

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 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, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; ABSENT: BURKE, JAMES.

69-29 The invocation was given by Reverend Herbert Lammert, Our Savior Advent Lutheran Church.

69-29 The minutes of the regular meeting held on June 19, 1969 were approved as corrected.

69-29 Mayor McAllister read a Proclamation setting the week of July 21-27 as "Lebanese Week".

Mr. Eddie Mery, Publicity Chairman of the "Magic Is The Night Committee", which sponsors the annual Lebanese celebration introduced three young ladies in bright colored costumes in which members of the Lebanese Colony will dress in to attend the Lebanese fiesta which is set for Saturday, July 26th at Villita Assembly Hall. Mr. Mery then distributed tickets for this event to the Mayor and members of the Council and thanked the Mayor for proclaiming the week of July 21-27 as Lebanese Week.

69-29 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,606

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF NORTH STAR DODGE, INCORPORATED  
TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT  
WITH TWO VAN-TYPE TRUCKS FOR A NET  
TOTAL OF \$4,497.78, NET - 30 DAYS.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,607

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
 BID OF R. W. JONES, CONTRACTOR FOR THE  
 CONSTRUCTION OF REINFORCED CONCRETE  
 RAMPS AT FIVE DIFFERENT SITES ON THE  
 BEAUTIFIED PORTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO  
 RIVER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,686.00, LESS  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1% - 10 DAYS.

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69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,608

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A  
 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION  
 OF 57.7922 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF  
 SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
 THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH  
 HEARING.

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Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director,  
 explained that the proposed annexation, known as El Dorado  
 Subdivision Unit 2, was at the request of Shepherd and  
 Burris Properties, the developers.

A public hearing will be held on July 10, 1969 at  
 10:00 A.M.

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

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,609

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A  
 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION  
 OF 5.991 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF  
 SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING  
 THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF  
 SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director,  
 explained that the proposed annexation, known as Oakdell  
 Clinic No. 1 was at the request of the owners, Oakdell Incorporated.

A public hearing will be held on July 10, 1969 at 10:00 A.M.

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

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,610

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 5.1317 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed annexation known as Whispering Oaks Subdivision, Unit No. 5, was at the request of Denton Development Company.

A public hearing will be held on July, 10, 1969 at 10:00 A. M.

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

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,611

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 310 GOLONDRINE 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, advised that the property is located on the south 30' of Lot 1, Block 4, New City Block 2658, and is owned by Bertha Trevino who was notified of the hearing this morning by certified mail.

He then reviewed the efforts to have the vacant one-story wooden residence structure brought up to standard by the owner. He presented pictures of the structure for the Council's inspection and recommended that the premises be declared a nuisance under the dangerous premises ordinance.

Neither the owner of the property or her 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, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,612

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 806 POTOMAC 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, advised that the property is located on Lots 4 and 5, Block 3, New City Block 6331, and is owned by Albirtie Simmons, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Simmons, Mrs. Franklin W. Simmons and Edward Scott, Jr., who were notified of the hearing this morning by certified mail.

He then reviewed the efforts to have the one-story wooden residence structure which is abandoned brought up to standard by the owners. He presented pictures of the structure for the Council's inspection and recommended that the premises be declared a nuisance under the dangerous premises ordinance.

Neither the owners of the property or their representatives were present at the hearing.

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

69-29 Mr. Bob Frazier, Parks and Recreation Director, briefed the Council on 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, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,613

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF LESLIE S. HUTTON FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER BETWEEN W. COMMERCE AND CROCKETT STREETS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$17,764.00 OUT OF THE SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 99-09-06 TO PAY FOR SAID CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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In answer to questions from Mrs. Cockrell, Mr. Frazier stated that the design for the pedestrian bridge as well as the concrete ramps have been approved by the Riverwalk Commission.

69-29 Mr. Sam Granata, Public Works Director, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

AN ORDINANCE 36,614

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF RALPH R. GRAY CONTRACTOR, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STEVES AVENUE PAVING PROJECT CANDLER STREET TO CLARK AVENUE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$50,240.00 OUT OF NO. 489-01, STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

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69-29 Mr. Raymond Weber, Chief Condemnation Attorney, briefed the Council on 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, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,615

APPROPRIATING \$6,145.38 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS, 1961, FUND NO. 479-19 PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF CYRUS B. WELLER AND FRANCES M. THORNTON, ET AL, IN SATISFACTION OF FINAL JUDGMENT IN CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-696 FOR 0.3169 OF ONE ACRE INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT THEREON AND DAMAGES TO REMAINDER OF TRACT IN N.C.B. 8674 AT SOUTHEAST CORNER OF HALM AND WESTERN, BEING PARCEL 61-6461 IN THE U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT.

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The Mayor stated that this was a substantial increase in the Commissioner's award.

Mr. Weber then explained that money first put on deposit with the County was for a partial taking only and the additional award by the Court was for damages on the remainder of the tract due to partial taking.

69-29 Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney, briefed the Council on the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,616

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEED TO VARIOUS PARTIES FOR PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS IN CONSIDERATION OF SUM LISTED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COSTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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Mr. Walker stated that this was a routine tax sale to Mr. Jake Jay Reich and others. The City had acquired these lots because of the back taxes due. This sale will enable the Tax Assessor and Collector to place these lots back on the tax roll and the City will begin to collect taxes from the new owner.

