

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL
PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, AUGUST
17, 1995.

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95-36 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor William E. Thornton, with the following members present: FLORES, McCLENDON, BILLA BURKE, AVILA, SOLIS, HERRERA, ROSS, MARBUT, PEAK, WEBSTER, THORNTON; Absent: NONE.

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95-36 Invocation - Mr. Kevin Connolly, Youth Minister, MacArthur Park Lutheran Church.

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95-36 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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95-36 Minutes of the June 8, 1995, June 15, 1995, and June 22, 1995 Regular City Council Meetings were approved.

95-36 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE AWARD PRESENTATION

Mayor Thornton announced that the Annual Neighborhood Conference was held on June 10, 1995. Several Council members presented awards to their respective Neighborhood Associations and expressed appreciation for their efforts to improve their neighborhoods.

Mayor Thornton stated the City as a whole has benefitted from the involvement of the Neighborhood Associations.

95-36 1994-95 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRADUATES

Mayor Thornton described the City's Leadership Development Program's purpose; which is to develop leaders from inside the organization. For thirty-two weeks, participants received management development training and information on such topics as economic development, cross functional communications, technology changes and strategic planning.

City Manager Alexander Briseno then spoke in detail as to how this cross training will benefit the City in the future, and introduced the members of the Program's Steering Committee and the first graduates of the program.

Mayor Thornton extended his congratulations to the students and thanked them for their involvement in such a worthwhile endeavor.

Councilman Peak congratulated City Manager Briseno for his foresight in establishing this Development Program.

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95-36 HEART OF LOS ANGELES "PROJECT TAKE OFF" YOUTH PROGRAM

Mayor Thornton recognized fifteen inner-city youths from the California-based education youth group, Heart of Los Angeles "Project Take Off", present in the audience.

Mr. Rafael Orta, representative for the group, stated they participated in a year-long tutoring program, designed to encourage them to stay in school, and thus earned the privilege of being flown to San Antonio courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

Mayor Thornton stated that while in San Antonio they will participate in activities that will teach them about the history between the United States and Mexico. He also asked that the group meet with Sergio Soto, Director, Youth Initiatives, who has stated there are now 118,000 youths active in "The CO". Mayor Thornton also spoke of our Education Partnership that has been so successful.

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95-36 SWEARING IN OF HENRY AVILA AS MAYOR PRO TEM

At this time, Assistant City Clerk, Dick Porter, swore in Councilman Henry Avila as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Thornton congratulated Councilman Avila and stated his term as Mayor Pro Tem would begin August 22, 1995 through November 1, 1995.

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95-36 CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve Agenda Items 7 through 20, constituting the Consent Agenda. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut,

Peak, Webster, Thornton; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 82,633

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF C K S HYDRO SERVICES, INC. D/B/A TEXAS HYDRO SERVICES FOR THE REMOVAL OF RUNWAY RUBBER FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$17,580.00

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AN ORDINANCE 82,634

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF NATKIN SERVICE COMPANY TO REPAIR THE NORTH CENTRAL CHILLER AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR A TOTAL OF \$18,350.85.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,635

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF APPLEWHITE TOWING EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE TWO WRECKER CRANE AND BODY ASSEMBLIES FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$35,752.00. (WBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 82,636

ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE 1995-95 FISCAL YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$619,000.00. (MBE/WBE, COPIES OF ALL BID PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT).

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AN ORDINANCE 82,637

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF E-Z BELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$509,850.45 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GARNETT STREET DRAINAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$35,403.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$800.00 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND

PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,638

APPROVING A THREE YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THAT ORGANIZATION'S USE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED FACILITIES IN LA VILLITA FOR THEIR ANNUAL "LA FERIA DEL RIO" FUND RAISING EVENT IN 1995 FOR \$7,000.00, IN 1996 FOR \$7,250.00 AND IN 1997 FOR \$7,500.00; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SAID LICENSE AGREEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,639

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,959.00 FOR TITLE SERVICES ON THE WESTERN AVENUE DRAINAGE #74, PHASE III B & C, THE HI-LIONS DRAINAGE PROJECT #80; THE HUEBNER ROAD PROJECT - VANCE JACKSON TO FREDERICKSBURG ROAD; AND THE F.M. 1517 (ECKHERT ROAD) PROJECT - S. H. 16 TO HUEBNER ROAD; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,640

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATE, INCLUDING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE FROM LRP SAN ANTONIO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP TO HMC RETIREMENT PROPERTIES, INC., A DELAWARE CORPORATION AND A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF HOST MARRIOTT CORPORATION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXISTING LEASE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO-OWNED GERMAN-ENGLISH SCHOOL LOCATED AT 421 S. ALAMO STREET; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,641

