

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1997.

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97-05 The City Council convened in an informal "B" Session at 10:00 a.m., Municipal Plaza Building, "B" Room, to consider the following items(s):

Boards and Commissions Work Session - After interviewing all the candidates, all nominations were moved forward by the City Council for further consideration at next week's "A" Session.

The Council members present were: Flores, Lott, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster. Absent: Billa Burke, Thornton.

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97-05 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Pro Tem Roger Flores II, acting in the absence of Mayor William E. Thornton, with the following members present: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster. Absent: Thornton.

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97-05 Invocation - Rev. Hector Grant, Bethel United Methodist Church.

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97-05 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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97-05 MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE LATE CONGRESSMAN FRANK TEJEDA

On a Point of Personal Privilege, Mr. Avila asked the Council and audience to observe a moment of silence to remember the late Congressman Frank Tejada.

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97-05 It was the concensus of City Council members present to undertake consideration of Agenda Item 24 at this time.

A RESOLUTION NO: 97-05-03

MANIFESTING THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONCURRENCE IN THE NAMING OF NELSON W. WOLFF TO THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD.

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

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

Former Mayor Nelson Wolff thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and other Council members for the recommendation, and expressed his appreciation for the opportunities to further serve the community. He spoke to the need for City Public Service to be competitive in this period of utility de-regulation.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores then presented a copy of the Resolution to Mayor Wolff.

Several Council members expressed their belief that the appointment of Mayor Wolff to the City Public Service board will make that utility even greater.

Mr. Marbut, Ms. Lott, Mr. Ross and Mr. Webster thanked Mayor Wolff for his community service.

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97-05      TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:

Travel Authorization for Mayor William E. Thornton, to travel to Washington D.C., to attend a meeting with the Bexar County Congressional Delegation to discuss Kelly Privatization, on February 6, 1997.

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97-05      CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve Agenda Items 5 through 20, constituting the Consent Agenda, with item 9 having been pulled for individual consideration. Ms. Lott seconded the motion.

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

AN ORDINANCE 85552

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ROMCO EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH TWO AIR COMPRESSORS FOR A TOTAL OF \$27,304.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 85553

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$727,750.00 FROM C.A. LANDRY COMPANY, INC. FOR THE HANGAR 9 AND 10 RENOVATIONS AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$72,775.00 FOR A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING \$7,500.00 PAYABLE TO MCCALL & ASSOCIATES-AIA-ARCHITECTS AS ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL FEES; AUTHORIZING \$2,000.00 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85554

REVISING THE BUDGETS FOR THREE (3) FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS ("AIRPORT MASTER PLAN & NOISE MONITORING"; "GENERAL AVIATION APRON & TAXIWAY RECONSTRUCTION;" AND "STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN") AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ("AIRPORT MASTER PLAN & NOISE MONITORING"; "GENERAL AVIATION APRON & TAXIWAY RECONSTRUCTION"; "STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN") AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL

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AN ORDINANCE 85555

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF KGME, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$179,862.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE GULF STREET - NORTH ROSARY STREET TO NORTH ONSLOW STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$9,000.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$800.00 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 85556

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,823.40 FOR LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE CHERRY STREET DRAINAGE #15B, PHASE II AND THE MISSION PARKWAY PROJECT APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85557

ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT FROM THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE FOR SAFER LOADING CONDITIONS AT INEZ FOSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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AN ORDINANCE 85558

ACCEPTING A QUITCLAIM DEED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, GRANTING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO A PORTION OF BINZ-ENGLEMAN ROAD FROM WEST OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD TO I.H. 35 IN FORT SAM HOUSTON.

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AN ORDINANCE 85559

APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE AVENIDA GUADALUPE ASSOCIATION FOR EACH OF FOUR (4) CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS LOCATED AT 1306 GUADALUPE STREET (EL PROGRESO THEATER) AND 1426, 1412, AND 1408 EL PASO STREET (ARTIST STUDIO HOUSES) FOR A FIFTEEN (15) YEAR TERM WITH TWO FIVE (5) YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID LEASE AGREEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85560

APPROVING THE PRICE, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF ONE PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COLONIA SAN ALFONSO

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SELECT HOUSING TARGET AREA (SHTA) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT AREA FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,400.00; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85561

AMENDING CHAPTER 19, SECTION 82 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE THAT A TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS BE CONDUCTED BY A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, WHEN AN ACTIVITY ON OR CHANGE TO PROPERTY OCCURS THAT GENERATES MORE THAN 100 PEAK HOUR TRIPS; AND ADOPTING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REVIEW.

