gatti: I'd just like to say one thing. You know we went into this Model Cities with great trepidation in the beginning. This is all a planning procedure. It's not a fact accomplished. We don't have the money for it. I've been reading and talking and I've got some feeling for this. I think we better take a good hard re-look at the whole Model Cities Program. Now I understand it, Mr. Rodriguez has brought in a number of Citizen Participation Groups. We have discussed this, we have had meetings. The whole program has been submitted, has it not Mr. Rodriguez? I think we better take another good look at this Model Cities because it appears to me, from what I hear, that the citizens in this area don't want Model Cities. So maybe we better have a Committee to review the whole program and let's see whether they want it or whether they don't want it.

Mayor McAllister: Might be of considerable relief to the City of San Antonio and save it considerable money if we didn't participate in the Model Cities Program. On the other hand, if we do not participate in it, we may lose some very very great and important benefits. Now it's rather surprising to me that a group of citizens come and are opposed to this. In the event that we were not participating in Model Cities, I would imagine that we'd be petitioned by a groups of people insisting that we participate in it. And your statement about more police in order to prevent Juvenile Delinquency doesn't strike a responsive cord with me. I can tell you frankly that you can have police, police, police, but if the families don't take care of their children, if the families don't train their children better, you can just have police at every corner and you are still not going to prevent Juvenile Delinquency. The responsibility of that rests with the children. Now I'm willing to agree with you that we could have, very well have, additional police. We have our enrollment open all the time. We are training additional men. The police do not want to reduce the standards of the quality of the men who serve in the Police Department. They don't care to reduce the standards so that they can get in more of them. they want to hold the standards where they are. The City of San Antonio I assure you Mr. Salas, is doing everything they can within reason to see that our Police Department is enlarged. Now, in regard to what you have said here, you are citizens, you protest about participating in the Model Cities Program. Is it correct that you are to meet with Mr. Rodriguez Saturday?

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Mr. Salas: At a later date upon a Resolution from our Council. Yes.

Mayor McAllister: I see, well alright then I suggest that you have a meeting with him first and thereafter if you find that you are still opposed to the Program, why you will let us know and we'll be glad to go into the matter in more detail.

Mr. Gatti: I would like to have a report from Mr. Rodriguez, very quickly as to what his feeling is in relation to the number of different groups he has talked to, the participating Councils, citizens and so on. On the overall Model Cities Program. I think we ought to be brought up to date let's see where we are, what kind of conflicts we have have over there. And if they can be resolved let's get at it to try and see if we can solve our problems.

Mayor McAllister: We'll be glad to do that and we'll ask him to do it, but not today.

Mr. Salas: Mr. McAllister, if this City would only be an industrial City, the only thing that supports San Antonio is these Governments installation. We are surrounded by Government installations. We would have no need for the Food Stamp Program, for the Program of the Vouchers, Program for the Robert B. Green. If we only get more industry here into San Antonio, I guarantee all the Council members that we be better satisfied and we would have to bother you less.

Mayor McAllister: I can say this. If you have a constructive suggestion as to how to do it, we'll be glad to hear it. We'll not only work with it, but we'll try to transmit it to the Chamber of Commerce which is the organization that is organized to set up for that particular purpose. If you have got some specific suggestion as to how to bring industry here, I'll be very happy to have you come in to see me and tell me about it.

Mr. Torres: One comment, Mr. Mayor on the fact of the matter of family responsibility. I think that we have to assume and we have to labor under the assumption that people care for their families properly and there would be evidence to the contrary It'd be a matter to be brought up before the Council constructively with the positive evidence to that effect that people are not taking care of their families. This business of, this request that Mr. Salas comes to the Council with for better police protection is not an unreasonable request. I think that the FBI figures, specified that something like two policemen for 1,000 population in San Antonio. We have one per 1,000 so that in itself would tend to show Mr. Mayor that the request for better police protection is something to, is a reasonable request and there is something to be desired. We are not talking about reducing standards of the Police Department. I think we are all for that too, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor McAllister: Okay, well all I've got to say is that if the standard is per thousand people, there isn't a major city in the State of Texas that measures up to those standards.

Mrs. Cockrell: Mr. Mayor, I want to review a suggestion I had made before and while it's not something that produces immediate spectacular results, I think this is something in the nature of an educational program that may as a long run bear fruit. I have suggested before and would like to renew this suggestion, that a speaking team be composed of a police officer and a City Council member and that we go into all the major high schools of this city and that we talk to the young people there about the problems of law enforcement and the great need that we as the City Council have for their full cooperation. I think that our young people today are bright, I think that they for the most part, I think they have community interest and I think if we could really appeal to their sense of community pride and the future of this community rests in their hands that we might see some results from this kind of a program. Also I think that by going into the high schools and by going in with a Council member and a police officer, we could also point out the opportunities and the advantages there are with young people in a career in law enforcement. And many of these high schools young people will be in the job market before long, and I would like for them to feel that their City Council feels that the office of a police officer is an important one in the City and that they would welcome their participating in applying for this type of position in the future. So I would like to renew that suggestion and ask if it meets with the Council's approval if we could ask our City management to make some plans to see if we can get this organized.