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY TO ADMINISTER AND PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER TITLE 1 OF THE RYAN WHITE COMPREHENSIVE AIDS RESOURCE EMERGENCY ACT OF 1990 FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$770,444.00 FOR THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 27, 1995 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 1996; ESTABLISHING A FUND; ADOPTING A BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUB-CONTRACTS WITH

AIDS/HIB SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER THE PROJECT; AUTHORIZING CONTRACTUAL SERVICES; AND APPROVING A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,642

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES), SECTION 19-68(b) TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SCHEDULE FOR "STOP" SIGNS, "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" SIGNS, "PROHIBITED PARKING AT ALL TIMES" SIGNS, AND "PROHIBITED TURN" SIGNS; AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF SAID DEVICES; DECLARING THEM AS OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THESE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO BE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00, AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTION 19-225 (ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING VIOLATIONS).

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AN ORDINANCE 82,643

SELECTING SEDGWICK JAMES OF TEXAS, INC. AS THE CITY'S INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD TO ACQUIRE EXCESS OR DIFFICULT-TO-PLACE INSURANCE COVERAGES AND TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT ON INSURANCE AND OTHER BROKER-RELATED ISSUES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$127,000.00; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,644

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND RISK MANAGER TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO SETTLE THE CLAIM OF EVELYN CLAUDINE BROWN, CLAIM NO. 60978-01, AGAINST THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,180.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,645

SELECTING NEW WORLD COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE

CONSULTANT SERVICES TO CREATE AND REDESIGN DEPARTMENTAL LITERATURE PERTAINING TO THE MARKETING OF THE CITY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000.00; AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 82,646

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HOUSTON STREET BETWEEN NAVARRO AND JEFFERSON BEGINNING FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 1995 AT 11:00 P.M. UNTIL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1995 AT 8:00 P.M. FOR THE GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION OF THE SAN ANTONIO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

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95-36 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 82,647

CHANGING THE NAME OF COUNCIL DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY FUNDS TO COUNCIL DISTRICT CONTINGENCY FUNDS, AND ADOPTING GUIDELINES TO GOVERN USE OF SUCH FUNDS.

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Mr. Solis made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

City Manager Alexander Briseno explained the establishment, use, and amounts charged through the years. He stated that the change of name more accurately reflects use of the funds.

Mr. Solis thanked the Council Policy & Planning Committee members (Lynda Billa Burke, Bob Ross, Howard Peak, and Jeff Webster) plus staff members (City Clerk, Norma Rodriguez; Assistant to the Mayor, Julia Castellano-Hoyt; Assistant to the City Manager, Travis Bishop; and Assistant City Attorney, Tom Finlay) for their diligent work and tireless hours in the long undertaking of updating these policies. He then highlighted the guidelines for use of District Contingency Funds.

Mayor Thornton also expressed his gratitude to the Committee for its accomplishment and stated this would be a better system with more openness.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

95-36 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance declaring seventeen (17) City of San Antonio-owned Real Estate Properties surplus to the needs of the City; and authorizing City staff to advertise said properties for sale through public bid.

Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mr. Roland Lozano, Director of Asset Management, explained details of the proposed ordinance.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Mr. Lozano gave the definition of Affordable Housing and expressed concerns on preserving these homes.

Mr. Avila then made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance to include 178 Kendalia. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Ross then asked that the ordinance be tagged with a definition that affordable housing be up to \$75,000.00. He stated there were greater concerns regarding the best money for the City, and that the City should sell to the highest and best bid to meet the standards of the neighborhood.

After consideration, the motion to amend and add the property at 178 Kendalia prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Flores, Solis.

After consideration, the main motion, as amended and carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Flores, Solis.

AN ORDINANCE 82,648

DECLARING EIGHTEEN (18) CITY OF SAN ANTONIO-OWNED REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO ADVERTISE SAID PROPERTIES FOR SALE THROUGH PUBLIC BID.

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95-36 TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:

Councilman Juan F. Solis, III to travel to Chicago, Illinois from August 19, 1995 to August 22, 1995, to attend a meeting of the National Association of Installation Developers 20th Annual Conference Military Base Reuse.

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95-36 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 82,649

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE 700 BLOCK OF "G" STREET OFF PECAN VALLEY FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 P.M. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1995 IN CONNECTION WITH A MINI CARNIVAL IN CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER TREE MOUNT TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILWOMAN RUTH JONES MCCLENDON.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

95-36 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 82,650

AMENDING THE SIGN AND BILLBOARD ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE APPOINTED BOARD TO APPROVE A VARIANCE OR OVERRULE A STAFF INTERPRETATION AND TO ADD A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO VOTE IN THE HEARING OF VARIANCES OR INTERPRETATIONS, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN ROBERT MARBUT.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

Mayor Thornton expressed concern regarding action taken by the Chairman of the Electrical Examining & Supervisory Board, and asked Councilman Marbut to speak to this issue.