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AN ORDINANCE 85562

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,155.98 TO THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1997.

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AN ORDINANCE 85563

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAN SABA STREET, BETWEEN WEST COMMERCE AND DOLOROSA, DURING SCHEDULED SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARKET SQUARE AND DURING CERTAIN HOURS IN 1997.

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AN ORDINANCE 85564

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF GRIMES FROM MONTANA TO COMMERCE, COMMERCE FROM GRIMES TO MITTMAN, MITTMAN, FROM COMMERCE TO MONTANA, MONTANA FROM MITTMAN TO END AT 1900 MONTANA BEGINNING AT 9:30 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1997 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BLACK HISTORY PARADE, SPONSORED BY THE MILLER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.

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AN ORDINANCE 85565

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF ROOSEVELT FROM MEMORIAL STADIUM LOCATED AT 4002 ROOSEVELT TO SAN JOSE DRIVE, FROM ROOSEVELT TO END AT MISSION SAN JOSE (SAN JOSE AND PYRON DR.) BEGINNING AT 7:30 A.M. UNTIL 10:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 10, 1997 IN CONNECTION WITH THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CULTURAL ARTS EXHIBIT PARADE, SPONSORED BY THE HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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AN ORDINANCE 85566

APPOINTING GLORIA S. MELENDEZ-BYROM (DISTRICT 10) TO THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 15, 1998.

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85567

APPROVING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,658.50 PAYABLE TO WESTAR GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE THOUSAND OAKS BRANCH LIBRARY ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT; AMENDING THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,6000.00; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Mr. Avila made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Lott seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Webster, Ms. June Garcia, Library Director, spoke to the time-line for completion of construction at the Thousand Oaks/El Sendero and Brookhollow branch libraries. She outlined the nature of certain delays in the completion of those two projects.

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

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85568

RENAMING DAFOSTE PARK THE WILLIAMS/GREENE PARK IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ERNEST WILLIAMS AND LEON MARSHALL GREENE, SR. TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK AND TO SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Frank Stromboe, acting Director of Parks & Recreation, explained the significance of the proposed renaming of Dafoste Park, and introduced members of the families of Mr. Ernest Williams and Leon Marshall Greene, Sr., present in the audience.

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

Ms. Lott thanked the community for recognizing the work of these two men.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores and Ms. Lott then jointly presented copies of the formal Ordinance renaming the park the Williams/Greene Park.

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85569

ORDERING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY, 1997, IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez explained the call of the May 3, 1997 election and spoke to details of that election process. She further stated that an additional ordinance may be required, should one or more independent school districts join with the City and Northside Independent School District in this election. She addressed the voting equipment to be used.

In response to a question by Mr. Ross, City Clerk Rodriguez and Mr. Lloyd Garza, City Attorney, discussed the wording of the election call and the ordinance caption.

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Mr. Solis spoke to the need for elections to be conducted properly and its votes counted properly, and for the agencies involved in the elections process not to be pressured for early returns of the voting results. He then questioned how the ballots are made up for this election.

City Clerk Rodriguez spoke to the ongoing series of weekly meetings involving all parties to the elections planning process, and noted that some of the elections returns will necessarily be slower than in the past because of the new voting system in use, leased from Bexar County. She stated that she is confident that the City and Northside Independent School District will have a good election May 3, 1997.

A discussion then took place concerning the ballots to be used in the election.

City Clerk Rodriguez addressed the problems experienced in having to change polling places, for whatever reason, and noted that, when such precinct voting site changes have to be made, a sign will be posted at the former voting site to inform voters of the new voting location. She then addressed the 'mock election' video to be presented periodically on Channel 21, as a service to the voting public.

In response to a question by Mr. Solis, Mr. Frank Garza, Assistant City Attorney, spoke to the use of Channel 21 to give election notification and other information.