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

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69-29 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,617

APPROPRIATING \$1,150.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND #404 TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER PROJECT AND ACCEPTING CERTAIN SEWER EASEMENTS PERTAINING TO VICTORY GARDENS ADDITION, AND UNSEWERED ARE #51 PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,618

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF EMILIE STREET AND AUTHORIZING A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO THE FLORES S.W. MILITARY COMPANY IN CONSIDERATION OF \$4,925.00 AND THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES.

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69-29 Mr. Ed Koplán, Youth Coordinator, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Trevino seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

AN ORDINANCE 37,619

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1969 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM.

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In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Koplán stated that the funds would be used for the transportation of youths who are participating in the Summer Youth Program. Funds would be administered by the City. He stated that a group from NASA held several meetings this past week with the youths. Over 8,000 youngsters attended these meetings which was the most successful of many meetings conducted by NASA in over fifty cities.

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He gave a brief resume of the success of the Youth Program so far this summer.

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,620

AUTHORIZING THE PLAYLAND PARK CORPORATION OF SAN ANTONIO TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 4, 1969.

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

69-29 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,621

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 34324 DATED APRIL 1966 AND AUTHORIZING RETURN OF DEPOSITS RECEIVED PURSUANT THERETO; ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF CERTAIN STREET RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE AREA KNOWN AS AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK AS SHOWN BY ATTACHED EXHIBITS; AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS AND SERVICE INTO SUCH AREA BY THE CITY WATER BOARD; ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR FUNDING AND INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND SERVICE INTO SUCH AREA; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, AND SUCH OTHER PERMITS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO THE PROPERTIES IN SUCH AREA.

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Mr. Gerald Henckel, City Manager, explained that this ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 34324, which had been approved some time ago and which attempted to solve the situation at Airport Industrial Park. The individual property owners would be extended water and electrical services through contract with the utility companies. The City will maintain the streets, however, the City will not provide any drainage facilities. A sewer system will be installed and all property owners within 200 feet of the sewer line will be required to connect with the line and pay the pro rata share of the cost of installing such a sewer.

The City will provide police protection, garbage pick-up service, fire protection and street name and numbers for all buildings. It is hoped that this will solve this long standing problem.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Henckel stated that the proposed ordinance was acceptable to the property owners and the trouble arose before this particular area had been annexed by the City. It is hoped that instances such as this Airport Industrial Park will not occur again.

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

69-29 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

IN OPPOSITION TO ANY LIMITATION ON THE  
TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF INTEREST PAID ON  
MUNICIPAL BONDS.

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Mr. Gerald Henckel, City Manager, explained that there is a bill pending before Congress and if passed would drastically change the city's manner of funding public improvements and would definitely increase the burden on local tax payers and on users of public facilities.

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

Mr. Torres stated he abstained because he felt that this was a part of the tax reform package and has not seen the Bill being considered by Congress.

69-29 Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney, briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: Burke, James, Nielsen.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,622

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF  
RELEASE OF EASEMENT OVER TWO AREAS ON  
LOT 3, BLOCK 11, N.C.B. 12726, AND A  
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SOLOMAN  
FOGIEL PROVIDING FOR THE RELOCATION AND  
ADJUSTMENT OF TWO SEWER MAINS IN THE  
PLATTED SEWER EASEMENT ACROSS SAID  
PROPERTY.

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69-29 Mr. Carl Norris, City Engineer, briefed the Council on the following Ordinance and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

## AN ORDINANCE 37,623

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO ACCEPT A  
RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION GRANT PREVIOUSLY  
APPLIED FOR PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 37426  
PASSED AND APPROVED ON APRIL 17, 1969 FROM  
THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ADMINIS-  
TRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF THE INTERIOR.

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Mr. Henckel: I will give you a review of an outline of the budget and then call on Mr. Carl White, the Assistant Director of Finance, who will discuss the revenues. All of the department heads and their budget people are here to answer any questions that the council may have concerning any operation of any city department.

The new proposed budget is \$57,127,546, which is a substantial increase over last year's budget of \$4,780,000 or a net increase of 9.1.

The highlights of the budget includes expansion in betterment of the normal city services that we have been performing. \$425,000 is the normal salary instep increases of city employees. In addition, a new pay plan includes a general five percent across the board increase for all city employees with the exception of the unclassified, consisting of managers, department heads, assistant department heads, and secretaries to the department heads. All classified employees will receive the five percent increase.

In addition, there is an amount of \$205,000 roughly for an increase in police-fireman longevity pay. The State Legislature voted a bill increasing the longevity from \$2 to \$3 to be effective January, 1970. I am recommending to you in the budget that we make this \$1 increase of longevity effective August 1, and give it to them six months early.

The increase in supplies, commodities, and services is \$360,000. This is roughly six percent of about \$6,000,000 in purchases that the city does annually.

We have added additional employees to various departments: The City Clerks, the Finance Department, the City Attorney's office, the Health Department, and the Police Department. Fifty new policemen are being added, which brings our authorized strength of the Police Department to 950. There are approximately 125 other city employees that are being added to this year's budget. We have nine additional firemen.

If you will note, we are replacing some of our old equipment, which has been an uphill climb over the past five to eight years. We have discussed annually the fact that the maintenance cost, in many cases, on an individual piece of equipment will approach or exceed the price of new equipment. We have never been in a financial position before where we could go with considerable capital outlay of replacing this old, worn-out equipment. So in this year's budget there are many, many items of replacement of equipment which we think will be a direct savings to the city as it relates to the maintenance of our old equipment.

