

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1975.

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

75-68 The invocation was given by The Reverend Dr. J. Garfield Owens, Jefferson Methodist Church.

75-68 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

75-68 CORRECTIONS TO MINUTES

Councilman Al Rohde called attention to an error at the bottom of page 24 of the minutes of November 6, where "physical" should have been "fiscal".

Councilman Pyndus called attention to an omission at the bottom of page 17 where he said "it's not necessary to return to Executive Session."

With those corrections the minutes of November 5, 1975 and November 6, 1975, were approved.

75-68 MEMORIAL TO CITY CLERK J. H. INSELMANN

The following conversation took place:

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: Before we go into our regular business of the day, we want to pause. We have a Resolution of Respect. This morning at the Council circle, there is a vacant chair, and I'm sitting looking at that chair, and remembering our friend, Jake Inselmann, and I'd like to read the Resolution of Respect:

A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT  
NO. 75-68-102

WHEREAS, life came to a close for City Clerk J. H. Inselmann on November 11, 1975, and

WHEREAS, Jake, as he was affectionately known by all of his friends, was first employed by the City of San Antonio on June 1, 1947, and then appointed to the office of City Clerk on June 13, 1962, and

WHEREAS, he served faithfully and well and rendered fair and impartial service to all persons whether they were elected officials or aspiring to office, and

WHEREAS, he was respected by citizens of all walks of life for the patient and efficient assistance he rendered them, and

WHEREAS, he always strove to improve his knowledge and ability in his chosen profession and was a driving force in developing a certification program for City Clerks and Secretaries with a goal of raising standards of performance nationwide and was serving as President of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and

WHEREAS, in spite of the pressures of his office, Jake found time to lend his support and leadership in many projects and programs benefiting the youth of our City; NOW, THEREFORE:

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

That with the death of Jake Inselmann the City of San Antonio has lost a valued employee and friend.

That this City Council joins with his family and friends in sorrow over his death and extends deepest sympathy and hope for comfort to those who were near him.

And it is hereby directed that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy thereof delivered to his family as a token of our deepest sympathy.

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I know this meets with the unanimous approval of Council. May we ask that the remaining members of the Council sign this. We have in the audience today, Mike Inselmann and his wife, Pat, and we're going to give this to them as just a small token of our love.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: Madam Mayor, I'd just like to add one comment of my own. Having known Jake off and on for the last seven or eight years and particularly in 1969 through part of 1971 on the Council, there is a remarkable unique quality dimension that was added to, I think, local government by Jake and his staff, in particular the willingness to go way and beyond the call of duty is and was and I think always will be amiss, partly because of Jake Inselmann.

MAYOR PRO-TEM TENIENTE: Madam Mayor, the members of the Council, I'm sure all have different fond memories of Jacobo, as I used to call him. I knew him quite well, and I called him Jacobo, and we chatted quite often in Spanish. He was very fluent in Spanish. About two weeks ago we had a barbeque at one of the places Mr. Medina has at the country, we fixed some real good food, and had a very good meal, and I think Jake and I had something in common, we just loved to eat, and we had a great afternoon, and I can remember that, and I will remember that evening for a long time, and I know that Jake was happy, and he just enjoyed life, and we enjoyed many, many moments with him.

MR. AL ROHDE: Mayor, this is a great friend who had zest for public service and duty to his City and to his fellowman, and he had great passion for all mankind who passed his way, and his face will be missed by me and all members of this Council.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Madam Mayor, although I'm a relative newcomer to this Council and to City Hall. Knowing Jake Inselmann for a relatively short period of time, he was the type of person that although I did know him a short period of time I felt like I had known him all my life, and certainly will miss him.

MR. ROBERT BILLA: I'd like to comment, if I may, I didn't know Jake too long, but I've known long what he's done, and I've always appreciated his fairness particularly to me in several instances, and I'm indeed grateful that he passed my way.

DR. HENRY CISNEROS: When I first came to City Hall in 1967 an underling in the City Manager's Office, Jake, more than anyone else took the time to show a green youngster around City Hall, and spend time after hours over at Oscar Flores' down the street there talking about his experiences at City Hall and so forth, and when I came back to run for public office and was finally elected, he treated me the same way which indicated to me that he treated everybody with the same measure of respect and attention and time and so forth. I would like very much to see us take some sort of action to name a permanent facility for him or some other permanent token of our affection. He was a family man with a great interest in athletic endeavors. I think it would be good if we could find a family facility park or a multi-service center or athletic facility or something like that to name for Jake.