Mr. Solis asked the news media to help publicize elections information and polling place changes.

In response to a question by Mr. Solis, Mr. David Reeves, representing Hart Information Services, stated that AIS has a three-year contract with Bexar County to provide voting equipment.

Mr. Solis spoke to his concern with the change in voting systems and the resultant confusion involved, and expressed his hope that Bexar County will secure a long-term contract for elections equipment in order to provide stability. He spoke to the need for long-range planning with participating independent school districts for elections and to stabilize voting sites.

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City Clerk Rodriguez spoke to the reasons for changes in polling sites and to the mass education process planned to educate the voters.

Mr. Avila asked that the City look at voter convenience and accessibility to voting sites for the casting of ballots.

Discussion then took place concerning problems experienced by senior citizen voters and possible solutions to this problems.

Ms. Lott addressed her concern with changes in polling sites.

City Clerk Rodriguez reiterated the reasons for the changes in polling sites, and spoke to certain combined precincts for voting purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Flores spoke to his hopes for voting site stability.

Mr. Solis noted that it is the responsibility of the various candidates for public office to get out the word to the voters.

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

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97-05      The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 97-05-04

SETTING TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR FIFTEEN (15) NEIGHBORHOOD PARTICIPATION MEETINGS AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIRED FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), HOME (HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP), HOPWA (HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS) AND ESG (EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANTS) CONSOLIDATED PLAN/BUDGET PROCESS.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mr. Andrew Cameron, Director of Housing and Community Development, narrated a video presentation concerning the required budget processes, the neighborhood participation meetings, and the City Council public hearings. He briefly explained the public hearings and noted that the Council's Housing Task Force had worked on the sites for the neighborhood meetings.

Mr. Solis, Task Force chairman, explained certain changes made to the original plans by the Task Force, including changing the City Council public hearing to May 22 from the previously-scheduled June 26 date.

Mr. Webster spoke to his concern with the relatively 'short-fuse' for the first neighborhood meetings to be held February 10, and noted that he was not notified for his approval of the District 10 sites.

Mr. Cameron stated he also will be meeting informally with some of the neighborhoods, at other times, on this matter, and noted that the site list was only solidified a week ago.

Mr. Peak spoke to his concern with the late notification to City Council members, and noted that he already has commitments for the evening of the scheduled neighborhood meeting in District 9. He spoke to the need to have better notice.

Mr. Solis offered to hold the District 9 neighborhood meeting on the District 5 dates, if necessary.

Discussion ensued concerning the possibility of changing the dates for the meetings.

Mr. Peak spoke to the need to amend the list for new dates.

Mr. Alexander E. Briseno, City Manager, noted that the law requires the public hearing dates, but that the dates of the neighborhood meetings can be changed.

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Mr. Marbut spoke to the rationale for holding the public hearings in May, with the incumbent City Council members in office.

Mr. Solis made a motion to change the scheduled June 26, 1997 public hearing date to May 22, 1997. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mr. Peak made a motion to delete the neighborhood meetings scheduled for Districts 9 and 10. Mr. Webster seconded he motion.

Mr. Peak's motion then prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Thornton.

Mr. Solis' motion then prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Thornton.

Mr. Solis then made a motion that the City Council adopt the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget the third Thursday of May. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the pending motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, Lott, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Herrera, Ross, Marbut, Peak, Webster. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Thornton.

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

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97-05      The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85570

APPROVING A RUN/WALK PERMIT FOR THE BRIGHTON SCHOOL, INC. TO HOLD ITS 5K RACE ON FEBRUARY 15, 1997 BETWEEN 8:00 A.M. AND

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9:00 A.M.; AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE WITH THE FOLLOWING ROUTE: RUNNERS WILL RUN AROUND THE ALAMODOME STAYING ON ALAMODOME PROPERTY IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION TO THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK; WEST ON THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK TO BOWIE STREET, SOUTH ON BOWIE STREET TO DURANGO, WEST ON DURANGO TO ALAMO, NORTH TO ALAMO TO MARKET, EAST ON MARKET TO BOWIE, SOUTH ON BOWIE STREET TO THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY, WEST ON THE PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY TO THE ALAMODOME, CIRCLE THE ALAMODOME IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AND END IN THE NORTH PLAZA OF THE ALAMODOME; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN HOWARD PEAK.