In addition, we are adding some equipment. I might point out to you, as you recall, every week or every two weeks we are taking on through annexation additional subdivisions. This means that the city must perform the services that we give other citizens of San Antonio to the new areas. It's

difficult when you spread thin the same amount of personnel and the same amount of equipment to give this service. It means longer hours for the city employees. It means more wear and tear on the equipment.

There is a comparison in the budget document that was sent to you showing the per-capita of city employees comparing San Antonio with the other cities in Texas. You will note that we are the lowest in so far as the number of employees per 1,000 population than any of the major cities of Texas, and many being smaller than San Antonio. I think this is a fine reflection on the employees who are serving the citizens. This means that they are doing more in their day than the employees of other cities. I want you and the citizens to know this. This is one of the factors that I have certainly considered in upgrading the classifications of pay for our city employees with a five percent increase. Included in the budget is the upgrading of 296 of the 352 classifications we have, in addition to the five percent.

As you recall, there is not a month that goes by we do not have a problem that arises as a result of not being able to get employees for a particular operation; or we lose good employees who are trained and experienced because they are offered better jobs locally and out of town. So in order to get good people and to keep the good people we have, we are attempting to bring the salary of city employees up to a level where we are competing locally and state-wide.

Of the 296 classifications that are being upgraded, 198 of them are being upgraded one range, 88 of them two ranges, five classifications three ranges, two of them four ranges, two of them five ranges, and one goes six ranges with five percent between ranges. This does not mean an automatic raise, but it does mean that the range of that salary is now in a bracket where the employees who are doing their job well will be placed in the same category as they would in other jobs. It means that we will be able to have good people because the range is sufficient.

Just some interesting information for you. The police patrolman, since the fiscal year 1964-65, has an increase of 43.18%. This shows you how far behind we were five years ago. Other employees have increased anywhere from 20 to 25% depending upon the classification.

The council should be commended for going along with the recommended increases in this budget. I am recommending, in addition to the five percent across the board, that at the end of six months we review the salaries of the laborers. If the revenue should exceed what we estimate it to be, first priority should be given to an additional five percent for the laborers at that time. I can't emphasize enough the turnover in city employment. This is what bogs down our operation. In order to keep turnover at a minimum, it is necessary that we pay wages that are respectable; and this budget certainly respects that.

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Mayor McAllister: Mr. Henckel, you mention the fact that the budget provided for, besides the 50 new police, 125 additional employees. Approximately what is our city employee payroll? I mean the number on the payroll?

Mr. Henckel: About 4,400. We have some temporary employees that are seasonal so it fluctuates.

Mr. Hill: Jerry, I believe that is a total including the 125 police. It is 72 other than the 50 policemen. I went through this thing three times unless I can't add.

Mr. Henckel: Yes, you're correct. A total of 125-- 50 of them being policemen, nine being firemen. Of course, they are pointed out in the various divisions in the budget. The department heads will be able to give you an explanation on what the additional employees are going to do. Some of them explained here in the cover letter. Included, of course, are some of the programs in which we have increased appropriations for this year. The new budget includes a new appropriation for one-year programs: The Food-Stamp program being one of them, the two additional case workers, and the Park-Ranger force. You go right on down the line. I think you are familiar with those. New employees have been added to the Library department, and there is an increase of \$20,000 for books.

Also included in the budget is a new position for a second assistant city manager. For the past three or four years the council has been concerned about the city not having a federal coordinator. A person whose responsibility would be to administer all of the federal programs that the city is now receiving, but in particular to keep abreast of all the programs that are available that we are not participating in. We have had various members of the staff and individual department heads do this. It has become a full-time job because it is not just a question of going through all of the federal instruments. It is a question of this particular individual having the proper contacts in Washington and at state level so we can be advised of procedures. When new programs are available, we can get in on them early in order that we receive appropriations before they run out.

City government throughout the states in the past year has had many additional problems. We, fortunately, have not been drastically involved; but it is obvious that federal funding is available. It is certainly my belief that the city of San Antonio should try to get as much help as we can because this in return just relieves the taxpayer of the individual burden--the local taxpayer.

The second responsibility of this position would be to coordinate the comprehensive planning of the city. Master planning is the most important thing that the city can do. To provide ahead five, ten, fifteen, twenty, even fifty years. To try to anticipate the problem and have solutions before they arrive. It is costly to meet a crisis and to wait for the crisis. I think each member of this council has discussed previously and are most concerned about the master planning. We need to place more emphasis on it. The position of a second

assistant city manager, and the reason I have selected this title rather than federal coordinator or a planning position, is he would have the authority necessary over all departments rather than being on the status of a department head of an individual department. I have interviewed two people already. It is going to be a difficult job to fill because of the experience and ability that is required. I will not fill it until I get the proper person.

In the budget, the budget officer, Finance Department, manager, and staff have cut approximately \$3,000,000 of requests submitted by departments. This is standard procedure every year. The instructions to the department heads this year was, "Only ask for the minimum." Mr. White, of course, will give you an explanation of the revenues. I would like to point out that the only reason and the only way that the city can have an increased budget without an increase in the tax rate, the budget provides the same tax rate which we had last year, is because of the additional revenue the city will receive because of the additional city sales tax. Because of this we will be able to give the citizens better service than we have ever had before. Are there any questions? I would be glad to answer. If not, I will have Mr. White talk about the revenues.

Mayor McAllister: How many federal programs of various kinds does the city of San Antonio participate in now?

