

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 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, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; ABSENT: James.

69-27 The invocation was given by Reverend R. L. Hicks, St. Philip's Episcopal Church.

The minutes of the meeting of May 29 and June 5, 1969 were approved.

69-27 The following ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,567

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF KAUFMAN'S INCORPORATED TO FURN-  
ISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN  
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD UNIFORMS FOR A  
TOTAL OF \$4,629.68.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,568

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF JACK HULETT SALES, INC. TO FURN-  
ISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT  
OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CER-  
TAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL EQUIPMENT  
FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$7,610.00.

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69-27 Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, explained to the Council that tie bids had been received from Southern Electric Supply Company and the Perry Shankle Company to furnish the City with requirements of dry-fil type ballasts for fluorescent lighting tubes. State law on tie bids requires the casting of lots to determine the successful bidder.

Mayor McAllister then conducted the drawing with the low number drawn to be the successful bidder. Perry Shankle Company drew number 56 and Southern Electric Supply Company drew number 23.

The Clerk then read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,569

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF SOUTHERN ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT FOR THE BIDDER TO FURNISH AND FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BUY ALL OF ITS REQUIREMENTS OF DRY-FIL TYPE BALLASTS SET FORTH IN THE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING ON AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,570

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSALS OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE BIDDERS SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE BIDDERS TO FURNISH AND FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BUY ALL OF ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTS AND SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, explained to the Council that the ordinance accepts the low bids of Motorola Communications & Electronics Corporation, Radio and Television Parts & Company, Trice Wholesale Electronics and Sterling Electronics for certain items. Mr. Brooks advised that tie bids had been submitted by Sterling Electronics and Radio and Television Parts Company on items 3, 6, 22, 27 and 31 which

would require the casting of lots to determine the successful bidder for these items.

Mayor McAllister then conducted the drawing with the low number drawn to be the successful bidder. Radio and Television Parts & Company drew number 70. Sterling Electronics drew number 17.

Items number 3, 6, 22, 27 and 31 were then inserted in the ordinance to reflect their award to Sterling Electronics.

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

69-27 The following Ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,571

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH SAN ANTONIO BRAKE AND CLUTCH SERVICE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF AUTO & TRUCK BRAKE SHOES AND/OR LINING FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,572

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH NATIONAL WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF OXYGEN, ACETYLENE AND WELDING SUPPLIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,573

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL SERVICE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VARIOUS FACILITIES WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL SERVICE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,574

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSAL BOOKBINDERY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF REBINDING OF BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1969 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,575

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ROLLINS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING INC. PROVIDING FOR EIGHT BILLBOARDS TO BE POSTED AND MAINTAINED FOR TWO MONTHS ADVERTISING HEMISFAIR PLAZA, FOR A COST OF \$885.40 PER MONTH.

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Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, explained that this provides for the leasing of eight billboards in various parts of the City advertising HemisFair Plaza to tourists as well as to local people. He added that the City will select the sites and four of the billboards will be illuminated and four of them will be regular billboards 12 feet by 35 feet.

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,576

MANIFESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH GLENN ADVERTISING, INC., BY APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE COST OF PRODUCING A TRAVEL ORIENTED MOTION PICTURE THE PURCHASE OF 5,000 ADDITIONAL CONVENTION BUREAU BROCHURES AND MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISING, ALSO AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00 TO SAID FIRM TO COVER SUCH ADDITIONAL SERVICES.

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Mr. Wally Hall, Director of the Convention Bureau, advised that this expenditure is recommended by the Convention Bureau Advisory Committee. Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars would be for participation with the Chamber of Commerce in the cost of a travel oriented movie which will depict San Antonio as a Convention City as well as promoting tourism. Ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars is for the purchase of 5,000 additional Convention Bureau brochures. The money will come from the Convention Bureau funds which are wholly derived from the hotel and motel tax.

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,577

ACCEPTING THE BID OF WAYNE TIPPIT CO. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER RELOCATIONS, U.S. HIGHWAY 281; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING \$188,512.50 OUT OF THE NORTH EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTOR; APPROPRIATING \$8,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, \$1,000.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, AND \$9,671.78 PAYABLE TO SELIGMANN AND PYLE, FOR ENGINEERING FEES.

