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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1967 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 and TORRES; Absent: PARKER.

67-648 The invocation was given by Reverend John E. Williams, Oak Hills Presbyterian Church.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 1967 were approved.

67-649 First heard was zoning case 2942 to rezone Lot 1, Blk. 4, NCB 13988 from Temporary "R-1" One-Family Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family District, located east of the intersection of Rolling Ridge Drive and Evers Road; having 139.96' on Evers Road and 375.26' on Rolling Ridge 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.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,859

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 1, BLK. 4, NCB 13988 FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE-FAMILY DISTRICT.

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67-650 Next heard was case 3078 to rezone Lot 2, NCB 13807 from Temporary "A" Single-Family Residence District to "R-4" Mobile Home Residence District located on the northwest side of Sherri Ann Road, 480' northeast of the intersection of Sherri Ann Road and I. H. 35, having 465.11' on Sherri Ann Road and a maximum depth of 593.54'.

Lot 1, NCB 13807 from Temporary "A" Single-Family Residence District to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the east side of I. H. 35 Expressway 1647.78' south of Starlight Terrace Drive, having 909.64' on I. H. 35 and a maximum depth of 588.14'.

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

Dr. Calderon asked if the owner would be agreeable to screening the property along I. H. 35 as this is a main artery into San Antonio and the applicant would, of necessity, be making repairs on trailers on this section of the property which would give a bad appearance to the public traveling on I.H. 35 Expressway.

Mr. Larry Van Horn, the applicant, was not present and no one spoke in opposition.

After discussion by the Council, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission on the portion for "R-4" Mobile Home Residence District and postpone action on the portion that the applicant requested "I-1" Light Industry District zoning. Seconded by Mr. Torres, the following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,860

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, NCB 13807 FROM TEMPORARY "A" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "R-4" MOBILE HOME RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

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Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti presided.

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67-651 Next heard was zoning case 3097 to rezone Tract 14, NCB 11681 from "F" Local Retail District to "I-1" Light Industry District located between I.H. 10 Expressway and Spencer Road, 626.5' west of the intersection of I. H. 10 and Spencer Road, having 567.5' on I. H. 10, 433.24' on Spencer Road and a maximum depth of 779.6'.

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.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,861

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 TRACT 14, NCB 11681, FROM "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT.

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67-652 Next heard was zoning case 3114 to rezone Lot 4, Blk. 4, NCB 9034 from "B" Two-Family Residence District to "B-2" Business District located northeast of the intersection of S. Zarzamora Street and Linares located northeast of the intersection of S. Zarzamora and Linares Avenue, having 125.96' on S. Zarzamora and 69.68' on Linares Avenue.

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.

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

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AN ORDINANCE 35,862

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 4, BLK. 4, NCB 9034 FROM "B" TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-653 Next heard was case 3116 to rezone Lot 30, Blk. G, NCB 8394 from "A" Single-Family Residence District to "B-3" Business District located on the northeast side of Bandera Road, 320' northwest of Quill Drive, having 200' on Bandera Road, and a maximum depth of 317.98'.

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.

On motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Jones, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,863

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 30, BLK. G, NCB 8394 FROM "A" SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-655 Next heard was case 3124 to rezone Lot 1, NCB 10145 from "A" Single-Family Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family District located on the south side of Prestwick Blvd., approximately 313' southeast of Southcross Blvd. having 61.84' on Prestwick and a depth of 143.93'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council and stated that a petition had been filed this morning before the meeting in opposition to the rezoning and therefore will require seven affirmative votes by the Council to approve the rezoning.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti explained to Mr. Douglas Van Buren, the applicant, that while there are seven members of the Council present, and the Mayor will be returning shortly, he would need seven out of eight votes to approve the rezoning. He stated that if Mr. Van Buren felt he should have the whole Council present, the case could be postponed for two weeks.

Mr. Van Buren accepted the postponement. This was agreeable to the opponents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then explained to the applicants on zoning cases 3093 and 3105 that the same situation applied to them.

A two week postponement was agreeable to them.

City Manager Shelley stated that he expected two different groups to speak regarding the La Villita extension and the proposed rehab area south of Arciniega and also individuals interested in obtaining a carriage franchise in the downtown area.

66-831 Mr. C. G. Benham, one of the property owners in the rehab area, stated he is willing to sell to Urban Renewal as he doesn't desire to undertake the rehabilitation of his property by himself.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti asked if the other owners had been notified.