Mr. Torres: I think that is a real good idea. In addition to that there is a program in Austin, Mr. Mayor, whereby high school boys interested in going into police work actually get out and work with policemen say one night a week and actually ride in patrol cars with them. I think that if we can add that to Mrs. Cockrell's suggestion why I think that something like that would create some respect for the role of the policeman in the community. I think Mrs. Cockrell has a wonderful suggestion and I'd like to see that work out.

Mayor McAllister: Okay, one other thought that you expressed Mr. Salas that I think is erroneous and that is when Urban Renewal acquires property that they do not pay the full market value. We have about five different Urban Renewal areas in San Antonio. And those areas have to be approved by the Council first you understand that. And I have ventured the assertion that there isn't a single piece of property in all five of them that has been acquired by Urban Renewal where they have not paid more than the individual would ordinarily be able to get on an open market. In other words, Urban Renewal does not take advantage of the people. If they pay somebody \$2,000.00 you mentioned that figure for a home, for their house, they are paying what that property is worth. In the event that the individual doesn't feel that that is a fair price then through the court, a Board of Appraisers, Condemnation Commissioners are appointed and then they set the price. Urban Renewal pays the fair price, there is no question about that. Now I'm not saying that people in that area do not want their area to become an Urban Renewal Area, that of course is all right if they feel that way about it. But don't

leave the impression that Urban Renewal takes an advantage of the property owner. They do not.

Mr. Salas: Mr. McAllister, I do agree with you but my home to you could probably just be a shack and my home is more important to me because that is all I have to shelter in. We are not selling our homes therefore we are not proposing or recommending that we want to sell our homes. Why should we be forced to move out of the areas.

Mr. Torres: Now of course I think another comment that would be germane, Mr. Salas, and in reply to what the Mayor commented. Mr. Mayor as you well know, market value is not always the same as replacement value. A person can get three, four or five thousand dollars for his home from Urban Renewal and he can't replace that home for that same amount. He has to go into debt for another ten to twenty years. As I see it, having talked to many residents in the area, this is again with reference to the comment I made, this is the big fear that they have Mr. Mayor. And this is why I am commenting. I think the fears are genuine and will go along with Mr. Gatti that perhaps we ought to sit down with Mr. Rodriguez and talk over this matter.

Mr. Trevino: There are ways that Model Cities is trying to solve this problem. It is up to the citizens whether they want it or not.

Mr. Gatti: Just remember one thing, this may be a little corny, but the American dream is upgrade and move from one house to another. I have been moving up and I have never been out of debt with a home since I started.

Mr. Torres: You got a job, John.

Mr. Gatti: Well a lot of these people have jobs too.

Mr. Torres: Well a lot of them don't.

Mr. James: I would like to comment on the school situation, Mr. Mayor. This is a city-wide thing. Dr. Hitt has been in this whole reevaluation program on the Eastside. There has been a great deal of concern about Wheatley and some of the other schools and we have been meeting with Dr. Hitt. So we share your anticipation as far as the school situation is concerned. At the same time we are working with him and I feel we can work out a fair and equitable situation to the satisfaction of the citizens. This is a city-wide thing, not just Johnson Elementary School. Wheatley, Riley and some of the other schools are involved in the same program.

Mr. Gatti: I just want to bring out one other thing about this job. This Council has not been insensitive about this job thing. In fact this afternoon I am going to dedicate a new multi-service center for the Concentrated Employment Program, which comes under the poverty program that this Council sponsored and which we have been working in. We are trying, we are working at it, we have been working at it and will get the job solved if we can have full cooperation from people like you, Mr. Salas. I want to assure you that this Council is interested, and we have shown interest throughout the years and will continue to do so.

Mr. Torres: Then, of course, Mr. Gatti, you are again misconstruing my comments. I surely hope it is not intentional. Perhaps you are just thick. But the real problem Mr. Salas is citing and the comment that I made with reference to the jobs sometime some of the residents in these areas are unable to go out and get into debt. Not only because of their unemployment status but also because of their underemployment status.

Matter of sensitivity of a public official or any number of public officials to the problem is not in issue this morning, John. And if I even implied that so much, I apologize.

Mr. Gatti: Well I accept your apology.

Mayor McAllister: Have you any type of program set up to meet with these people?

Mr. Rodriguez: Yes Sir. We have had a representative attend everyone of their meetings at which we were requested to do so. I thought we would have one this Saturday but Mr. Salas indicated he preferred to meet next week.

Mayor McAllister: Mr. Salas, you get in touch with Mr. Rodriguez and arrange for a meeting because we would like to have first the people of that community understand fully what the program is. Then if they are still discontented and do not want to participate in either Urban Renewal or in the Model Cities Program, you can advise the Council and we will consider the possibility of a change. I will say this to you though that the Council has participated in a program that I think is one of the best programs that we have followed and that is to see that houses that are sub-standard be required to meet minimum housing standards. And you can rest assured that people who live in that area, it is not a threat, I am merely making it as a statement of fact, the people who live in that area whose houses are substandard are going to be required to bring them up to minimum standards. They don't have to sell them but will be required to meet those minimum standards whatever they may be in that particular case. Thank you for coming before us.

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Mr. Salas: On behalf of our Council, we would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the entire staff of the City Council of San Antonio, Texas.