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Public Works Director, Sam Granata, explained that six bids were received ranging from \$188,512.50 to \$319,829 all of which met the city's specifications. The estimate on the job was \$172,300.00 and he recommended acceptance of the low bid of Wayne Tippit Company. The sewer line is located between Jones-Maltsberger Road and Loop 410 vicinity. There will be 9,000 feet of 24-inch line installed which will eliminate the present 10-inch line which is overloaded. Also there will be other small lines which will be relocated.

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

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,578

ACCEPTING TEXAS HIGHWAY COMMISSION MINUTE ORDER NO. 62353 PERTAINING TO JOINT CITY-STATE PARTICIPATION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AN ILLUMINATION SYSTEM ON A PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10. (BOERNE HWY.)

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, stated that this illumination project covers the area from Wurzbach Road North to De Zavala Road, a distance of approximately four miles. This area has had more than the normal number of fatalities and traffic accidents. He felt that lighting of this stretch of road will reduce the hazard. Cost to the City for its share is estimated to be \$84,000.00.

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,579

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$6,528.00 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND 101 TO THE BRUSSELLS INSURANCE AGENCY FOR CERTAIN INSURANCE ON THE SAN ANTONIO LITTLE THEATRE AND CONTENTS

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Mr. Fred Cook, Property Records and Insurance Supervisor, explained that this ordinance provides for payment of premium for a three-year policy on the San Antonio Little Theatre and contents. Coverage is in the amount of \$418,000.00, 80% co-insurance applicable. Cost of the policy is \$7,840.00. There is a refund credit from the American and Foreign Insurance Company on a policy for \$1,312.00 making the net payment \$6,528.00.

After consideration, on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Hill, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: James.

Mr. Torres explained that he voted no because the San Antonio Little Theatre Group is a private group and felt they should buy their own insurance.

69-27 The Clerk read the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,580

APPROPRIATING \$3,226.64 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS 1961, FUND NO. 479-19 PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF PEARL SLAVIN ET AL, IN SATISFACTION OF FINAL JUDGEMENT IN CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-577 FOR 0.4884 OF AN ACRE INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT THEREON AND DAMAGES TO REMAINDER OF TRACT IN N.C.B. 11,954 AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SLAVIN AND HALLMARK BEING PARCEL 44-6444 IN THE U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT.

AN ORDINANCE 37,581

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING TWO (2) TEMPORARY CLERK TYPIST POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND INSPECTIONS

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance which was explained by Mr. George Vann Director of Housing and Inspections. On motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,582

GRANTING PERMISSION TO ALAMO ENTERPRISES BUILDING SUPPLIES, INC. TO ADD A THIRD STRAND OF BARBED WIRE ON TOP OF THE EXISTING SIX (6) FOOT FENCE AT 4831 WEST AVENUE FOR SECURITY PURPOSES.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance: AND WHEREBY APPROVED AGAINST THE OWNERS AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS HAVE THE WHOLENESS ON SAID PREMISES ABATED DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 141 JEAN STREET CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE,

A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that the owners of the property are Lucille Grant, Johnny Wallace, and Janie Hardy who were notified of the hearing this morning by certified mail. He presented a picture of the vacant one-story wooden structure which is in a run-down damaged and decayed condition and reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated. Mr. Vann recommended that the Council find the property to be a nuisance under the dangerous premises ordinance and adopt the ordinance.

Neither the owners or a representative was present at the hearing.

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

69-27 The following Ordinances were explained by Members of the Administrative Staff and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,583

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH PHILIP POLICE AS CONCESSIONAIRE TO AMEND SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BARBERSHOP CONTRACT BY CHANGING MAXIMUM RATES.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,584

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HILTON PALACIO DEL RIO HOTEL FOR USE OF A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RESTAURANT OPERATION.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,585

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY AUTHORIZING TWO (2) TEMPORARY CLERK TYPIST II POSITIONS IN THE WELFARE DIVISION OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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City Manager Henckel advised that this ordinance is in conjunction with the following ordinance appropriating money for the Emergency Food Stamp Program. These employees will handle the additional clerical workload which will be created by this new program.

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,586

ESTABLISHING TRUST FUND NO. 741 PERTAINING TO FOOD STAMP EMERGENCY PURCHASES; AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$12,500.00 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO SAID TRUST FUND; ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS AMOUNTING TO \$37,500.00 FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000.00 OUT OF TRUST FUND 741 PAYABLE TO STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE FOR ISSUANCE OF FOOD STAMPS.

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City Manager Henckel stated this is the appropriation which the Council had instructed be prepared.