Mr. Ancil Douthit, Assistant City Manager, stated that all the owners had been notified by letter, as well as by personal telephone calls.

Mr. Wyman Simmons, another property owner in the rehab area, stated he was also willing to sell his property for redevelopment purposes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then stated that Urban Renewal had contacted all the owners in the area and they have all agreed to sell their property to the Urban Renewal Agency.

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Mr. Shelley stated that Mr. Winston Martin, Director of Urban Renewal Agency, is out of town but he will contact him regarding this project and obtain the necessary information and have a resolution prepared for consideration at next week's meeting.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,864

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND TO MAX MARTINEZ FUNERAL HOME TO COVER FUNERAL EXPENSES OF JUAN ANTONIO SALINAS, A CITY EMPLOYEE THAT WAS FATALLY INJURED ON OCTOBER 5, 1967.

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Mr. Shelley explained that the total amount of \$1,000.00 is to be paid to the Max Martinez Funeral Home to cover funeral and burial expenses.

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

67-658 Councilman Calderon stated that this is an opportune time, in view of the unfortunate accident which took the life of a City employee, to take a new look at an insurance program for the 3800 City employees.

He said the Council has studied insurance programs in the past, but because of lack of money, have not taken action. In addition to life insurance, he felt that disability insurance should also be considered. He stated that a report by the Personnel Department recommended approval of such a program. He then made a motion that the City Manager be instructed to take the necessary steps to obtain a group life insurance program to cover City employees.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino.

The Clerk read the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

INSTRUCTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ASK FOR PROPOSALS ON A GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM COVERING CITY EMPLOYEES. (AND TO REPORT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DISABILITY INSURANCE)

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that proposals for Life Insurance could be secured in various amounts from different insurance companies, but he felt the disability insurance could be better handled by the Texas Municipal Retirement System because they have disability insurance at a cost of 1/4 of 1% of the salary and would pay as much as \$150.00 per month to the disabled employee.

Councilman Torres thought the City Manager should check into the State Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

City Manager Shelley explained that the firm of Rudd and Wisdom, the City's actuarial agents, would not be available to study the proposed insurance program at this time and explained that he had written the City Water Board, the Transit Company and the City Public Service Board on August 24, 1967, notifying them of the City's interest in an insurance program for City employees. However, he has not received a reply.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then instructed the City Manager to notify each of the Boards immediately that the Council is interested in looking at the entire picture, as far as employee's insurance is concerned, and would like to study consolidation of the insurance program with the Boards as soon as possible and wants their participation on the study.

After discussion, the resolution was changed to include that the City Manager submit a report to the Council on disability insurance as soon as possible.

On motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote:
 AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Torres;
 NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

67-568 The Clerk read the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,865

APPOINTING C. THOMPSON HARRIS AS A
 MEMBER OF THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S
 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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Councilman Torres stated that it was the Council's Committee recommendation to increase the number of members of the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission from three to seven and made a motion that the Council pass a resolution requesting the Bexar County Legislative Delegation to introduce a bill to amend the State Law.

Mr. Trevino seconded the motion.

Dr. Calderon stated that while it was not his policy to abstain, he would have to as he has not had time to analyze the recommendation.

Mr. Jones opposed the motion as he felt there is a chance that the Commission would be packed.

Mrs. Cockrell, a member of the Council's Committee, stated that she filed a minority report opposing the increase on the grounds that she felt the present Board of three members is very representative and felt the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission is more technical than other Boards and had the responsibility of reviewing complaints and actions of Police officials and acting as judges in these cases.

Councilman James said he has no strong feelings, but would like to hear from these organizations who are for, as well as against increasing the Commission's members.

Mr. Trevino suggested that since it was the feeling of the Council that more information is needed the matter can be held in abeyance for two weeks and asked Mr. Torres to withdraw his motion.

Councilman Torres withdrew his motion.

After further discussion, the City Manager was instructed to have a report ready within two weeks.

Mr. Torres stated that the Council still has control as far as appointments are concerned, so there should be no question as to packing the Commission.

67-688 Mr. Douglas Van Buren, representing Mr. R. D. Hovenden, requested the Council to grant permission for a rehearing on Mr. Hovenden's zoning case 3055, which the Planning Commission denied over thirty days ago and because of illness in his family did not appeal the case to the Council within the required thirty day limitation. He then presented an affidavit relating to Mr. Hovenden's inability to be present when his case was heard.