69-1 Councilman Torres introduced Misses Rosie Castro, Cynthia Cardenas and Martha Martinez, who are members of the Young Democrats and are students at Our Lady of the Lake College who were attending the Council meeting.

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a. First heard was Zoning Case 3368 to rezone Lot 2, Block 58, NCB 7183 from "B" Residence District to "B-3" Business District located on the west side of Capitol Avenue, 148.2' south of Fresno Drive, having 140' on Capitol Avenue and a maximum depth of 73.39'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,160

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 2, BLK. 58, NCB 7183 FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-1 b. Next heard was Zoning Case 3447 to rezone Lots 14 and 15, Blk. 3, NCB 2159 from "C" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District located on the west side of N. Sabinas Street between Rounds Street and Delgado Street, having 150' on N. Sabinas Street and 48' on Rounds Street and Delgado Street.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Hill; NAYS: McAllister; ABSENT: Jones, Trevino, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,161

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 14 & 15, BLK. 3, NCB 2159 FROM "C" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-1 c. Next heard was Zoning Case 3472 to rezone Lot 10, NCB 10047 from "A" Single-Family Residence District to "O-1" Office District located southeast of the intersection of Melliff Drive and Jackson-Keller Road; having 105' on Jackson-Keller Road and 130' on Melliff Drive.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council. He advised that a protest petition has been filed with the City Clerk by adjacent property owners which the City Attorney has ruled to be sufficient and will require seven affirmative votes by the Council to rezone the property.

Mr. Alfred Rhode, representing the applicants, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Livingston, stated they were requesting a change to "O-1" Office District which they believe to be the highest and best use of the property. He stated that the Traffic Department had reported that the proposed change in zone would not create any vehicular traffic problems or affect the safety of school children.

He presented pictures of the property showing the one-story structure which will be used for offices. He added that they have provided a 70' buffer strip at the rear to protect the residents on Melliff Drive. He then reviewed the commercial zoning in the immediate area. He concluded by stating that the change in zone would not create a hardship on any one other than to the applicant if the change is denied because the property can not be sold for single family residence use.

Mr. Thomas W. Welch, 510 Jackson-Keller Road, stated he was primarily interested in another case to be heard this morning, also on Jackson-Keller Road, but wanted to state that this change to "O-1" Office District would appear to be spot zoning.

After consideration, Mr. Gatti made a motion that the ~~recommendation~~ recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion, which required seven affirmative votes to carry and which carried the passage of the following ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones.

AN ORDINANCE 37,162

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THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE  
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ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION  
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FROM "A" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DIS-  
TRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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69-1 d. Next heard was Zoning Case 3485 to rezone Lot 24, NCB 8090 from "D" Apartment District to "B-1" Business District located southeast of the intersection of Linda Lou Drive and Hackberry Street, having 50' on Linda Lou Drive and 211.4' on Hackberry Street.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,163

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 24, NCB 8090 FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-1 e. Next heard was Zoning Case 3497 to rezone the east 384.14' of Lots 7 and 9, NCB 11156 from "B" Residence District to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the west side of Roosevelt Avenue (U.S. 281 South), 1061.4' south of the cutback to Ashley Road; having 541.56' on Roosevelt Avenue and a depth of 384.14'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37164

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE EAST 384.14' OF LOTS 7 & 9, NCB 11156 FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT.

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69-1 f. Next heard was Zoning Case 3502 to rezone Lots 35 and 36, Blk. 2, NCB 13515 from "A" Single-Family Residence District to "R-2" Two-Family Residence District located east of the intersection of West Avenue & Mt. Tipton Drive, having 153.17' on West Avenue, 155.75' on Mt. Tipton Drive and 21.21' on the cutback between these two roads.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,165

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 35 & 36, BLK. 2, NCB 13515 FROM "A" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "R-2" TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

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69-1 g. Next heard was Zoning Case 3514 to rezone Lot 35 and the remaining portion of Lot 34, Blk. G, NCB 6757 from "B" Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family Residence District located northeast of the intersection of Club Drive and Wilson Blvd., having 100' on Wilson Blvd. & 145' on Club Drive.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

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AN ORDINANCE 37,166

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 35 & THE REMAINING PORTION OF LOT 34, BLK. G, NCB 6757 from "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT LOCATED NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF CLUB DRIVE & WILSON BLVD.

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69-1 i. Next heard was Zoning Case 3499 to rezone 13.02 acres out of NCB 10931, from "B" Residence, "JJ" Commercial, "LL" Manufacturing Districts to "I-2" Heavy Industry for the manufacturing and processing of petroleum located on the west side of U.S. Highway 181 South (S. Presa), approximately 1144.60' south of the cutback to S. E. Military Drive; having 1412.90' on U.S. Highway 181 south and a maximum depth of 792.40'. (Being further described by field notes attached to ordinance)

0.20 acres out of NCB 10931 from "B" Residence District to "B-3" Business District located on the west side of U.S. Highway 181 South, 2561' south of the cutback to S.E. Military Drive, having 350' on U.S. Highway 181 South and a maximum depth of 48'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Mr. William Clay, representing the applicant, Howell Refining Company, stated they were requesting the change in zone to conform with existing use of the property. Howell Refining Co. has been operating at this location since 1955 and before that it was the Phoenix Refinery. They have acquired additional land for expansion. While they have no present plans to expand, to do so would require a lot of planning and the property must be rezoned before they can initiate any expansion. A plat of the property showed that it is bisected by railroad tracks. The property north of the railroad tracks is being used for manufacturing and processing of petroleum products. The property south of the railroad tracks is being used as a tank farm.