Mr. Marbut stated his concerns on this issue, particularly with the involvement of a board member making a presentation to this same board. He feels it is a perception problem as well.

Mr. Peak stated he is in support of today's ordinance which covers the scope of the problem.

Mr. Ross agreed with Mr. Marbut's concerns and stated that the issue should be resolved by the Ethics Commission.

Ms. McClendon agreed this is a peculiar situation and that the Ethics Commission should be able to review the issue.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Director, Building Inspections, stated that the action taken was against staff recommendation.

Mr. Peak spoke to the problem of having a 5-5 deadlock on sign variances with the Electrical Board and Board of Adjustment. He suggested the use of this situation as an opportunity to correct the flaw in the system.

Mr. Solis spoke to the one-year hiatus required before a former board member can appear before that board on a case.

Ms. McClendon stated it is important to have technical persons serve on certain Committees.

Mr. Marbut asked that Council be given direction to have the Ethics Committee look at the efficacy of a Board member appearing before that Board on a matter; or excusing himself from any case in which he/she is involved.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Avila.

95-36 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 82,651

RELEASING JUDGMENTS IN (1) CAUSE NO. 92-TA1-2428
STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF BEXAR, ET. AL.
PLAINTIFF, V. COLISEUM PARK, DEFENDANT AND (2)
CAUSE NO. 95-TA1-2100 STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF
BEXAR, ET. AL., PLAINTIFF, V. SAN ANTONIO HOUSING

TRUST INVESTMENT CORPORATION, DEFENDANT, IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE AGREEMENT BY SAID CORPORATION, AS GRANTEE UNDER A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST FOUNDATION, INC. TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCLUDING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING, IN THE COLISEUM PARK SUBDIVISION LOTS ENCUMBERED BY SAID JUDGMENTS AND FOR THE FURTHER CONSIDERATION THAT SAID LOTS WILL BE PLACED ON THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TAX ROLLS; ACCEPTING TITLE TO THE NORTH PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 5, NEW CITY BLOCK 10149, COLISEUM PARK SUBDIVISION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE UPON EIGHT (8) AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Warner Fassnidge, Assistant City Attorney, spoke to details of the Ordinance.

In response to a question by Mr. Ross, Mr. Fassnidge spoke to this Ordinance as a "friendly suit" and that the Housing Trust Investment Corporation is not delinquent.

On a separate and apart Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Peak stated that Bexar Appraisal District will decide on whether to move its headquarters out of the downtown area. He spoke to looking at redevelopment of a segment of the westside, and asked for the consensus for full support from Councilmembers for the site at 301 N. Frio.

Mr. Ross suggested that the City nominee to the BAD Board be instructed to vote for moving the BAD Board location to 301 N. Frio, then made a formal motion to direct Mr. Tommy Adkisson to vote in favor of BAD moving to 301 N. Frio. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mayor Thornton asked that this direction not be put in the form of a motion, but rather, he would send a letter by Fax by tomorrow to Mr. Adkisson indicating the Council's proposal for this location.

In response to Mayor Thornton's request, Mr. Ross then withdrew his motion, and Mr. Solis withdrew his second.

After consideration, the main pending motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McClendon, Billa Burke, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Flores, Avila, Marbut.

95-36 City Council recessed at 2:47 p.m. and reconvened at 3:02 p.m. at which time the City Manager presented the FY '95-'96 Budget.

95-36 PRESENTATION OF FY 1995-96 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, summarized the current budget process, leading up to today's presentation. A copy of the Budget Overview, entitled "The Budget Process and Its Environment", is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

Mr. Briseno stated that he was proposing a budget that is 5.9 per cent above the previous budget, and provided a breakdown of the operating services budget and revenues going into the General Fund. He noted that the projected five per cent growth factor applied to this budget reflects moderate growth for San Antonio, and spoke to the gain of some 21,000 net new jobs for three straight years. He then stated that the property tax roll has grown by 8.7 per cent over last year, and noted that his proposed new budget indicates a net 1.4 per cent decrease from the fiscal year 1995 overall tax rate for the City of San Antonio.

The City Manager then addressed the average City tax bill for a San Antonio homeowner, based upon a \$60,000 home valuation, noting that the City of San Antonio controls only 21 per cent of a homeowner's tax bill. He then stated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in a net savings of about \$5.00 per homeowner in City taxes, and noted that San Antonio's tax rate would be the third-lowest of the state's major cities. He then spoke to additional revenues and fee increases being projected; the matter of stormwater maintenance costs; and a breakdown of spending for the \$420 million General Fund budget, and the impact of annexation of new areas into the City, effective December 31, 1995.