The affidavit reviewed the illness of Mrs. Hovenden and their children. It was attested to by nine different doctors and four different hospitals. A copy of the affidavit is on file with the original of these minutes.

After discussion, the City Attorney was directed by Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti to look into the legal aspects of reopening case 3055 and report to the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

67-687 Mr. Robert Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, distributed plans and pictures of a water fall to be erected by the lagoon on the river. He explained that the water fall will be erected at no cost to the City, as the Heff Foundation is donating it to the City of San Antonio.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Trevino the gift of the water fall was accepted with appreciation and the Herff Foundation commended for its service to the community. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti, Parker and Torres.

67-659 Mr. Sam Wolf, City Attorney, explained that the City has received a letter from the Conservation Society claiming it holds an interest in Olmos Basin that was obtained from some of the original heirs and which restricted the use of the area for anything other than Park purposes.

He stated that it was his opinion that the San Antonio Conservation Society has no legal interest in any of the Olmos Basin property.

66-876 Mr. Bob Jones distributed to the Council proposed bylaws of the San Antonio-Bexar County Organization for Regional Planning, which also included a proposal to change the organization's name to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) for the Council's consideration.

Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell then asked the City Manager for a progress report on the parking structure over the Marina.

City Manager Shelley stated that the architects will be prepared to have the City advertise for bids in the very near future.

66-107 The Mayor stated he met with representatives of the Office of Economic Opportunity and advised that the General Services Administration has three areas in military establishments that are surplus; 200 acres at Fort Sam Houston, 200 acres at Brooks AFB, and 60 acres at Camp Normoyle. The property could be acquired as a "New Town in Town" concept and job opportunity.

A report by the Urban Renewal Agency on this was discussed and the City Manager was instructed to study the feasibility of acquiring the land and make a report to the City Council.

67-648 Mr. Paul Torres, representing the Concentrated Employment Program stated he was accompanied by a group of citizens who are participating in the program and attending the Council Meeting as a part of the orientation for this program.

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Mr. Bill Holchak of the Chamber of Commerce introduced Mr. Jerry Zimmerman who then submitted a basic proposal for the establishment of an "Avenue Of Heroes" on the new section of Durango Boulevard. He proceeded to explain the mechanics of choosing heroes, the prerequisites for nominations, the soliciting of donations for labor and materials, the proposed composition of the selection Committee and the future role of the Chamber of Commerce in the "Avenue of Heroes".

After lengthy discussion by the Council, Mrs. Cockrell suggested that the proposal be turned over to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Holchak and Mr. Zimmerman for the presentation and stated the Council's sentiment is in favor of the proposal.

67-624 At this time the Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the proposed annexation of 35.465 acres of land known as Rolling Ridge Subdivision, Unit 2, owned by Saunders-Trieschmann Development Corporation.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained that the proposed annexation is at the request of the owner and developer.

No one spoke in opposition to the annexation. The Mayor declared the Hearing closed.

67-627 The Mayor recognized Mr. Matt Garcia.

Mr. Garcia stated that he represented Mr. Charles Doria, who had requested permission to operate a horse drawn carriage franchise in the downtown area during HemisFair and after HemisFair for tourist purposes.

Mr. Garcia explained that since Mr. Doria is willing to make a large investment in these horse drawn carriages, he is asking the Council to approve the request.

Mr. Doria then explained that he would like to operate the carriages in the evenings from 6:00 to 12:00 P.M. from the Alamo, down Houston, over to West Commerce to the Market House, then south to Durango, then back to the HemisFair area. He explained that in his study, the horse drawn carriages will not cause a traffic hazard, even in the tourist area and this type of operation will lend Old World charm to the downtown area.

The Mayor recognized Mr. Marvin Lebman, who has also requested the use of the downtown area for horse drawn surreys.

Mr. Lebman explained that his operation would be much like Mr. Doria's except he intends to operate during the day as well as during the evening.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Sam Wolf stated that these requests are governed by the taxi cab ordinance.

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After a question-answer period, the Mayor directed the City Manager to make an appointment with Mr. Doria and Mr. Lebman, Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and Mr. Sam Granata, Public Works Director, and make a report as soon as possible to the Council on the pros and cons of such operations.

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The Clerk read the following letter.

October 15, 1967

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

10-13-67

Petition of Geo. C. Vaughan & Sons requesting permission to increase the height of a chain link fence located on petitioner's property between Frio and Medina Street by adding three feet of barbed wire to the top of the present six foot fence to prevent vandalism and pilferage.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

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