Mrs. Cockrell inquired as to what their plans were for screening their property as recommended by the Parks Director.

Mr. Clay advised that he has met with representatives of the Parks Department and has agreed to encourage growth of plant material to provide screening along the west property line which faces Mission Road. He added that the first recommendation was not agreeable to them because they asked for a 100' strip of land to be dedicated. He said they could not give away this amount of land as the strip south of the railroad track is only 200' in depth and is being used for a tank farm.

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He added that the strip narrows as it goes south along the railroad tracks and they could not dedicate any of the lower strip because there is a railroad siding there. He assured the Council that he would cooperate with the Parks Department in providing screening.

Mrs. W. S. Hamlin, representing the San Antonio Conservation Society, owners of the property known as Acequia Park, advised the Council that they are interested in screening but are not opposed to rezoning. She was also concerned that Howell Refining Company provide protection against drainage of oil into their pecan grove near Mission Road.

Mr. Clay advised that the screening Howell Refining Company proposes is adequate and is approved by the Parks Department. Also the proper drainage of oil is provided for.

After further consideration, Mr. Gatti made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved subject to Howell Refining Company meeting reasonable requirements of screening of the property on the west side of the railroad tracks. Seconded by Mr. Hill, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following ordinance, prevailed by the following vote:  
 AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Hill, Torres;  
 NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE 37,167

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS 13.02 ACRES OUT OF NCB 10931 FROM "B" RESIDENCE, "JJ" COMMERCIAL, "LL" MANUFACTURING DISTRICTS TO "I-2" HEAVY INDUSTRY FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING OF PETROLEUM; AND 0.20 ACRES OUT OF NCB 10931 FROM "B" RESIDENCE TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-1 h. Next heard was Zoning Case 3347 to rezone 10.17 acres out of NCB 10931 from "B" Residence District to "I-2" Heavy Industry District for the manufacturing and processing of petroleum located on the west side of U. S. Highway 181 South (S. Presa), approximately 790' south of the cutback to S. E. Military Drive, having 354.60' on U.S. Highway 181 South and a maximum depth of 792.40'. (Field Notes)

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

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Mr. William Clay, representing Howell Refining Company, stated this is a companion case to the previous one and asked that the property be rezoned for the same reasons.

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

AN ORDINANCE 37,168

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS 10.17 ACRES OUT OF NCB 10931, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "I-2" HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT FOR THE MANUFACTURING AND PROCESSING OF PETROLEUM.

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69-1 j. Last heard was Zoning Case 3495 to rezone Lots 51 and 52, NCB 10046 from "A" Single-Family Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family Residence District located on the southwest side of Jackson-Keller Road, approximately 50' southeast of Dubies Drive, having 220.14' on Jackson-Keller Road and a depth of 187' along the southeast property line.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

Mr. Ed Horne representing the applicant, Mr. Richard R. Hooper, stated that the property is vacant and that they proposed to construct apartments. He said the Planning Commission at its hearing asked if the applicants would accept "R-2" zone instead. He stated that if the Council does not approve the "R-3" zone that the applicants will take the "R-2" duplex classification. He said objections had been raised by resident on Dubie's Place because of the loss of privacy. He said that the topography is such that if one story structures are built, their privacy will be invaded. The owners have not been able to sell the property for single-family residence use because of the traffic.

Mr. Thomas Welch, 510 Jackson-Keller Road, advised the Council that he was opposed to apartment zone and did not necessarily favor duplex zone.

To questions by the Council, Mr. Burt Lawrence stated that in the opinion of the Planning Department Staff, the property is most appropriate for single-family residence. There does not seem to be a need for a duplex buffer because there are

single-family residences on both sides. He felt the Planning Commission would be in favor of the property remaining in an "A" zone, although "R-2" would be more desirable than "R-3" zoning.

After consideration the Mayor stated the Council "R-3" zone or refer this case back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation on "R-2" zone.

After further consideration, Mr. Trevino made a motion that case 3495 be referred back to the Planning Commission for consideration of "R-2" zone. The motion seconded by Mr. Torres failed by the following vote: AYES: Trevino, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Hill; ABSENT: Jones.

Mr. Gatti then made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning commission be upheld and the rezoning denied. The motion was seconded by Mr. James, and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Hill; NAYS: Trevino; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: Jones.

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Mr. Erich Messmer, Consul General of Switzerland.

Mr. Messmer presented the following letter to the Mayor and City Council:

December 18, 1968

Dear Mayor McAllister,

In the name of the Ambassador of Switzerland to the United States, Mr. Felix Schnyder, and as Commissioner General of the Swiss Pavilion at HemisFair '68, I am very pleased to offer to you and to the people of San Antonio, on behalf of the Swiss watchmaking industry, the clocks and their movements as well as a distribution panel and instruments which were part of the distribution of the official time during HemisFair '68.