Mr. Henckel: Not too many, Mayor. Probably less than 20. There are thousands of them available.

Mayor McAllister: The check in cities where I have contacted the mayors any time during the last two or three months, I didn't attend the U.S. conference of Mayors, but did meet with a group of Mayors in San Diego; and in Oakland, California, there are only 124 federal subsidized programs.

Mr. Nielson: Mr. Henckel, this would assist us greatly if you and the council--I mean the policy determination regarding programs and in planning?

Mr. Henckel: This is correct.

Mr. Hill: Mr. Mayor, I would like to comment on this turnover rate. I went through this thing and I discussed this briefly with Mr. Henckel. I took six departments where they have 200 or more people, 32% turnover. In order to hire an individual and put him on the job, it costs you about a \$100. So this turnover rate of 32% is pretty costly.

Mayor McAllister: I would say that the turnover has been rapid in all areas of business except the Police-Fire Department, and I would also say that your \$100 per is a very, very low estimate.

Mr. Hill: This is just getting him on the job. This doesn't include training. This is just the paper work and processing.

Mr. Torres: In comparison with other Texas cities, Jerry, where we come in lowest. Is there any particular category of employees that we are lowest in, or is that just across the board. In other words, are we lacking more public works employees, policemen, or any one particular area where we are short?

Mr. Henckel: Well, you can't analyze it that way because of the different operations of the various cities and the way the departments operate. Also, because of the type of service they perform. For instance, we are one of the few cities in the country that has garbage pick up three times a week. Many of them are twice or just one time. There are not many cities that I know of, any city that I know of, that provides free brush pick up. This is a very costly thing. In many cases a citizen on one brush pick up, the cost of that pick up if he had to pay for it would exceed what his city taxes are for the whole year.

So you must consider your work program. You must consider the type of activities of the various departments. Either one of two things has happened: Either we are not doing the job as well or our employees are doing a lot more. I think it is obvious that they are doing more. The same thing referring to the Police Department. You hear repeatedly that we are undermanned. Yet, I think the record speaks for itself. The fact is that the requirements of becoming a policeman here are much more rigid, and we have never lowered those requirements in order just to put bodies on. We could increase easily the number of men on the force by lessening the requirements. Qualified people, in my opinion, are much more important than numbers of people; and I am certainly convinced that the city has qualified people.

Mr. Hill: I don't think you can get a true comparison this way. I think you have to live with the job and the equipment. You take the Fire Department where you have 1,000 gallon per minute pumpers. The people that are operating these pumpers will tell you that they need to have four people; and in some cases of sick leave or annual leave, they only have three. So in my analysis of people, where we are adding nine, I think we are still a little short as far as being able to man the equipment to the point it should be in order to effectively do their job.

Mr. Torres: I just want to carry this thing one step further if you will bear with me. How, just take one particular department, say the police, how do we compare in our Police Department per-capita with other cities in the state?

Mr. Henckel: In number of policemen, of course we are much lower per-capita than Dallas, Houston, and Fort Worth. I would have to check the figures as far as other cities are concerned. Carl just pointed out to me that again it is difficult to make a fair comparison until you actually know the work program of the department. For instance, we do not operate a jail as other cities do. Then you must take into consideration

the amount of civilian employees that you do have. Many departments have most of their clerical departments filled with uniform men. For the past five years we have been trying to eliminate the clerical positions in the police department with uniformed men and replacing them with civilians. A position that is clerical, for instance, if you replace a patrolman getting \$650 a month with a \$350 clerk-typist who can handle it, then we are certainly getting much more efficiency. We are also relieving a policeman who is qualified to do a particular job for work in the field. I think this is why the results of the Police Department of San Antonio and the other departments speak so well, even though we do have less number of employees. I am not a believer in any national criteria of having so many employees per thousand population just because that happens to be average. I believe that you need to have the qualified employees necessary to get the job done. I think we are getting the job done.

Mr. Torres: I only have one more question. Jerry, on number 5, are you or someone else later going to expand on the financing program of 1969?

Mr. Henckel: Yes sir, we will certainly do that.

Mrs. Cockrell: Mr. Mayor, I just want to add one comment on the overall approach to personnel. That is, that I am really very pleased with the budget this year, particularly because of the increases in pay ranges which I think brings many of our employees up to a more equitable pay range than they have been before. I feel that one of the criteria of good management is certainly to be responsive to the needs of the employees, and I want to congratulate Mr. Henckel because I think his budget is really quite outstanding in this respect. I think we are taking awareness of the needs of our employees and taking care of their problems to a much greater degree than any previous city budget. So I just want to say congratulations, Mr. Henckel.

Mr. Henckel: Thank you, but I would like to pass that down to the staff. They're the people that really do the job.

Mr. Torres: If it was wrong we would really blame you, so you might as well take the credit.

Mr. Trevino: Let me ask you, "Does this budget affect any increase in management pay?"

Mr. Henckel: No sir. That is the prerogative of the council.

Mr. Torres: You see, you got to complimenting so much that it has gotten to the point where it is costing you money.

Mr. White: If you will turn over to page 3 on the narrative booklet, we will start with the Legal Department

revenue. What you see on page 3 are the summaries. We have about 280 revenue sources. What is listed here on page 3 are the major classifications of revenue. You will note that we have estimated somewhat of a deep freeze in city sales tax this year, and that is primarily because of the Hemisfair impact. We are not sure exactly what that was, but we think that the revenue next year will be a little less than it was this year.