Mr. Briseno addressed Key Result Areas identified by City Council at its work sessions on the budget, and their combined costs, then spoke to the City's other funds such as the Alamodome, Aviation, Golf Courses, Hotel/Motel tax funds, self-insurance liability, and solid waste. He then talked on Support Services Improvements, including one-time technological improvements and the personnel perspectives, including the proposed three per cent cost-of-living allowance for City employees. He noted that the City's Capital Improvements budget would be decreasing some 15.1 per cent next fiscal year, primarily due to completion of the new Central Library.

In summary, the City Manager addressed the four key goals of the proposed budget: first, providing full-year funding for those high-priority programs such as the After School Challenge Program, Central Library costs, and SAFPE police officers and additional firefighters which were implemented in phases during the current year; second, significant new improvements for various services which reflect the City Council's priorities, particularly in the key result areas of

Public Safety, infrastructure, and Youth; third, providing these expanded services while at the same time reducing the ad valorem tax rate by 1.4 per cent; and fourth, providing a solid financial basis on which to build for the future of San Antonio by increasing the Reserve for Revenue Loss from \$15.3 million to \$16 million.

The City Manager briefly addressed the new performance measures being put into play for all departments, and spoke to the process of events necessary to enact this new budget, including potential budget work sessions to be approved by the City Council.

He then thanked the Management Services budget staff for their extra efforts in putting this proposed budget together.

Mayor Thornton thanked the City Manager and City staff for a good budget, and spoke briefly to its highlights.

Ms. McClendon stated that she is pleased that there is to be no increase in taxes, and that the budget provides better police usage plus other key areas including the fact that there will be no increases in major fees.

Mr. Solis spoke to this as a sound budget process, one copied by other cities around the state and nation, and addressed the budget's plan for increasing services and not fees and other costs.

Mr. Webster lauded the budget, including the additional of performance measures.

Mayor Thornton spoke to his desire to see the Bexar Appraisal District make only yearly incremental increases in property valuations, rather than making an abrupt jump in those appraisals in a single year. He asked Ms. Myra Leo, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, to research this matter, noting that he has found this to be a problem only in San Antonio. He further stated his intention to discuss this matter at the Texas Municipal League meeting and with other mayors, with an eye to introducing new legislation in this regard. He stated his concern that residential property values are carrying 44 per cent of the property tax load here, which is up some three per cent over just a few years ago. He then asked the City Manager to explore the matter of homestead exemptions for next year's budget.

Mr. Marbut stated his willingness to look at relief for the taxpayer via homestead exemptions.

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95-36 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO. 95-36-45

SETTING PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE FISCAL YEAR 1995-96
GENERAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR TUESDAY,

SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 AT 7:00 P.M., AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1995 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 103 MAIN PLAZA AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 1995 PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1995 AT 3:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 103 MAIN PLAZA AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE UPON PASSAGE BY EIGHT (8) AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster, Thornton; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Solis.

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95-36 City Council recessed its regular meeting to convene in Executive Session at 4:20 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the following:

(a) Staff briefing and update on Alamodome soil remediation efforts and litigation.

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95-36 The Council reconvened its regular session at 6:00 p.m. and Mayor Thornton announced that staff had been briefed and updated on Alamodome soil remediation efforts and litigation; had given staff direction; but had taken no official action during Executive Session.

95-36 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, San Antonio, Texas, spoke to concerns over the \$5 million being spent with private funds. He stated he feels the money is not representative of the downtrodden tax players. He denoted there was no bronze memorial to the downtrodden.

PATSY CHEYNEY

Ms. Patsy Cheyney, SAAMI, spoke to mental health in Bexar County. She also expressed concern that San Antonio Alliance for the

Mentally Ill does not monitor the State Hospital Health Care Services.

MARIA DOMINGUEZ

Ms. Maria Dominguez spoke to the need for sidewalks and for apartment security.

BOB THOMPSON

Mr. Bob Thompson stated that Electrically Powered Vehicles are now available at a cost of \$5-10,000 and that the batteries can run 100 miles before needing a recharge. He feels that the City needs to look into change in technology and that six to eight barges could be used to clean the river, as the plant life and water surface need care.

He spoke to having submitted a proposal to the City for consideration.

Mr. Travis Bishop, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that the proposal has been received and is being reviewed by the City Attorney's office.

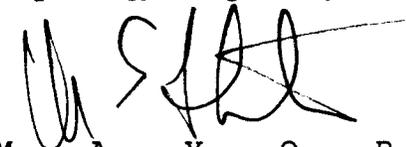
DON WILKINS CASTILLO

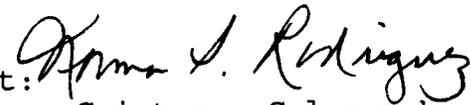
Mr. Don Wilkins, 1010 N. Frio Street, thanked Councilmembers for remembering his mother, Frances Martinez Castillo, who recently passed away and was buried in Converse, Texas.

Mayor Thornton called for a moment of silence out of respect for Don and his family, and expressed sympathy on behalf of the City Council.

95-36 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 P.M.

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