Mr. John Bierschwale, City Welfare Director, reported they have been working with the State Welfare Department on this program. They found that when the first cut came in and grants were reduced to \$123.00, that most of the people in the greater majority of cases it was found they could continue to purchase food stamps. This was after a check with their actual clients. They feel now that if you take the difference in the cut existing in their present grant and supplement it to the \$123.00 level not to exceed what the maximum purchase price of the stamps would be, they could cover more people with this money than they could on the out right stamps purchase. This is the recommendation of the City and the State Welfare Department people after having talked to them during the past week. The State caseworker will certify a person under this emergency program and refer him to the City Welfare Department,

where a voucher will be written. They can then go to the back of the building and purchase the Food Stamps.

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

69-27 Ordinance number 37,587 is void.

69-27 On motion of Dr. Calderon seconded by Mr. Trevino, the following Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

#### A RESOLUTION

COMMENDING COUNCILMAN FELIX TREVINO,  
CITY MANAGER GERALD C. HENCKEL, JR.,  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, BROOKS  
BARKER AND PUBLIC WELFARE DIRECTOR,  
JOHN BIRSCHWALE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING  
WORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY  
WHICH AROSE DUE TO REDUCTIONS IN STATE  
WELFARE GRANTS.

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WHEREAS, an emergency arose due to reduction in State Welfare grants which effected several thousand citizens of this City, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Felix Trevino and Members of the Staff were appointed to study the emergency and make a recommendation to alleviate the hardship imposed on our citizens by the cuts in welfare aid, and

WHEREAS, through their efforts, they enlisted the cooperation of Bexar County, San Antonio Council of Churches and the Family Service Association of the United Fund who are to contribute \$12,500 each, which with the City's contribution will total \$50,000 that will be available for the purchase of Food Stamps for needy families within the City and Bexar County, now, therefore

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

that Councilman Felix Trevino, City Manager Gerald C. Henckel, Jr., Chief Administrative Assistant Brooks Barker, and Public Welfare Director John Bierschwale are commended for their outstanding work in connection with the emergency which arose

due to reduction in State Welfare grants to citizens of San Antonio.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

REAFFIRMING THE CONVICTION THAT THE PROPOSED ROUTE FOR U. S. 281 "NORTH EXPRESSWAY" NOW PENDING APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE MOST REASONABLE AND PRUDENT ROUTE POSSIBLE, AND REQUESTING AND RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH EXPRESSWAY FACILITY.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, stated that the Council has not expressed itself officially on this matter. The State Highway Commission felt it would be a help in getting the Secretary of Transportation to render a feasible decision. He then reviewed the Resolution.

After discussion on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: James.

Dr. Nielsen stated that he abstained on the Resolution on the grounds he did not have enough information and would like to hear from the State Highway Department on this matter.

Councilman Torres stated that he abstained on the Resolution because the State Highway Department are the experts on this matter and they should appear before the Council and give the benefit of their expertise which has resulted in the City being involved in a lawsuit and the controversy which has prevented the construction of the North Expressway prior to this time.

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,588

GRANTING A LICENSE TO ALAMO GUIDED  
TOURS TO OPERATE A GUIDED TOUR SERVICE  
IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR A TWO  
(2) YEAR PERIOD.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,589

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,000 FROM  
ACCOUNT NO. 020101 TO THE MASSACHUSETTS  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

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City Manager Henckel advised that this payment was for the City's share of a Grant received from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Henckel stated that he would like to go himself but was unable to do so. He has selected Mr. Brooks Barker to attend this school and felt that it will greatly benefit the City of San Antonio. The school will run from June 26th to July 23rd.

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

69-27 Councilman Torres asked that the City Manager's Staff try to avoid not having everyone away from City Hall as occurred last week.

City Manager Henckel stated that only on very rare occasions the City Manager and Assistant City Manager are away from the City. Last week while he planned to be away he returned to the City and worked on Monday.

69-27 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, explained the following ordinance and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,590

APPROPRIATING \$250,500.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; APPROPRIATING \$3,000.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND FOR ACQUISITION OF AN EASEMENT FOR THE SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER PROJECT; ACCEPTING EASEMENTS PERTAINING TO UNSEWERED AREA #51, EMIL ROAD AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD SANITARY SEWER, GREENBRIAR UNIT 12 SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL LINE AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS IN CONNECTION WITH U.S. 281 SEWER RELOCATION.