The current property taxes, I will ask you now to flip over to page 8. You will note that property tax rate remains the same, \$1.89. We estimate the same percentage of collections, and this yields an increase of about \$1,000,000 in property taxes. The difference here and the real benefit is that the interest and redemption requirements are less, which means that more of the tax rate is available for operation and is going into the general fund. Down at the bottom of that schedule you will note distribution. The general fund this year is receiving about \$14,000,000. Next year, it will be \$16,000,000 although we have only got a million-dollar increase in revenues. Our interest and redemption fund requirements are on the downgrade.

The next item is delinquent property taxes, and that starts on page 9. One other thing I want to mention in regard to the current property taxes, one cent of the tax rate now produces \$112,272. It used to be just a little over \$100,000. The distribution at the bottom of the table shows the amount going to each fund. We estimate that we will receive about a \$1,900,000 next year in delinquent taxes and about a \$1,800,000 this year. We think the estimates are neither optimistic or pessimistic, somewhere in between those two. The next item on the schedule is penalty and interest, and that is collected along with delinquent taxes. So if we have an increase in delinquent taxes, we are going to have an increase in penalty and interest.

The next item is the Housing Authority of \$68,000, and that is computed at the rate of ten percent of their net shelter rent. The Housing Authority pays that in lieu of taxes. Then we have business and franchise taxes \$568,767. That is from the telephone company and the taxi-cab companies. They pay us a business and franchise tax. Then the next item on the schedule is the city public service board.

Mr. Torres: Why is there a reduction in that, Carl?

Mr. White: Under business and franchise taxes. Primarily it is the taxi-cabs. The taxi-cabs for some strange reason have had a decline in the taxi-cab revenue. I think it is because our transit company had done a much better job. So we still don't lose. We will pick it up in just a minute, and I will show you where we get that.

The C.P.S.B. is an estimated increase, and this is based on their estimate. I want to point out here that only a portion of this is cash; the rest is services. We get about

\$7,800,000 cash and \$3,000,000 worth of services. So this is not all money that we can spend. This is strictly services; they don't pay us any cash. The city transit company, this is based on three percent of their gross. They also pay for the bonds that are outstanding. That is another point, though. Licenses and permits are estimated on about the same level as they are this year, except for a decrease in building permits. Fines are estimated on about the same level, \$1,650,000.

Mr. Hill: Is this traffic fines? I mean is this parking, misdemeanors? With all the added policemen we aren't going to catch any more people are we?

Mr. White: Yes sir, this is all corporation court fines. This is a revenue source.

Dr. Nielsen: They will also be available for other things besides catching people. Reduce crime rate.

Mr. White: Use of money and property is the amount that we earn on interest at the bank; and there is a slight decrease there, but not much of one. Primarily, this is because of the interest and redemption requirements being less. Other agencies, Bexar County. Bexar County pays us for health services, metropolitan health district, for library services, and for welfare. There is a slight increase estimated there for the health department and the library. Charges for current services. This is our largest revenue category. We have about 150 accounts in this category, and it is estimated on about the same level. It is a little less. We have a \$1,161,000 in that category. Hemisfair Plaza, because of it being open for twelve months next year, there is an increase in this category. It was only open for ten months this year. We hope that will be larger than we estimated. We are afraid of it. Municipal enterprises, are the markets, and cemeteries. They are about on the same level. The next one is convention facilities, and the increase here is in the convention center and tower.

Dr. Nielsen: When the convention facilities rentals are greater, what is the projection in five or ten years? Or has anybody made such an estimate?

Mr. White: No sir, we have the data to do that. I think we have the convention schedule, but that would be in addition to any local events we would have.

Dr. Nielsen: You don't have any figures available?

Mr. White: No. We could make you one. Other revenue sources are sale of property, which is at the same level, recovery of expenditures, contributions from other city funds, contributions from other agencies, and miscellaneous revenue. Those are all at the current level.

Now I want to cover the other funds in the book on page 10. There is an interest and redemption fund. Down at

the bottom of the page you will see the ending balance figure there of \$6,511,945 of the proposed budget and the estimated requirements next year is \$6,466,945. Not estimated, these are actual requirements. The line in between, that is reserved for paying of tower bonds. This in essence is profits from the tower that have been accumulated and placed in a reserve fund. The total down there is an accumulation of each year. In other words, the \$552,379 was the actual for 1967-1968. Then the accumulation brings that to \$1,231,480 for the current year. That is not a profit during the current year but includes the profit from the previous year plus the profit from the current year. The \$1,812,827 is the profit of the three years. It is an accumulation.

Mr. Henckel: I think we can continue to say that the tower is doing real well.

Mayor McAllister: When the first payment of the bonds come due?

Mr. White: This next year.

Mr. Hill: We're earning considerable more on our money than we're paying?

Mr. White: Yes sir. We're earning 6 1/2 percent on our money or will be August 1, and we are paying less than a four. On page 11, we have airport administration fund. The revenues there of administration fund are actually derived from the international airport revenue fund and channeled through the general fund. The general fund pays out \$430,000 and receives \$430,000. This is an requirement of the bond indenture. So the revenue there says contribution from general fund. It has to be this way because of the indenture, and is really international airport revenues. International airport is a self-supporting enterprise. On page 12 is international airport revenue fund. You will notice there under appropriations transfer of general fund of \$467,500. The general fund really receives a little bit of a profit here. We retain \$37,500 for administrative expenses. Pay the balance to the administration fund to cover the administration of the airport.