MAYOR COCKRELL: That suggestion is one that the Council, I'm sure, all view with equal interest and anticipation, and I think we could certainly do our best to find the appropriate facility.

DR. NIELSEN: To follow up possibly his keen interest in professional training and progress of certification of clerks is a very key part of the City's local government. We might be able to combine these in some respect in some sort of an educational fund or something.

REVEREND CLAUDE BLACK: I simply would like, Madam Mayor, to emphasize the example of dedication to a service to the City. He was greatly dedicated and would go to great lengths to be of service to you in the office that he - of his responsibility. There have been a number of occasions in my own quest for things that were needed and possibly at a time when we imposed upon him in order to get it done, and he did it, and put himself out to see to it that those services were performed. I would like also to add to what has been said in terms of his ability to deal with all persons at the same level of concern. This to me is an excellent ability on the part of any person. We will miss him.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I would like to add that I have known Mr. Inselmann since 1963 when I first ran for public office. He was one of the first officials that I came to know because one of the first things a candidate does is to come down and to meet the City Clerk and to file his or her papers for public office, and since that time he has been a good friend, a wonderful helper to all of us. I would like to say also that I was very honored and pleased to represent the City Council in, last May, when Jake was elected the President of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and I went to Denver to this international convention and expressed to them the appreciation of the City of San Antonio for the honor that had come to our City Clerk and for the high level of professionalism that his career had exemplified and to thank them for this honor that had been accorded to Jake, and I was very happy that I could be with him on that occasion. Are there any other comments?

DR. CISNEROS: Mayor, one thing that I mentioned, and I think, to me, was one of the most important assets of Jake's character, and that is that some people have to make an intellectual decision as to judging

between ethnic groups or judging between people by levels of income or something like that, and then other people don't have to make an intellectual decision because it's part of their being not to make such decisions. It's just part of their skin, part of their body, part of their soul, really, not even think about it and treat people all the same, and I'm convinced that Jake more than anybody else I think I've known ever had that embodied in him, that he didn't even think about that cause it wasn't an issue to him.

MR. PYNDUS: Mayor Cockrell, it's pretty difficult to add to what has been said about Jake Inselmann. I do feel as Henry does that we should keep his memory alive through the dedication of some structure or memorial. I would say that he set an example for the citizens of San Antonio and besides my deepest sympathy to his family, they should be proud of him, and I think you could say that he was a fine, fine person, and a fine administrator, and he dedicated his life to the City, and we shall miss him.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you. I would like to present this Resolution to Mike and Pat. You might like to speak on behalf of the family in connection with their desires as to the memorial.

MR. MICHAEL INSELMANN: Thank you. It's obvious to me that my father loved his family, loved his job, and he loved his friends and it's gratifying to me as a representative of my family to know that they loved him back. Thank you very much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Last night, when I visited with the family, they did make the request that in lieu of flowers which they appreciated but realized the feeling that contributions be made to the Heart Fund, and I think this might be information that his friends would want to know.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: Could we ask the press, the papers in particular, at least once, put that, however, you handle that, to ask his friends and loved ones if they would make a contribution to the Heart Fund. That was his request.

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SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell recognized a class of 5th grade students attending the Council meeting from Shenandoah Elementary School and welcomed them. They were accompanied by Mrs. Bonnie Purnell, their teacher.

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REGIONAL DAY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Mayor Cockrell also recognized a class of students from the Regional Day School for the Deaf accompanied by Miss Karen Ziller and Miss Marilyn McCullen.

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75-68HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Dr. Nielsen said that he wanted to give special commendation to the Human Resources Department. On October 31, 1975 there was a Health Fair held at Joe Freeman Coliseum using the combined efforts of Bexar County, AACOG and the City's Human Resources Department. He praised the effort saying that it was a very excellent show.

City Manager Granata was asked to convey the Council's congratulations on a job well done.

75-68 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 75-68-103

MANIFESTING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF  
SAN ANTONIO TO APPLY FOR LOCATION OF  
THE PROPOSED SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE.