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69-27 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,591

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALIVE, INC. FOR LEASE OF BUILDING NUMBER 808 AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1969, FREE OF RENTAL, THE PREMISES TO BE USED FOR SHOWING SCIENTIFIC FILMS TO THE PUBLIC.

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69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,592

REAPPOINTING CERTAIN MEMBERS TO THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION FOR TERMS EXPIRING DECEMBER 30, 1970 (MISS GLORIA GAULT - TO FILL THE CLASSIFICATION OF "ARTIST-PAINTER", MRS. EDGAR TOBIN - TO FILL THE CLASSIFICATION OF "LAY PERSON - HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL AREA")

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

69-27 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,593

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE UNITED STATES FOR A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$138,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM.

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Mr. Hugh R. Anderson, Director of Engineering of the City Water Board, explained that this was a water and sewer grant in connection with the Model Cities Program. The application has previously been approved and this finalizes the Grant Agreement.

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

69-27 HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENTS

City Manager Henckel advised the Council that he will reappoint Dr. Robert L. M. Hillard as a Commissioner of the Housing Authority. He will also make a new appointment. He will appoint Mr. Martin Rodriguez to replace Mr. M. M. Pena who has served for six years and is not eligible for reappointment. He asked the City Council to confirm the appointments.

On motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the City Manager's appointments of Dr. Robert L. M. Hillard and Mr. Martin Rodriguez as Commissioners of the Housing Authority were confirmed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James.

STATEMENT OF CITY MANAGER GERALD C. HENCKEL, JR. RE:  
HEMISFAIR PLAZA.

"Mr. Mayor, I have a presentation to make to the Council in regards to HemisFair Plaza.

Last week I sent the Council a memorandum pointing out some of the concern insofar as HemisFair Plaza, and that I would make this presentation today.

The map that you have before you is HemisFair Plaza. The red area on the map shows the facilities that are presently under lease. The accompanying data sheet, which we passed out to you, shows who the lessees are in the various locations.

Most of the lessees in the red area have short term leases which were for six months and they expire in September or October of 1969. As the Council recalls, we went on an interim plan to lease the facilities that were not in the area that was offered to the University and the authorization to the Manager was for leases of six month duration only. We also have some longer term leases--Witte Museum. We are going to have a long term lease with the USO. I might point out to you why we have not brought a lease to you for the USO. This matter has been pending for many, many months. The problem being of course, that the architectural plans that the City will put out for bid have not been received by the City. The City will put the plans out for bid and will award the contract and then we will enter into a contract with the USO for a lease. If the City is going to expend any funds, the lease consideration will be the repayment to the City for the lease for the funds. However, during the months that have expired, the USO people are soliciting funds, and as of last week, feel confident that they will have enough money to pay for the entire improvements.

The problem in getting the plans out is, certainly not to blame any particular person, but this is very typical when a charitable organization, a non-profit organization, has an architect draw plans for which he is not charging a fee. In many cases while he is working on the plans he will have other plans for which he is being paid that he must expedite first. So for this reason the USO plans have not been received. As soon as they are, we will put them out to bid and we will be back to you for a lease for that facility.

Incidentally, it will be the finest USO in the United States.

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It is my opinion that as a result of the studies that the staff has made for the reuse of HemisFair and with the consultation of various operators of other fairgrounds and amusement parks, it is necessary that we expand the recreation, amusement and eating facilities adjacent to the Convention Center in order to accommodate tourists and conventioners. It is obvious that if we are to compete with the six major convention centers in the United States that we must have facilities within the proximity of our Convention Center which will entice people to San Antonio. We have got one of the finest Convention Centers in the country and we have in HemisFair Plaza something that no other city has. That is a facility adjacent to our Convention Center in which tourists and conventioners can have fun, go eat, I hope drink, and have entertainment.

The conventioners that attend major conventions all over the United States are accustomed to having eating and drinking establishments in the cities they visit and this is one of the enticements and one of the reasons that the six major convention centers have been successful. Because of the facilities that these towns have that supplement the convention center.

I strongly urge that we capitalize on the facilities that we have. I am making a recommendation for the area that we show in green (on map) that the Council give authority to expand the operation of HemisFair Plaza by authorizing longer term leases so that we can get tenants and lessees into these facilities.