This is in addition to the gift dedicated to the City of San Antonio by the Acting Commissioner General of the Swiss Pavilion, Mr. Fred Luthi, consisting of the symbolic bird created by the Swiss artist Rene Creux and and of our pavilion and its artistic decoration.

We have asked our Consul General of Switzerland in New Orleans, Mr. Erich Messmer, to present this letter to you because San Antonio is located in his consular district. He is entrusted with the fine task to continue and further develop the friendly relations with your town which have made such a good start with our participation in HemisFair '68.

Sincerely yours  
For the Ambassador of Switzerland

Dr. Lukas F. Burckhardt  
Commissioner General of the Swiss  
Pavilion at HemisFair '68

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Mayor McAllister expressed appreciation to the Ambassador of Switzerland, the watchmaking industry and the people of that country for the generous gift to the City of San Antonio.

69-1 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Hill, ABSENT: Jones, James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,169

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF JESS McNEEL MACHINERY CORPO-  
RATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN  
ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WITH ONE TRACTOR-DOZER FOR \$26,290.00  
AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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69-1 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones.

AN ORDINANCE 37,170

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF JIM DULANEY MACHINERY COMPANY,  
INCORPORATED TO FURNISH THE CITY OF  
SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WITH ONE TRACTOR-LOADER FOR \$9,452.00,  
AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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69-1 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks and on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones.

## AN ORDINANCE 37,171

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR  
TO PURCHASE CERTAIN CITY DIRECTORIES  
FOR THE USE OF THE VARIOUS DEPART-  
MENTS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
FROM R. L. POLK & COMPANY FOR A TOTAL  
OF \$3,420.00.

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69-1 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones.

## AN ORDINANCE 37,172

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND  
FLEETWAY AIRLINES, INC. LEASE  
NO. 30-6 FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR  
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1969.

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69-1 Schedule of Rentals at International Airport

Mayor McAllister asked the Director of Aviation to prepare a schedule of rentals at the airport for open land, hangar buildings and office buildings and furnish the Council copies of same.

69-1 Alamo Area Council of Governments

The Clerk read an ordinance authorizing payment of \$22,158.36 to the Alamo Area Council of Governments constituting the City's membership dues for the calendar year 1969.

Mr. Douthit: This is our annual membership dues based on three cents per capita.

Mayor McAllister: Have we a budget available.

Mr. Douthit: \$21,000.00 is budgeted for it.

Mayor McAllister: I meant what is the budget of the Alamo Area Council of Governments. How much of their annual budget are we contributing.

Mr. Douthit: I don't recall.

Mrs. Cockrell: We have two staff members here. Perhaps they can give us a presentation.

Mr. Notzon: I am Al Notzon, Director of regional services. Our budget is \$113,515.00. This is under our HUD budget breakdown on page 23 of our 1969 program.

Mr. Gatti: How much of that is Federal money?

Mr. Notzon: Local contribution is \$50,900.00, the difference is the Federal.

Mr. Torres: Why is it that on page 24 on '69 sources of local funds you list for the City of San Antonio \$20,405.00? Then our ordinance read \$22,158.00. What is the distinction?

Mr. Notzon: The difference is based on latest current estimate of population. Both Mr. Douthit and Mrs. Cockrell are members of our executive committee and I will be happy to supply any figures you want but would rather defer to them as to other questions.

Mr. Torres: How much is this over 1968, what we paid last year?

Mrs. Cockrell: \$20,405.00 is the figure for last year. Each year the payment is computed on the basis of three cents per capita.

Mayor McAllister: Just roughly, we are giving say \$21,000.00 last year and had \$51,000.00 in round figures last year. From what other governmental agencies did the other \$30,000.00 come from?

Mr. Notzon: This list is fairly complete according to last year's figures.

Mr. Torres: Some of this does come back to the City of San Antonio on a contract basis, I understand, like that coding work that was done for the Bureau of Census. You paid us back \$12,000.00

Mr. Notzon: The Planning Department actually did the work on address coding and base mapping for the 1970 Census.

Mr. Torres: How much of your work is done on a contract basis?

Mr. Notzon: I would have to do some figuring on that because for instance in our social planning contract, a good portion of this money is provided by Community Welfare Council. So as local source of funds. Their budget and people are being used to provide in kind services to support the Federal

funds that were granted. So in a sense we are working on a program there that the local funds are provided by an agency that is actually doing work. We also have and it is not included here. The State Water Quality Board made available to us \$300,000.00 for a two-year program on water quality. And we are working with our member governments, specifically on a Technical Advisory Committee with the City of San Antonio, Public Works Department, Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss and Mr. Carl Norris.

Mr. Torres: Well, we already have a master plan, don't we.

Mr. Notzon: This is one of the objects of the Water Quality Plan, to tie this into our regional area. The San Antonio River Authority is involved in this. There are no local funds involved. It is a State grant. That also can be used as local matching funds in other programs, if the work is related.

Mr. Torres: In your budget you referred to an expanded planning area. Is this a seven county area?

Mr. Notzon: Eight.

Mr. Torres: Now another little item here that I was confused on. This reference to a comprehensive health planning grant. What does AACOG receive under this.