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Mayor Cockrell stated that this is a matter in which the whole Council has expressed great interest and she felt that it would be appropriate for the Council to affirm that interest in a Resolution urging the planning which would be needed to get started.

Mr. Cipriano Guerra, Director of Planning and Community Development, stated that the Solar Institute was authorized by the Energy Act of 1974. The recommendation of the National Research Council points out that this Institute should have a staff of about 1400 persons. One of the key factors which might help San Antonio to have a chance to get this project is that the amount and reliability of sunlight is not a primary concern in choosing a site for the Solar Energy Research Institute. Maximum consideration should be given to people-related factors in the community where the Institute will be established. Over 500 applications have already been made.

Council members expressed their great interest in this project and described the many advantages to be gained from it.

Mr. Tom Berg, Chairman of the City Public Service Board, complimented the City Council for aggressively supporting the attempt to get the Solar Energy Institute for the San Antonio area. He also briefly reviewed the need to add to the City's energy resources and recommended adoption of the Resolution.

Dr. Leland Hepworth, a professor from the University of Texas at San Antonio also spoke in favor of the Resolution and offered his personal and professional support in the endeavor.

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

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Mayor Cockrell recognized little Miss Katie Brown, representing the Campfire Girls, who gave each Council member a package of candy in recognition of a current fund-raising drive. She asked that everyone support this drive by purchasing some candy.

75-68 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Bill Holtzinger, Assistant Director of Convention Facilities, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,936

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH EDWARD W. ORUM, D/B/A "CASA DE COBRE" TO EXTEND THE CURRENT LEASE FOR BUILDING 215 AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR TERM, ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1976.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,937

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE WITH GARCIA DISTRIBUTION CORP. FOR BUILDING 514B AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A SIX MONTH TERM ENDING MAY 15, 1976.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros.

AN ORDINANCE 45,938

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 TO LICENSE NO. DOT-FA74SW-1191 WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TRAFFIC

Dr. Nielsen asked Mr. Raffety to state his feeling about problems created by the North Expressway as it concerns the airport.

Mr. Raffety stated that the Highway Department has tentatively agreed to provide access to the airport from the North Expressway. It will require about \$150,000 in airport funds for this work. He agreed that congestion will increase but plans are being made for all contingencies. There is no cloverleaf planned at the present time between Loop 410 and the expressway.

75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 45,939

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 8 TO LICENSE NO. FASW-1210 WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,940

AMENDING ORDINANCE 29185 THAT PROVIDES FOR USE OF PROPERTY AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BY ADDING THERETO AN ADDITIONAL 150,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND AND 7,780 SQUARE FEET OF BUILDING SPACE.

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75-68 Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente presided.

75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Chief of Police Emil Peters, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,941

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR A \$92,301.00 GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF A RAPID RETRIEVAL FILING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Chief of Police Emil Peters, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,942

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$8,202.00 TO BE ADDED TO AN ORIGINAL GRANT OF \$63,296.00 USED TO UPGRADE AUTOMATIC SWITCHING OF THE SOUTH TEXAS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

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75-68 Mayor Cockrell returned to the meeting and presided.

75-68 FIESTA SAN ANTONIO 1976

The Clerk read a proposed ordinance amending rules and regulations and setting conditions for Fiesta San Antonio in 1976.

The ordinance was explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, who said that this is the standard Fiesta ordinance which has been passed each year designating and authorizing the Fiesta Commission to be the coordinating agency for the 1976 Fiesta. There are two significant changes from procedures followed in the past - one, procedure dealing with awarding carnival concessions by the Commission and, two, the maximum charge for seats at the two day parade is raised from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Mr. Rohde said that he did not feel that he had sufficient information on this matter to vote on an ordinance.

Mrs. William Ochse, President of the Fiesta Commission, spoke concerning the matter. She said that costs for chair rental, chain and the rate for off-duty police officers have risen so much that some increase in seat charges are necessary.

Mr. Dave Burnet also spoke for the Fiesta Commission.

Councilmen Hartman and Nielsen concurred with Mr. Rohde's remarks and asked that the Council be given a full briefing before considering this matter further.

After discussion, the Council agreed that the item be withdrawn from consideration.

75-68 MRS. LIZ ROHDE PHILLIPS

Councilman Al Rohde introduced his daughter, Mrs. Liz Rohde Phillips, who was visiting the Council meeting.