On page 13 is Stinson Airport Fund. It is operating at about a break-even situation. We have a project out there now that is taking quite a bit of revenue, but it is a one-year project. It is not a continuing thing.

Mr. Torres: What is that contribution from other agencies?

Mr. White: That is the federal government. The other contribution from other government agencies? We have a federal project out there right now that will be completed by the end of the year. The federal government pays 1/2 of the cost. That is the reason for it. It is based on a project. On page 14 is the City-County Tuberculosis Fund.

Included in that amount is an increase that the city-county tuberculosis board asked the city for. That is included in this budget and it is supported by tax money. You will notice an increase there of \$183,520 from a current of \$140,000.

On page 15 is the Sewer Revenue Fund. This is the sewer service charge and, not shown here but the planning is in progress, for a revenue bond issue some time this next year to increase the construction of the sewer system. Now we are showing the total revenues as being appropriated for capital outlay, capital construction. Some of that money will have to be transferred, if additional bonds are sold, to the interest redemption fund to cover whatever bonds are sold. This fund accounts for the entire sewer operations--the engineering, sewer plants, the sewer maintenance, and construction.

Convention Bureau Fund is found on page 16. This is the hotel-motel occupancy tax. We have the operating budget there. There is an increase in the revenues this next year.

Mayor McAllister: You let your ending balance get down a little. I thought you were going to build that up, Mr. Henckel?

Mr. Henckel: The way the operation is there, the better job they do, the more room nights they are going to fill in San Antonio. So the revenues will reach the point where we will be able to increase that ending balance.

Mr. White: I would also like to point out here that the budget here is based on maximum needs. We should have a savings in the appropriations. For example, in the total budget, you will notice, was about \$220,000. We are only going to spend about \$171,000 this year. So there should be some accumulation there.

Mr. Henckel: I would like to point out on page 6 some of the projects the council is aware of: School sidewalk project--\$100,000. The \$100,000 for Espada Dam and relocation of facilities for the River Authority, which is an advance payment; but you will also notice \$80,000 for the Delgado bridge, which a request made to the council. An additional \$40,000 for widening the Woodlawn bridge. The plans of S.A.R.A. for a 30-foot bridge. Our master plan calls for Woodlawn to eventually be a 42-foot street so we are providing for the bridge at this time because it is much cheaper to do it at the time of total construction.

I want to make one other comment which I think is very vital to this budget on page 4. The last figure, the ending balance. You will note that for the first time we have a \$2,000,000 beginning and ending balance. As I have stated to the council previously, I think that it is necessary, and

this is a result of consultation with finance people in New York, that in order for San Antonio to receive a AA bond rating, which is the highest we can achieve, we have done everything as far as operation with the exception of having our beginning and ending balances in a position which they consider ample. Hypothetically, this would mean if we receive a AA rating; that if we should have a bond issue around \$50,000,000, that on that particular issue alone we would save \$2,000,000 in interest at the current rates. So it is nothing but money in the bank for the city in the future. I certainly recommend to you and the citizens that no matter what our problems may be in the future, that we try to keep our beginning and ending balance at this figure. In the previous years, every time we had a crisis arrive we took money from the contingencies; and as a result, you can see at the end of 1968 we were down to \$797,000. We have got many contingencies that could happen in the budget. The torts law, for instance. We have tried to provide for all these things in the budget. We have tried to anticipate these special projects so that we will not have to deplete the reserves that are necessary for the city, the same as any other corporations. Are there any questions for Mr. White or the department heads? Ask any questions you so desire?

Mayor McAllister: The contingency you said was how much? \$210,000, isn't it?

Mr. Henckel: The new contingency will be \$750,000. Three quarters of a million dollars. The beginning and ending balance which will reflect the \$2,000,000 figure this coming year.

Mr. Torres: Is there any allowance to make up for our agreement with the water board on the chill-cooling plant? What did we spend on that in the last year?

Mr. Henckel: We did not spend anything. We have not had any requests from the water board. It is based on their operations, Mr. Torres, of the chill-water system. Of course, it is our job to try in any way to provide additional customers to them so they wouldn't be a deficit where they wouldn't have to ask the city for money. This was a guarantee, but there has never been any appropriation made. It was \$100,000 over a five-year period. So this would be the most they would ask us for if they got in a situation. I mean it would have to come out of the contingency fund.

Dr. Calderon: In view of the reduction of the interest and redemption fund for this year of a million dollars, would the fund still be adequate to provide for a bond issue during this fiscal year?

Mr. Henckel: Yes sir, we are convinced that we can have an issue this year without any increase in the tax rate. Of course, we would not pay this year out of the fund should we have an issue. It would be out of next year's budget when we would have the first payment. The fact that we reached a

peak in our present budget year, it is on the decline so we can handle future issues by supplementing this fund just what the decline would be. We are convinced that we can handle an issue without an increase. I am talking again hypothetically because I have no idea as to what amount we are talking about in an issue, but we would certainly give you the figures to show how much of a bond issue we can handle without an increase in taxes.

Mr. Torres: What would be your guess at this time?

Mr. Henckel: I would roughly say \$50,000,000.

Mr. Torres: What are our liabilities on renewal agreements?

Mr. Henckel: It is in the budget on page 6 in special funds. We have a \$473,665 appropriation which would be based on a three-year corporation agreement with Urban Renewal. As you will recall, we have been working on a five-year agreement. The people in Fort Worth of H.U.D. have indicated they would not recommend a five year, but would go along with three. I personally think three is better because the sooner we get it paid off the better off we are because it just reduces that figure above it, the rental on the property we are not buying. So the money is available. If necessary, we are going to have to do this anyway because the regulations of the federal government. So the money is available in the budget.