This area, the area Bill (Lindquist) is pointing to, is right at gate one and consists of the facilities of the Falstaff House, the Schultze House, Pierre's Interlude, the Masion Blanche Restaurant, and the Humble Pavilion. In this area right now, the buildings are all vacant and I strongly urge that we do something immediately to create activity in this area for this reason: Visitors that walk into HemisFair Plaza from Gate One have the initial jolt of walking into an area that is vacant, where there is no activity, where there is deterioration of the buildings because we have no one in there. There is not any way that we can lease any of these facilities on a short term basis because of the capital improvements that need to be expended on the facilities.

In order to get someone to go in and give us a first class operation, we need to be able to give them a lease long enough for them to amortize their initial investment of their capital outlay.

After all, our whole program in HemisFair Plaza is to do it first class. In order to have these buildings renovated and remodeled in good taste, it's going to take considerable expenditure by the lessee.

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We have talked to people who are willing to come in and lease the buildings provided we can give them a long term lease.

This area is also important because it has parking directly across the street where citizens and tourists who are not conventioners can come and go in. We feel that it is necessary that the City of San Antonio have eating, drinking, and amusement facilities that are open after 10 o'clock at night. People that go to the other major cities' conventions are accustomed to going out for their evening meal after their function at the Convention which usually ends around 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock at night. As you know right now it is most difficult for a citizen, a tourist or a conventioner to go out and eat, other than in the Tower, in downtown San Antonio. There are just a few establishments that are open.

It is my belief that this area here will be one of the greatest activity areas that we will have in the Plaza. This can be the center of the restaurant-food operation.

The other green area is the Lake Pavilion in which we have one tenant--the Falstaff House has moved into the old Golden Garter operation. The rest of the building is vacant, including the old Abrazo Club which is fully equipped. We will have an ordinance here in another week or two on the reroofing of that structure at an estimated cost of around \$9,000.

This is just typical of what is needed in the facilities and most of the facilities on the fair grounds. If we do not expend this money, the facilities are going to be ruined, not only the buildings, but the fixtures that are inside. If the City is going to expend this money we must be able to have leases to be able to put it on a good sound business basis. The only other alternative of course is to have the tenant pay for them.

So I am recommending to you and asking authorization to have long term leases to negotiate. Long term leases which I will bring to you for your approval on the facilities mentioned for the purposes of restaurants, for the purposes of private clubs, for the purposes of amusement. I believe we need all three and I want to make it very clear to this Council, so there is no misunderstanding that I am convinced and recommending that we do have private clubs on the HemisFair site. I think this is a necessity for the success of our Convention Bureau. I am not recommending to you the terms on which these clubs operate, but I am convinced that memberships to the clubs, and we can certainly control it, will be reasonable enough so the average citizen can belong and where people who are coming to conventions here will get a membership as part of their registration in their convention. I think this is a must.

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We have the Abrazo Club which is a natural facility for this. The upstairs of the Humble Pavilion is a natural facility for this.

There is a lot of talk about HemisFair reuse, or has been, and I must point out to the Council that most of the criticism that we receive has been due to the inactivity on the grounds. As you all know, the reason for the inactivity is some of the things that I have mentioned. We made a commitment to the university and we couldn't do anything with those facilities. Until we decided what the pattern would be, we entered into short term leases. I must point out to you that we have already set the pattern for the use of part of the grounds. The operation of HemisFair Plaza since the official opening on the 29th of March has been successful even with the meager operation that we have. The City has actually made money since the 29th of March.

From the closing of HemisFair to the 29th, we lost considerable money. We had an operating deficit and I will give you a financial report and again, I want to point out whether or not we had stayed open we would still have had a considerable expenditure because the City inherited the responsibility of the phase out, the clean up, the security, the move out of HemisFair. So we would have had that cost anyway. So it is not a true picture to say that the operational loss from October 6 up through the 29th (March, 1969) is a result of us staying open.

However, we are the only world's fair in the United States that has stayed open continuously since the date of the closing of the fair. Every other one has closed down during the phase out, move out period. Of course we did this specifically for getting business to the Tower, which remained open.

In essence, what I am saying is that I want this Council to know that the Staff that has been operating over there has really done a bang-up job under real adverse conditions. I want to commend them for it.

Also I want to point out that we need to make a decision on which way we are going to go. Now my recommendation today is three-fold. I am not asking the Council for a decision today, I am just giving this to you for your consideration.

The first of course being to renew the leases in the red area, the operation we now have, for longer terms so that the people can make improvements.

The second is authorization to expand the operation just in the green area which would include restaurants, private clubs and amusement entertainment.