75-68 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,943

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY FOR A GRANT TO COVER THE COST OF REFUNDING OF THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 1976.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, who said that this STEP Program was initiated for the first time in January, 1974. It is the program where certain high accident locations in the City receive specialized traffic enforcement effort by using off-duty police officers. This Ordinance extends this two year old program for another six month period. Mr. Fischer said that during the first nine months of this year, officers working in this program issued 10,238 moving violation notices.

Mr. Fischer also stated that the trend of accidents in San Antonio is not following the statewide trend in that the accident rate in San Antonio is being reduced in some categories rather than increasing as in most cities. He attributed this trend, in part, to the STEP program.

Mr. Pyndus said that he would like to see a tabulation of high accident locations and a statement of where accidents are being reduced in San Antonio.

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

75-68 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,944

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR ILLUMINATION OF THE NORTH EXPRESSWAY FROM PEARL PARKWAY TO BITTERS ROAD.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,945

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR PAYMENT OF \$211,215.00 FOR MAKING ALTERATIONS TO I. H. 10 BETWEEN HUEBNER ROAD AND WURZBACH ROAD IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

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75-68 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,946

AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO PARKING FACILITIES ON WEST AND EAST HOUSTON STREETS FOR THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN PARK & RIDE SYSTEM,

AUTHORIZING LEVY OF FEES FOR PARKING AND RIDING ON DOWNTOWN SHUTTLE BUSES; DESIGNATING A PARKING DIVISION IN THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ADMINISTER THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN PARK AND RIDE SYSTEM PARKING FACILITIES AND OTHER CITY PARKING FACILITIES; APPROVING AN OPERATING BUDGET FOR SUCH DIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,584.00; APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR IN THE GENERAL FUND, AND AUTHORIZING A LEASE OF THE WEST HOUSTON PARKING FACILITY FROM SAN ANTONIO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, showed a copy of the Logo which has been designed for use in the Park and Ride program. The budget for this program is about \$37,000 and income is estimated at \$32,000. There are, however, certain non-recurring costs included in the budget.

In this program a person parking in either facility will pay an attendant 50 cents and will receive two tickets for rides on the El Centro bus. The City will reimburse the Transit System ten cents for each redeemed ticket. The parking lots are to be operated under a management contract. The project is to start on November 24, 1975. The first week there will be no charge for parking but there will be a charge for bus fare.

Mr. Fischer displayed a sign which will be used at the parking facilities. It had the El Centro Logo on it as well as the international symbol for parking.

Councilman Hartman commended Mr. Fischer and his staff for their efforts in connection with this project. He asked, however, that the matter of management contract be deferred until it has been discussed in detail.

Mr. Fischer suggested that, since the opening date is near, perhaps a month-to-month management contract would be in order so that the matter could still be reviewed.

Dr. Nielsen felt very strongly that the Spanish word for parking be included in the parking lot signs and Mr. Fischer said that he would try to work it in somehow.

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

75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Melvin C. Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Teniente.

## AN ORDINANCE 45,947

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
AND THE CIBOLO CREEK MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
WHEREBY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AGREES TO  
PROVIDE CERTAIN SEWERAGE SERVICES FOR THEM  
FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS OR LESS.

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75-68 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 45,948

REVISING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE  
SAN ANTONIO BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES  
AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND PROVIDING  
FOR SUBMISSION OF PAYROLLS BY CONTRACTORS.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Melvin C. Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, who said that this Ordinance has three parts - one, the building trades prevailing wage rate; second, the heavy construction prevailing wage rate; and third, the requirement of submission of monthly payrolls to all of the agencies involved.

Mr. Sueltenfuss said that the wage survey has been completed and published in the Federal Register on October 24, 1975. He said that he had talked to Mr. Jim Reed today, who is with the Department of Labor. Mr. Reed said that more changes will be made in the prevailing wage rate about every week for the next six weeks because of new information and because of the age of the survey itself. He recommended that wage rates be adjusted every six months to conform with the Department of Labor rates.

Mr. Rohde moved that the Ordinance be approved. His motion was seconded by Mr. Billa.

Mr. Conrad Truss, representing the San Antonio Construction and Building Trades, said that his organization had agreed that whichever way the rates were revised that they would agree to adjustments being made by the Council. He asked that further changes be updated as they are determined by the Department of Labor.