Mr. Torres: \$1,500,000 will take care of the remaining land purchases in the area?

Mr. Henckel: No sir. We have already made some purchases out of the present budget with sales tax money. We paid for the property where the water board is. We paid for the property, the six additional acres to the State of Texas, so the \$473,000 represents the balance we owe Urban Renewal. So after this year, we owe them \$900,000.

Speaker: Do you think the \$175,000 for the other Urban Renewal is adequate?

Mr. Henckel: This is just one particular project. As the council is aware, because of the credit system which fluctuates almost weekly, we keep bickering back and forth; and there is no way we can pin point a future liability because of all the new programs and we keep getting credit for the improvements the city has made on other programs and we think financially we can carry any other Urban Renewal projects we are considering through this budget without any additional appropriations.

About the department heads, they are the ones that prepared these budgets and they are willing to justify any of their appropriations. Do you have any questions to ask of them? I want to thank Mr. Hill, whom I have called on to

give me a little help on some phases of the budget. I took advantage of his previous management experience and he certainly gave me a lot of time, and I want to thank him publicly.

69-29      1969-1970 Chamber of Commerce Budget Request

Mr. John Steen, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation of expanded industrial and tourist advertising program to be carried out for the city by the Chamber of Commerce; and asked the council to appropriate \$230,000 for this purpose in the 1969-1970 budget. (A copy of the presentation is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Councilman Torres complimented the Chamber of Commerce for the fine work it is doing in the community. He, however, expressed his opposition to a contract with the Chamber of Commerce and referred to a North Carolina court decision, "Ketchie vs Hedrick," and the City Attorney's opinion on same.

The City Attorney advised there are many facets to this problem. One is with the theory of law concerning delegation of authority. He stated he has been told the city is going to be sued, and the city is going to have to show that it is contracting with the Chamber of Commerce or other agency to perform an advertising service in which the city determines the service it wants.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell asked that the City Attorney review the matter and discuss the legal aspects with the council at a later date.

Councilman Hill stated it was his good fortune and pleasure to work with the Chamber of Commerce on a lot of industrial and community work. He felt that in his association with the Chamber of Commerce and other people of the community, it is to the best interest of all the citizens for the Council, through the Legal Department, to come up with a document and a contract whereby the city can continue to use the people in the Chamber of Commerce who he considered to be experts. They are doing an excellent job in tourist promotion and industrial expansion work, not only with local industry but also encouraging industry to move into San Antonio, for which Mr. Hill complimented them.

69-29      Hemisfair Plaza Feasibility Study

Mr. John Steen, President of the Chamber of Commerce, asked permission of the Council for the Chamber of Commerce to employ a nationally recognized planning research firm to make a feasibility study of Hemisfair Plaza and come up with a master plan. The Chamber of Commerce would bear the expense of the study, which is estimated to be \$10,000. He felt the plan could be expedited and completed in possibly ninety days.

City Manager Henckel advised that the study would not conflict with his recommendation if the council authorized

long-term leases in the restaurant area and Lake Pavilion area, even though the study would be for the entire area.

Mr. Trevino made a motion that the offer of the Chamber of Commerce to have a feasibility study made of Hemisfair Plaza at its expense be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29      Long-Term Leases--Hemisfair Plaza

Mrs. Cockrell made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with negotiating long-term leases for the areas around Gate One and the Lake Pavilion at Hemisfair Plaza. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29      Salary of City Manager

Councilman Trevino made a motion that the salary of the City Manager be increased from \$27,500 to \$30,000 per year, and that it be incorporated in the new budget. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29      Salary of City Clerk and Corporation Court Judges

Mrs. Cockrell made a motion to increase the salaries of the following officials over which the Council has direct control: The City Clerk to \$14,000; the Presiding Judge of Corporation from \$1,083 monthly to \$1,135 per month; and the other three judges from \$958 monthly to \$1,000 per month. The increases to be incorporated in the new budget. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

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ARCHITECT - EAST SIDE HEALTH CLINIC

City Manager Henckel stated they have a request from the State Department of Health regarding the East side Health Clinic which is a reversal of the normal procedures. Before they can give an answer to the city's application for a grant of Hill-Burton Funds, it is necessary that an architect be hired. In this case the City will have to comply with their request and Mr. Henckel recommended that in the contract with the architect provision be made that in the event that this provision is not funded, there will be no fee paid to the architect for any work he does up to that point.

The Manager recommended Mr. Mario Gonzales as the architect for this project. He has been on the approved list of architects but when his name came up for consideration he was dropped because he has been serving as a member of the Fine Arts Commission for the past three years.

Action on selection of an architect was withheld until the Council has had a chance to consider it.

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MODEL CITIES BOARD MEETING

Mr. Fred Rodriguez, Model Cities Director, asked the City Council to meet with a committee of the Model Cities Board to determine the direct responsibilities and authority of the Model Cities Board.

The meeting is to be held in the basement conference room at 1:00 p.m.

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CASSIANO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RECREATION PROJECT

Dr. Calderon discussed the proposal and stated that the Staff had made a report to the Council on this and that it was then up to the Council to take action on the request. In the meantime the Federal Government has accepted the City's application on the Model Cities Program. By virtue of this action the Council should at this time refer this proposal to the Model Cities Board since all activities in this area must now go through that Board. He asked for the Council to concur in this and have the City Manager refer the proposal to the Model Cities Department. He added that Mr. Dario Chapa has agreed to this procedure.