Mr. Notzon: We were designated or rather the Governor asked AACOG to submit an application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to do comprehensive health care planning. We have applied and in September granted \$92,000.00 total program of which \$69,000.00 was in Federal funds. We applied with the assistance of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Bexar Medical Society and a whole committee consisting of representatives of health profession and consumers to get this program going.

Mr. Torres: And who actually did the planning. Did your committee do it or did you farm this out.

Mr. Notzon: We actually did the planning without committee, with the use of consultants.

Mr. Torres: I see. One other item. On the parks beautification money which you received, how much did this amount to.

Mr. Notzon: As a matter of fact we acted there more in the form of coordination. Both the City of San Antonio and other interested members consolidated their applications to us. This was one of the first ones done under the Urban Beautification in a consolidated fashion. The money went directly to the member governments involved.

Mr. Torres: How much came back to the City of San Antonio.

Mr. Notzon: I don't have those figures with me.

Mr. Douthit: If memory serves me correctly, the total program was about \$40,000.00 and the City got about half of it.

Mr. Torres: Who got most of the other chunk, Bexar County.

Mr. Douthit: I believe we got the largest share.

Mr. Torres: I notice the CPSB contributes \$200.00, City Water Board \$200.00, the Transit Company \$200.00. Now how much of a vote do they get, or is that thrown in with the City of San Antonio vote.

Mr. Notzon: There is actually two. There is an area council which consists of all our members. They each have one vote, with the exception of the City of San Antonio and Bexar County and they have two votes. Our policy body is the executive committee. This is a thirteen member committee in which the City of San Antonio has two votes, Bexar County has two votes, school district representatives have one vote, utilities and special districts have one vote, and each outer County Judge has a half vote. This is the body on which Mrs. Cockrell and Mr. Douthit serve as representatives of the City of San Antonio.

Dr. Calderon: Are there Federal programs that can be available to the City of San Antonio only by way of AACOG as opposed from the City directly benefitting from those programs.

Mrs. Cockrell: I wanted to comment that the Federal Government and the State both appear to want an area council to give advice when programs come in. In other words, due to the multiplicity of the federal programs that are now available, the Federal Government may receive a number of different applications from local sources. They have to have some method of evaluating their relative merits and that is why they have felt it was adviseable to rely on the advice of area planning groups such as the AACOG. Also the State government through the Governor had requested and given great impetus to the formation of these regional council of governments. The councils of governments in addition to evaluation of applications for federal grants, of course, tend to serve as an area-wide planning group and many of the programs that are being entered into are for regional planning for entire area, such fields as health, crime prevention, water quality control and many other things that have area wide application. To specifically get to the question, the Federal government and the State have both indicated that they liked the idea of the regional planning groups who will comment and serve in a review capacity and give review comments on the applications for these Federal project grants.

Dr. Calderon: In other words, our chances as a City government to receive Federal grants is much improved by working through AACOG as opposed to going it on our own.

Mr. Notzon: One of the advantages that has accrued to the City of San Antonio, and it is my understanding, is that they tack on an extra percentage to public works grants if the City is a member of a regional planning commission. And my understanding on our sewer program which occurred last year, the City was eligible for three percent additional funds just because they belonged to the AACOG.

Mr. Douthit: Mayor, since we did not provide for the additional \$1,158.00 in the ordinance, we should withdraw it or make an amendment to it before it is passed.

Mr. Torres: I have made some statements in the past, Mr. Mayor, concerning this matter of AACOG money and not to be misunderstood, I have and will continue to have misgivings about this business of regional planning because, I feel, it can lead to the creation of another jurisdiction of government. I spoke to Mr. Notzon Tuesday and it wasn't until Tuesday afternoon that I was aware that this matter would be on the agenda for this morning. I of course would speak in favor of the ordinance. I know that regional planning is necessary and I have given some comments for the record to Mr. Inselmann which I want to dictate into the record as follows:

I will vote for the ordinance allocating the annual payment to AACOG because I believe that area planning is healthy, vital, and essential. However I want to qualify my vote with a note of caution (having expressed misgivings on matter involving AACOG by letter of December 9, 1968) and perhaps some recommendations:

1. That AACOG is strictly a planning and coordinating agency and when action funds become available--these will of necessity have to be directed to the local communities or agencies for implementation lest we create another overlapping jurisdiction in AACOG.

2. That of the 38 members and a \$50,963.00 contribution from local funds in the AACOG budget, San Antonio contributes \$20,405.00 (proposed ordinance this a.m. says \$22,158.00 but AACOG budget refers to this sum . . . also, Water Board, City Public Service Board and Transit System contribute \$200.00 each) and Bexar County contributes \$23,462.00 for a total of \$43,467.00. Further, San Antonio comprises the most populous local member of AACOG . . . yet our voting power (2 votes) does not reflect a vote in proportion to our contribution and population (China Grove, \$50.00 one vote?). This being the case, I am proposing that steps be taken to promote a more equitable situation and that San Antonio be given a voice in proportion of its contribution and population.

3. That committees as presently constituted contain little or no representation from large segments of the community i.e., of 15 members on the criminal justice committee, 14 are from one area of the City and County. Of 17 members on the information and systems committee, 16 are from one single area of the City.