Councilman Cisneros offered an amendment to Mr. Rohde's motion to adopt the Ordinance by adding that the adjustments to these wage rates be made within 30 days after receipt of the next information. Mr. Rohde and Mr. Billa accepted this amendment to their motion.

Mr. Pyndus spoke against the 30 day amendment as it had been brought out that changes probably will come through on a week to week basis. Rather than tie the Council down, he would prefer to leave the matter more flexible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente joined Councilman Pyndus in his thoughts.

After consideration, Mr. Rohde's motion to adopt the Ordinance and that adjustments to wage rates be made within 30 days after receipt of the next information, carrying with it adoption of the Ordinance, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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COMMENDATION TO CONRAD TRUSS

Councilman Cisneros said that he wished to commend Mr. Conrad Truss. As head of the C.I.O. Council, he and other members of the Council have been working very hard to support a major rehabilitation center for the handicapped and elderly. C.I.O. has been acting as a non-profit corporate sponsor for this project.

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TELEGRAM FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Mayor Cockrell read the following telegram:

"Mayor Cockrell and Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
San Antonio, Texas 78285

Every member of our Association joins me in this expression of sympathy upon the loss of Jake Inselmann. The genial personality and generous instincts of this fine man will be missed not only by the members of the IIMC Executive Committee but by everyone in the municipal clerks profession. Jake's death is a severe blow to our Association and we feel a keen sense of loss in his passing.

Joseph V. Valenti  
First Vice-President"

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 45,949

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIELD ALTERATION  
NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,045.00 ON THE  
UNIVERSITY HILLS SUBDIVISION OFF-SITE  
SANITARY SEWER MAIN PROJECT.

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75-68 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,950

AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO ELMIRA MOTEL, INC.  
THE SUM OF FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS,  
(\$5,000.00), IN GARBAGE FEES COLLECTED IN  
ERROR, WITH PAYMENT TO BE MADE FROM ACCOUNT  
NO. 16-03-01.

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Mr. Jim Parker, City Attorney, said that the auditor for the estate of the former owner of the Elmira Motel had discovered that about \$7,800 had been paid out over a period of time in garbage fees when, in fact, the City was not making a collection there. Garbage for the motel was being collected on a contractual basis. There had been an agreed settlement of \$5,000.00 refund.

Mayor Cockrell said that she felt that there was a responsibility on the part of the citizen to report this type of error earlier.

Mr. Rohde said that he felt that this refund would establish a bad precedent and he was opposed to it.

Mr. Pyndus recommended approval of the refund as he felt that the amount would be collected in a lawsuit anyway.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: Rohde; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman.

75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 45,951

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INSURANCE CONTRACT BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INSURANCE PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,195.00.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Teniente, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,952

MANIFESTING A JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, THE CITY WATER BOARD, AND BEKAR COUNTY PROVIDING FOR METHODS OF ALLOCATING COSTS AND METHODS OF OPERATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED DATA PROCESSING CENTER, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 35155 IN ACCORDANCE HERewith.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Director of Right-of-Way and Land Acquisition, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,953

ACCEPTING THE HIGH BID FOR LEASE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FOR FARMING AND GRAZING PURPOSES, REJECTING ANY AND ALL OTHER BIDS AND AUTHORIZING A THREE-YEAR LEASE OF SAID PROPERTY TO W. B. MARTIN, JR., FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$3,348.80 PER YEAR.

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75-68

VEGETABLE GARDENS

Councilman Nielsen said that he had suggested that vegetable gardens could be started on City property. Increasingly cities are making more land available for this type of project.

City Manager Granata stated that Parks Director Ron Darner and Mr. Tom Keeter are running experiments now on this very thing. He said a report will be made to the Council on it.

Mayor Cockrell said that Mrs. Ida Kenny, on behalf of the Senior Citizens Council, has indicated that it might be possible to have a garden at the old Commander's House at the Arsenal.

75-68

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Clerk read a proposed ordinance changing the regularly scheduled City Council meetings for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day, all of which fall on Thursday to the preceding Wednesday.

Mr. Pyndus said that he felt that having meetings on those Wednesdays would reduce holiday time for the Council. He suggested that the meetings be changed to the preceding Tuesday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente moved that the ordinance be approved as written and recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Billa.