No action was taken as this will be discussed at the informal session.

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69-29 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Sam Snell presented a petition signed by seven merchants in the 100 block of Jefferson Street requesting relief relative to parking and traffic flow in front of their stores.

Specifically they ask that curb space be provided in front of their store where customers could stop for five or ten minutes for emergency errands to their businesses.

He felt such short-term parking would not impede the existing flow of traffic. He presented the results of a traffic survey of cars stopped at the red light, north bound on Jefferson Street at its intersection with Travis Street on Thursday and Friday, June 19th and 20th for consideration of the Council.

The request was referred to the City Manager and the Traffic Department for study and report to the City Council.

69-29 CUPPLES CORPORATION - RE: CLOSING OF BAY AND BEECH STREETS

Mrs. Frances Levenson brought up her request for delivery of a Quitclaim Deed to Bay and Beech Streets without any restrictions.

City Manager Henckel advised that the City could not recommend delivery of the Deed without retaining easements for the sewer lines which are in the streets.

An examination of the proposed Quitclaim Deed to the Cupples Corporation by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, revealed that the field notes were written as prepared by Mrs. Levenson's Engineer when it was proposed that the property be replatted. These field notes called for dedication of more property than the City was requiring. It was brought out that the City only needed 15 foot easements. This was agreeable to Mrs. Levenson. No further action by the Council was required as the Quitclaim Deed had already been authorized. The field notes in the Quitclaim Deed will be rewritten subject only to the utility easements which the City needs.

69-29 MRS. RENE McCALLEB, REPRESENTING THE CASSIANO HOMES RESIDENCE ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY-WIDE WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION

Mrs. McCalleb stated the Cassiano Homes area is congested. The area includes the Alazan Courts and San Juan Homes. She stated that even though the area is congested, the people are not getting the benefit of the Cassiano Pool and are not attending because they do not have the admission fee. She asked that the Council consider making the Cassiano Park Swimming Pool a free one.

The Mayor stated that the matter would be taken under consideration by the Council.

69-29            Zoning Case 3641

Mr. Dudley Fryor asked the City Council to reconsider its action of June 19 in denying the rezoning in case number 3641. He stated the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the change, but the Council has denied it by a 4--2 vote with 3 members of the Council being absent.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Torres, the council voted to rehear the case. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Hill, Torres; NAYS: Trevino; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29            Zoning Case 3594

The City Clerk advised the Council that Mr. James Gillespie, attorney in zoning case 3594 which is scheduled to be heard on July 3, had requested that the hearing be postponed for two weeks.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the hearing on zoning case 3594 was postponed to July 17, 1979. The motion prevailed by the following: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

69-29            Mr. John Navaaro

Advised the Council that the Nowak Tower Coffee House will present a five-day Multi-Cultural Community Happening beginning June 29 and continuing through July 6.

There will be a dance on June 29 at St. Ann's gym at the corner of West Ashby and Fredericksburg Road to raise funds in order to continue the rest of the project. He presented each member of the council with a copy of the program and invited them to participate in this project.

69-29            Petition of Colonias Unidas Council

Mr. Pablo Tijerina presented a petition signed by members of the Colonias Unidas Council requesting the city to investigate drainage problems and conditions of the following streets: Castroville Road, San Joaquin, Valencia, Mascasa, Calle Romero, Arteago, El Paso between S. San Gabriel and S. San Horacio, and Nogales.

The request was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

69-29MISS LUCY SAUCEDO-SANYO

Miss LUCY SAUCEDO-SANYO stated that she and her friends are members of the present graduating class of the San Antonio Neighborhood Youth Organization. She extended a personal invitation to the members of the Council to attend the graduating exercises to be held on Friday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Thiry Auditorium of our Lady of the Lake College.

69-29Legal Fees

Mrs. Cockrell stated that at the Council's request they have received reports from all of the five city boards, who have the authority to arrange for legal services. They also have a report from the City Attorney. She recommended that the complete file on the matter of legal fees, including the original memorandum from Mr. Torres, the memorandum in which the Council concurred in asking for information from the various boards and all the reports that have come back from the boards be sent to the San Antonio Bar Association and ask them to seek an advisory opinion from the Ethics Committee of the State Bar Association on the following two points: 1. To review all the documents relating to legal fees and to advise the City Council as to whether or not they feel that they are within the limitation of what is fair and reasonable or to advise if they have another opinion on the matter. 2. Review the matter of the contractual arrangement between the City Water Board and Mr. Sam Wolf, and to advise the City Council if they feel there is any indication of any conflict of interest in that arrangement.

She felt that by receiving this from the State Bar Association through the Ethics Committee that the Council will receive professional, impartial advice on this matter; which will be of assistance to the Council in resolving its responsibilities in the matter.

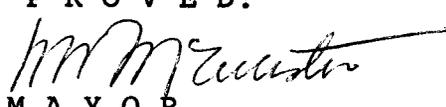
Mrs. Cockrell then moved that the Council ask the assistance of the San Antonio Bar Association in seeking the advisory opinion from the Ethics Committee of the State Bar Association in the matter of legal fees as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill.

The motion prevailed by the following voting:  
 AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres;  
 NAYS: None; ABSENT: Burke, James.

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

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