The third part is the area in blue, the over-lay, which is the balance of the Plaza including most of the area that was committed to the University.

I am recommending that the Council have a feasibility study made for the determination of the use of the balance of the facility.

Now you notice the area of the Federal Pavilion is cross-hatched. If there is no determination by the U.S. Government for use of the Federal Pavilion, the City has asked that it be given to the City. I am recommending that the feasibility study, whoever makes it and however this Council desires it to be made, whether you want to handle it through a committee or whether you want to handle it through the Chamber, or whether you want to do it direct; this is certainly your decision. It should be done by professionals and the area of the Federal Pavilion should be in the study.

The study should include such items as the possibility of an international trade center, a Texas arts and crafts center, and many of the other ideas that people have submitted.

I have to point out to you again, because sometimes we overlook these things as the time elapses on us, that no one has come up with a plan of what to do with HemisFair Plaza that has any financial plan with it. The only thing that we have had so far, other than what the Staff has recommended, has been people who will give you an idea here, or a group of ideas. Many of the ideas are great, but we cannot put ourselves in the position that HemisFair was in. The City cannot, with tax money, enter into a business operation that we know is going to be a loss, that is going to be supported by the tax payers. I believe that it is the responsibility of the staff, and this is why I am recommending to the Council, that we try to put this area on a paying basis. Now I am convinced that it can be done as well as the main purpose of course which is serving the community of San Antonio and its citizens, our tourists, which is a big business in San Antonio, and most of all our Convention Center.

In order for us to compete with the six major convention cities in America, and this is what we are doing, this is why we are spending the \$200,000 for the Convention Bureau, for Mr. Hall and his staff to go all over the country to entice large conventions here. To bring people here that will spend money, that will help the economy of our city. We have the Convention facility to handle it. But we need other facilities to accommodate them if we are going to compete with Miami Beach, San Francisco, New Orleans, Atlanta, New York and Chicago. Those are the big six and this is our competition. All we have to do is get these people here---the people that make the decision on where the conventions are going to be. When they see our facility, they are sold. But the next question they ask is, "Do you have enough hotel rooms to accommodate a convention of 5,000 or 10,000 people?" "Do you have eating and drinking establishments?" If we are going into this business, and we are in it, because we have spent 10 million dollars on a facility, we need to go.

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So I am asking the Council to give this consideration and to make a decision as soon as you can. Especially on the areas where the pattern has already been set. One of our difficulties in operation is that the area is entirely too large for an amusement park, a entertainment and restaurant facility. You can put 10,000 people on that site and it looks like no one is there. So we want to limit our activity to the areas shown in red and green. ~~These are the areas adjacent to~~ the Convention Center, the areas surrounding the Tower, the areas where the facilities will accommodate this type of service.

The area in blue which is on the southern perimeter is the area I am recommending we have a study made to determine its use. Of course whatever use is recommended to this Council as most feasible, should in some way, compliment the rest of the area.

The reason I am pointing this out to the Council today is as you are aware, our offer to the University on the land area that was committed to them, expired with the adjournment of the legislature. The bill has been passed setting up the University of Texas at San Antonio. As soon as the Governor signs the appropriation bill, or whatever he may decide today, there will be, I am sure, a feasibility study by the Board of Regents and a determination made as to the site of the University.

By holding this area in abeyance, included in the feasibility study, does not preclude or exclude the site for use as a university or part of it for a downtown branch.

I am asking that you give the Manager the go ahead to develop these other areas. Because whether we have a University or whether we have an arts and crafts center, whether we have an international trade mart, whether we have a federal courts building, or you name it, facilities we want to expand-- the restaurants, the amusements, the clubs, will all accommodate whatever use is made of the blue area.

I am convinced that HemisFair Plaza will be a tremendous success in view of the success we have already had. And mind you we are the first ones in the United States to do this. Seattle has been in operation seven years and are having a tough time breaking even and they do not have the facility that we have. There is no comparison. The first three years of their operation a non-profit corporation was formed to run it. They went bankrupt and the last four years the City has been operating it and it is just reaching the point where it will break even. Our primary concern of course is our accommodations to the public, where the people of San Antonio can have a good time. This is evidenced by the fact that this week we expect to have our 500,000th visitor since the closing of the Fair.

San Antonians are going to the site. This week we will have the opening of the Children's Playground for which this Council appropriated \$65,000 to do a first class job and its second to none. There is nothing like it in the area.

Tommorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock we are going to have the official ribbon cutting for the opening of this area (Children's Playground) and we will continue to add.

However, we are in a critical period now. Our first summer. This is the time that we are getting out of town visitors and this is why I think it so necessary that the Council go ahead and make the decision to expand the improvements we have, if you so desire.

If there are any questions, I will certainly attempt to answer them."

The Mayor thanked the City Manager for the fine presentation and ~~stated that the Council~~ will study the matter for one week and possibly take action on his requests and recommendations at the next meeting.

69-27      CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Roy Clark of the National Bank of Commerce stated that in connection with the celebration of Flag Day, they were advertising and promoting the showing of the colors. He introduced Miss Linda Davis, an employee of the National Bank of Commerce who passed out to the Council, a brochure containing reprints of patriotic advertisements being run by the bank as well as an antenna flag to be displayed on automobiles.

Mayor McAllister commended the National Bank of Commerce for this idea and participating in the Flag Day observance.

69-27      Mr. Martin Sada, Jr., Coordinator for the International Association of Machinists and representing 186 workers who are out on strike against the Wall-Colmonoy Corporation of 2226 W. Malone, asked the Council to appoint a fact finding committee of City Councilmen to look into the situation. He specifically asked that Councilman Pete Torres be appointed to such a Committee.

Councilman Torres stated that such a fact finding Committee would not be without precedents. He felt that the Council should meet with the employers even though the Council had no authority in the matter.

Mayor McAllister advised Mr. Sada that his request will be taken under consideration by the Council.

69-27     MR. JIM CASEY, PRESIDENT, CONVENIENCE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Mr. Casey presented an excerpt from an opinion concerning the issuance and subsequent denial of permits by the City of San Antonio for self-service gasoline sales at ice houses and grocery stores.

He stated that this appeared to be a matter of interpretation of the City Code and asked the Council to consider their request for such permits.

The matter was referred to City Manager Henckel who stated that he will send a report to the Council on this matter for its consideration.

69-27     MRS. FRANCES LEVENSON, PRESIDENT OF CUPPLES CORPORATION

Mrs. Levenson spoke to the Council concerning Ordinance No. 35921 which authorized a quitclaim deed to Cupples Corporation of portions of Bay and Beech Streets.

She complained that the City was withholding the deed until certain easements were granted to the City without compensation.

Mayor McAllister advised Mrs. Levenson that the Council will ask the City Manager to make a report on this matter for the Council's consideration with a copy to be given to her. Mrs. Levenson would be given an opportunity to speak again if she so desired.

69-27     NEW TIME FOR ZONING HEARINGS

City Manager Henckel asked permission to make a change on the time for the Zoning Hearings which are heard on the first and third Thursdays of the month. He asked that the hearings be set for 8:45 A.M. instead of 8:30 A.M.

From 8:30 A.M. to 8:45 A.M., he would submit the Manager items for consideration of the Council. The Council can get this over with and the Department Heads can go back to their duties.

The Council was agreeable to trying this out and authorized the Manager to set the Zoning Hearings for 8:45 A.M.

69-27      SUMMER INTERNS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

City Manager Henckel introduced to the City Council Mr. Gregory Smith of Decatur, Illinois and Mr. Andy McCown of San Antonio who have joined the City as summer intern trainees under the Intern Program of the International City Manager's Association.

69-27      CASSIANO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Mr. Dario Chapa stated he felt the original proposal submitted was not specific enough. He commented that he wanted to submit a modified proposal for consideration of the Council.

Mr. Chapa was asked to submit the modified proposal to the City Clerk for consideration of the City Council.

69-27      CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mr. Carlos Cansino, representing the ~~ad hoc~~ committee of La Nueva Raza Unida and a coalition of groups spoke to the Council concerning the vacancy on the City Public Service Board.

He stated that they understand that the vacancy is to be filled in the near future by a Mexican-American. The groups which he represented all backed and recommended either Dr. William Elizondo or Mr. George Ozuna to fill the vacancy.

The groups backing these persons for appointment are: FAMA, MAYO, Lulac Council No. 2, Lulac Del Barrio, Mexican Chamber of Commerce, Barrios Unidos, Mexican American Unity Council, MANCO, Priests Association, Alamo Messenger, Nueva Raza Newspaper, Cassiano Homes Community Council, G I Forum, Laredo Area Street Council and the Cursillistas.

69-27      PETITION LETTER

The Clerk read the following letter.

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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.

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