Mr. Pyndus moved that the motion be amended to change the Christmas Day and New Year's Day meetings to the preceding Tuesday and the Thanksgiving Day meeting changed to the preceding Wednesday. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Teniente. On roll call, the motion to amend carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: Black, Nielsen; ABSENT: None.

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After further consideration, the motion as amended, carrying with it adoption of the following Ordinance, was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,954

CHANGING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THANKSGIVING DAY, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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75-68 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,955

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,902.72 TO FMC CORPORATION FOR PARTS FOR A BARMINUTOR FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS SEWER DEPARTMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,956

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$6,600.00 TO TIMELIFE FILMS, INC., FOR FILM MATERIAL FOR THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,957

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF CROUSE-HINDS CO., AND TRANS-TRONICS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$66,095.05.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,958

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF CATTO AND PUTTY, INC., GRAVELY SALES AND SERVICE, AND WATSON DISTRIBUTING CO., INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$24,077.16.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,959

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF TOBIN RESEARCH, INC., AT A MINIMUM PRICE OF \$4,450.00, PLUS \$ .12 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL POINT IN EXCESS OF 30,000 POINTS AND \$2.50 FOR EACH MAP IN EXCESS OF 200 MAPS, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by Mayor Lila Cockrell, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,960

APPOINTING GARLAND V. JACKSON, JR., ACTING CITY CLERK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 45,961

PERMITTING A LARGE CAMPFIRE AT 8700 CALLAGHAN ROAD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1975.

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75-68 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Chief of Police Emil Peters, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 45,962

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER FROM RED BALL CAB CO., INC. TO FAISAN TRANSPORTATION, INC., D/B/A RED BALL CAB CO., OF THE RIGHT TO OPERATE TAXICABS AND OF 66 PERMITS OR LICENSES FOR TAXICABS.

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Councilman Al Rohde made the following statement:

"I abstained, Mayor, for this reason. Rohde & Company sold this business, and I want to say for the record that I did not contact anybody in City Hall in the cab department in the negotiations of this

to effect the transfer. I only talked to the City Manager that it be put on the agenda. It was in City Hall three weeks. Further, I did not talk to any individual Councilman about the matter other than to advise the Mayor that I would abstain from voting on this matter, and I want that record to show that. Thank you."

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75-68

TAXICABS

Councilman Hartman said that a question had been raised with him a number of times as to why persons are not allowed to hail cabs in San Antonio. He asked if perhaps this matter shouldn't be reviewed.

Mayor Cockrell asked that a total review of the taxicab situation be made.

City Attorney James Parker stated that as a result of his recent contact with the taxicab ordinance, he found certain things that need to be rectified and they will be brought to the Council's attention.

75-68

LIMOUSINE SERVICE

Councilman Nielsen stated that one citizen has raised an objection over the airport limousine service, the main objection being that rates are too high.

Dr. Nielsen asked if there had been a follow-up of the limousine contract to see if the contractor is living up to his verbal agreement to have uniforms, etc.

City Manager Granata stated that he would have the matter checked out and a report made to the City Council.

75-68 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 P. M., and reconvened at 1:55 P. M.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. ED HARRINGTON

Mr. Ed Harrington, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said that he was appearing in his role as Chairman at the instruction of the Commission, requesting that the Commission be allowed time to meet with the City Council prior to any serious consideration for dichotomizing the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said that in order for the Council to make a proper decision, the Commission should be allowed to meet and express their opinions in the matter.

Mayor Cockrell said that she was sure it would be the desire of the City Council to meet with the Planning Commission before making that decision. She expressed the thought that it is a healthy sign that there is so much interest right now on the part of all members of the City Council in the whole area of planning.

Dr. Cisneros stated that he objected to the idea expressed by one member of the Planning Commission that citizen participation not be permitted when the Planning Commission and Council meet. He said that all meetings should be open to citizen participation.

Mr. Pyndus stated that he objected to bully tactics used by some citizen groups and said some ground rules should be established by the Council.

Mayor Cockrell appointed Mr. Pyndus as Chairman of a sub-committee to study rules to be used by the City Council in its citizen participation policy.

A general discussion followed between Council members and Mr. Harrington.