I would propose in this regard wider citizen participation such as on the Areas and Groups served criteria that we pursue in Model Cities program.

4. Finally, I would refer to comments I made to the Council by letter of December 9 on the matter of Omnibus Crime Control bill funds. There is an urgent and pressing need for the City to prepare its own Action program under the Safe Streets Act in view of the high traffic fatality, burglary, illegal narcotics, and murder rates in our City. There are policy determinations involved in the implementation of such a plan necessitating this Council's direct involvement considering the 200% or so increase in robberies between 1967 and 1968; the 130 or so traffic fatalities, the 123 rapes . . . CRIME DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A WAY OF LIFE IN OUR CITY. And unless we become directly involved, we are taking a conciliatory attitude. This is our problem!

I understand that action grants are available under the Safe Streets Act to enable local governments to implement law enforcement plans. Funds can be used to pay up to 60% of the cost of a program and grants for salaries and construction may be used to pay up to 50% of the cost of a program.

I am calling attention to the fact that our situation is critical and we have the very type of problem in San Antonio that the act was intended to solve. We should immediately direct our Police Chief to prepare an action plan for direct submission to the Governor's commission charged with disbursing these funds. We already have some guidance on what this action plan should incorporate, at least in part, if we look to the Model Cities Crime Reduction Committees Program Strategy Report approved by the Council last August and which committee proposed:

1. Locating of youth officers and police community representatives in the neighborhoods they serve (to work with the youth). Now, some officers are doing this already in the Casiano Homes and other housing projects and we should seek to implement this police youth worker program on a wider scale and as part of the official duties of the policeman by giving him compensatory time for hours so spent or by adopting this policy on a programmed basis.

2. An increase in the number of police districts for better police protection and use of foot patrolmen and mobile police substations. I notice too from the proposed Capital Improvement Program that we intend seeking Federal money for the construction of 2 police substations which will alleviate the time lost in shift changes. The need for a helicopter and other devices to improve law enforcement are imminent. The funds to

finance these programs should be sought as expeditiously as possible thus the need for a direct application and for the preparation of an action plan to be submitted to the Council which I am proposing.

In conclusion, in the area of traffic safety, I am going to propose that we seek an alternative to the revenue oriented approach to sanctions for violation of traffic ordinances. We have tried that and a different approach might be in order. I am thinking of a means that has been used with success in the case of juvenile offenders, i.e., driver rehabilitation and education as an alternative to paying a traffic fine. Thus, a traffic offender found guilty would be required not only to pay a fine but to attend Driver Ed. classes in addition. I WOULD like to submit this last item to the staff for review.

In summary, Mr. Mayor, I am not speaking against the ordinance. I think that the allocation is necessary, however, speaking for it I want to add this note of caution Mr. Mayor.

Mr. Douthit: If the Mayor or the Council has any questions or reservations about the ordinance, we can withdraw it.

Mr. Trevino: Well how would this affect for instance the report and application that has been prepared by Model Cities especially the one on crime prevention. Most of the requisitions, Mr. Torres, are enclosed in this committee study. Now I understand that they have to get all these plans together and come before the City Council. If we act on this now, we will be in conflict in many areas of Model Cities.

Mr. Henckel: Mr. Mayor, I am requesting that we pull this ordinance. I'm not satisfied and I need some answers on some questions and unfortunately I don't have them.

Mr. Torres: Like what. Just one question for example Jerry. On the matter of the vote is this one of the things you are driving at?

Mr. Henckel: Right. In reference to the additional funds and in reference to the crime bill I think, there's a lot of things that we have been discussing that we need to give you more accurate information and I request postponement.

Mrs. Cockrell: The staff member on the crime component unit is right here and I think it will be very fitting since some of these questions have been raised to call on him for a status report if we could.

Mr. Gatti: Well I would also like to ask Mr. Henckel what are we doing in reference to what Mr. Torres mentioned. Are we taking any steps at all.

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Mr. Henckel: Well of course a determination has to be made whether the City will do this on their own or whether we will do it through AACOG. Unfortunately most of these programs is that the other communities and other participants are riding the coat-tails of San Antonio, whereas we pay the bill we are determining the programs and I am not satisfied with the representation that we have. In the particular instance of the Crime Bill, I think that Mr. Jamison requested the City to give an additional \$3,000.00 for this study which I have not been able to get with him and sit down and determine that whether the money will be available or not. But I think we need to take another look at it so we can determine whether we are going to take the lead or whether we are just going to participate and furnish funds and have a small representation. The second thing I understand the study is being made and it is just what I have been advised by some of the staff in reference to garbage disposal, sanitary land fill for the entire county where it was stated the City of San Antonio would not be participating, however, it was to come from a tax levy upon the entire country. These are things that I am concerned about. I think we need some answer so that we can determine we are getting our fair share.

Mr. Thomas Rocha, Jr.: I will answer any specific questions. I would like to start off by stating I, Thomas Rocha, Jr., Crime Studies Coordinator with AACOG. The national bill which provides for the safe streets act sets out specific requirements. Here are the requirements for your attention Mr. Torres. Action grants are not precluded. Action application grants by locale. So even though you may, if you wish, apply through AACOG there is no requirement that you do so.

Mr. Torres: That is exactly what I was saying  
Mr. Rocha.