Mayor Cockrell said she had asked for a staff review on progress being made on a master plan and how planning roles are divided in the City.

City Manager Granata said that pursuant to Mayor Cockrell's request in July, he had appointed a Planning Task Force. By next week there will be a briefing on this subject in "B" Session.

Mayor Cockrell said that one goal she would like to see achieved by this City Council and no later than January 1, 1977, is the final adoption of a master plan.

A joint meeting is to be scheduled between the City Council and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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MR. RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado, expressed regret at the State Attorney General's opinion that the appraisals of the Vexler property could be withheld from the public until the purchase of the land is consummated or aborted. He again spoke of the exorbitant appraisals and urged the Council to examine the documents before approving the purchase.

Councilman Pyndus advised Mr. Rodriguez that he has been provided with a copy of the appraisals.

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MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, took exception to a statement made in the Council meeting last week that a nearby railroad improves the value of the Vexler property. He said that a railroad is no longer of value since truckers have taken over from the railroads.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente stated that it was he who had made that comment, and that this was only one item out of many things that have an effect on property values. He then cited the other things he had mentioned last week.

Mayor Cockrell reminded everyone that a public hearing is scheduled for December 11, 1975 to consider the purchase of this property.

MR. E. L. RICHEY

Mr. E. L. Richey, 1118 West Craig, spoke in opposition to allowing a huge shopping mall to be constructed over the Edwards Recharge Zone at San Pedro and F.M. 1604.

MR. HENRY OEFFINGER

Mr. Henry Oeffinger, 243 Freiling, asked the Council to make a decision now about his request that the City wrecker contract be amended to allow citizens to choose the wrecker company they want. He cited a memo written by Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente saying that this ordinance should be investigated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente spoke in favor of free enterprise and said that he could see no reason why this ordinance should not be amended.

City Manager Granata recommended that the ordinance remain as it is without change. He read a memo from Police Chief Emil Peters outlining the City's past experience with other forms of wrecker control.

Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, outlined the terms of the wrecker ordinance and said that there have been less complaints and more compliance with the present wrecker operator than any other.

Mayor Cockrell said that if the Council wishes to consider changing the ordinance the staff will first have to review the entire matter and brief the Council.

After discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed in two weeks, and Mr. Oeffinger was invited to be present.

MR. LES MENDELSON

Mr. Les Mendelson, Chairman of the Community Relations Council of the Jewish Social Service Federation, addressed the Council with regard to a resolution passed by the United Nations on November 10, 1975, stating that Zionism equates racism and discrimination. He asked the City Council to join with the Congress of the United States, our representatives in the United Nations, President Ford and other city councils throughout the United States in resolving our opposition to this resolution. He distributed copies of a proposed resolution which he asked the Council to adopt and asked the Council to join in a community rally on Monday evening at Agudas Achim.

The proposed resolution was discussed at length and certain additions and deletions were suggested by members of the Council.

It was requested that a complete copy of the resolution as passed by the United Nations Assembly as well as copies of congressional action and the President's statement be made available to the Council members prior to any action being taken.

It was ordered that a resolution be prepared for consideration of the Council and that it be placed on the agenda for November 26, 1975.

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

- November 3, 1975                      Petition submitted by Harry Jewett Associates, in behalf of Churchill Chase Joint Venture, requesting permission to construct privacy fences eight feet in height in the Summerhill Subdivision.
- November 4, 1975                      Petition of Mr. Pedro Ramirez, 4402 Milling Road, requesting permission to continue using his property at 4402 Milling Road to dismantle old automobiles.
- November 4, 1975                      Petition of Mrs. Guadalupe Torres, 3535 West Poplar, requesting restoration of land in back of her property at 3535 West Poplar which she claims has eroded as a result of the construction of a ditch by the City about six years ago.
- November 5, 1975                      Petition submitted by Mr. & Mrs. Guadalupe M. Bueno, 2310 Arbor Place, and other residents of the 2200 and 2300 Block of Arbor Place, requesting the City to remedy the situation caused by the loose gravel which was used to resurface their street.
- November 7, 1975                      Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, requesting the City Council to pass an ordinance allowing public telephone installations on City right-of-way upon approval of the Director of Traffic and Transportation.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN  
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 P. M.

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*Lila Cockrell*  
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ATTEST: *[Signature]*  
City Clerk

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