Mr. Rocha: I would like to bring this into the proper context. Over the past six months I have spent something like fifteen hours a week with the Model Cities Crime Reduction Component. Their goals are compatible with ours. Two weeks ago I was up at Austin with the Governor's commission drawing up the guidelines for the planning grants. Immediately upon my return I talked to Chief Bichsel and I reminded him that he is not precluded from applying for any action grants. We worked with Chief Bichsel, Inspector Hutton, Inspector Peters, anybody and everybody that will assist us and that we can assist in this program. Our intents, aims and purposes are not to act as a superbody over anyone. We try to coordinate and we try to correlate. I think it is proper for the Council to understand that the Federal Government is not an Athens on the Potomac, which has all the solutions. Although we have 14 out of 15 members of the Criminal Justice Committee who appear to be from one section of the town, we confer with everybody that we can. I have only lived in San Antonio two and one-half years. I do not know as many people as I would like to know. I like the City. I like to work in it. When we go around, we try to get different viewpoints. Our spirit of cooperation applies to everybody. Although it appears that the distribution of voting is inadequate, you may also consider that several of your citizen members or professional members are residents of the central city and therefore

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tend to represent the feeling of the central city. I would also like to point out to you that the Governor in sending out a letter last week indicated that at least insofar as crime planning is concerned, no consultants would be hired without concurrence of the central city and none of these major projects would be undertaken without the concurrence of the central city. I do not think that you are inadequately represented. However that is not for me to judge, it is my personal opinion. You have two representatives on our executive committee, and if you wish to take issue with it, do so. But I would like to assure you that we are in this for everybody.

Mrs. Cockrell: May I point out to you that at the meeting at which this was discussed before, that I did point out that while AACOG was making this application to do the planning for the region that under the action grant program there would be opportunity for the individual member governments to make these applications. And certainly at that time we assumed that San Antonio will be making one of the action grant applications.

Mr. Rocha: The action money will be available. Texas is in this so you will not be going to the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

Mr. Torres: We are all quite well aware of this Mr. Rocha and I appreciate your expertise in these matters but also recognize the fact as I indicated in the previous Council meeting that I did not want us to go through a regional agency and duplicate functions in planning and seeking an action grant on programs which we are conducting, and by the same token financing a regional agency. I mean, if you want a job as a planner, I feel sure Mr. McCollough might accomodate you if we decided not to give you the money. Of course I don't have enough votes to accomplish that.

Mr. Gatti: Mr. Torres, I don't think that is a very fair statement to make of the gentleman. We asked him to come up here and I think we should show the courtesy of the Council in listening to what he said.

Mayor McAllister: Mr. Rocha, I am a little bit curious about one thing. Comment has been made about the locale where 14 out of 15 members of the Crime Committee live. Where is it?

Mr. Rocha: I don't know. This was Mr. Torres' statement to the Council a little earlier.

Mr. Torres: Mr. Mayor, from Mr. Pruneda, representative of the EODC who resides in West San Antonio. The rest of them are people, Mr. A. J. Cook, Mayor and resident of Castle Hills. Judge James McKay, a real fine friend of mine who resides in Harmony Hills. Mr. M.C. Gonzales who lives in Northeast San Antonio in Windcrest. As I go through the rest of the names, it appears that most of them are from the Northeast area.

Mr. Rocha: The Department of Justice has laid out some specific guidelines. The Alamo Area Council of Governments submitted its report, it is being printed now, two weeks prior to the Department of Justice putting out its guidelines. We meet every one of the guidelines within citizens participation. We would like to have more minority group representation but we don't have that many judges, don't have that many heads of agencies at present. We do have another committee which is a crime reduction and prevention committee. Again we meet with everybody and anyone we can. We don't wait for people to call. We try to go out and see them.

Mayor McAllister: Thank you for appearing before us, Mr. Rocha. Mr. Douthit, will you see if you can have your report ready and suggestions and so on, say in a maximum of two weeks.

Mrs. Cockrell: I was just going to make one additional comment. Many of the people on the AACOG Committees are there representing specific groups. I think it is just happenstance that these different groups named representatives many of whom happen to reside in a general large area.

Mr Torres: This is why I said that perhaps a change in philosophy would be in order so that the recipients of these services that we seek to provide through regional planning would be represented by a cross section on the regional agency. This is why I proposed the area and groups served formula that we follow in EODC and our Model Cities Program, Sanyo as a means of getting some of the residents to participate as against having one area dominate representation on a committee.

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December 31, 1968

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 12-24-68            Petition of employees of Oak Hills Haven Nursing Home, requesting bus service at the intersection of Salk Drive and Louis Pasteur Drive. (Referred to San Antonio Transit System for study and recommendation).
- 12-31-68            Petition of Boy Scout Troop #63, Fort Sam Houston District, Alamo Area Council for a permit to hold a Christmas tree burning event on Saturday, January 4, 1969 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on St. Matthews Methodist Church grounds at 2738 Bitters Road.

J. H. INSELMANN  
City Clerk

January 2, 1969

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69-1                    There being no further business to come before  
the Council, the meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

*M. Maister*  
MAYOR

ATTEST: *J. H. Duellman*  
City Clerk

January 2, 1969