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Mr. Peak made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

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

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97-05      TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:

Travel Authorization for Councilman Robert G. Marbut Jr., to travel to Philadelphia , PA to attend as a Sports Liaison for the City of San Antonio the United States Olympic Committee - Executive Board of Director Meeting on February 14, 1997 thru February 16, 1997.

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85571

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 6 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO ASSIST THE HIDDEN MEADOW COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TO PURCHASE CELLULAR ON PATROL PROGRAM SIGNS; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN ROBERT A. HERRERA.

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Mr. Herrera made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

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

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 97-05-05

OF THE CITY COUNCIL DIRECTING THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEMS (SAWS) BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOT TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING A SURCHARGE FOR 1997; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN BOB ROSS.

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Mr. Ross made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

The following persons appeared to speak:

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Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his concern with the City telling a utility what to do. He stated his feeling that the Council is not dealing with the water issue, and spoke to several concerns in that regard. Lastly, he spoke in question to the spending of the Water Surcharge funds.

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, stated his belief that the proposed Resolution is a 'sham'; that the City cannot direct a utility, since San Antonio Water System is autonomous because of its bonds. He further noted that the impact of any surcharge would come after the May City elections, and asked that approval of any such future Surcharge require a "super majority" of City Council members, to become effective.

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Mr. Ross noted that the Surcharge was a tool for water conservation, but stated that SAWS is not certain that the Surcharge actually saved water last summer. He noted, however, that the Surcharge did produce significant revenues, and spoke to the rationale for the proposed Resolution today.

Mr. Peak spoke to his hope for the formulation of a new system to save water, other than a Surcharge.

Mr. Joe Aceves, President, SAWS, noted that a public information campaign has resulted in a five per cent decrease in the city's water usage this winter, while the city's population actually has grown by five per cent. He then spoke to other plans and studies, including conservation in both residential and commercial sectors. He noted that SAWS has not had time to bring in additional water supplies yet, as City Council directed for study. He stated his belief that voluntary water conservation may well do the job, based on results of the public information campaign, this far.

Mr. Peak stated that he opposed the Surcharge because it was not fair to everyone.

Mr. Webster noted that the Council gets the final decision on the Surcharge, not SAWS.

In response to a question by Mr. Webster, Mr. Aceves noted that some water may be available to San Antonio from Canyon Lake, and stated that even if so, it will

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take between six and seven years to realize the return, including construction of a pipeline.

Mr. Webster noted that this simply illustrates that such a project cannot be done overnight.

Mr. Aceves addressed legislation that could affect 'inter-basin transfers' of water.

Discussion ensued concerning theories about water supplies and questions of inter-basin water transfers.

In response to a question by Mr. Avila, Mr. Aceves noted that San Antonians are conserving water; even though the population continues to grow, pumpage of water decreases.

Discussion then took place concerning the possible use of certain water wells in new Braunfels, during which it was determined that this was a matter for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

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

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97-05      The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 97-05-06

URGING THE 75<sup>TH</sup> STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER ENACTING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF WITHIN THE PROPERTY TAX APPRAISAL PROCESS; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN JEFF WEBSTER.

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Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Marbut seconded the motion.

Ms. Paula Stallcup, Acting Director, Intergovernmental Relations, explained the proposed legislation.

Mr. Webster spoke to the need for 'truth in taxation' legislation, and spoke to why the Council committee's recommendation doesn't target a specific bill before the legislature, but rather is more generic. He spoke to the dramatic tax appraisal changes that have recently adversely affected homeowners and spoke to the need to 'cap' just how much an appraisal can rise in any one year. He noted that property owners need relief in all section of the city.

Mr. Peak spoke in support for the proposed Resolution.

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

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97-05 City Council recessed its regular session at 2:52 P.M., reconvening at 4:05 P.M.

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97-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 85572

ADOPTING THE 1996-2006 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND MAXIMUM IMPACT FEE CALCULATION FOR WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEMS.

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Mayor Pro Tem Flores declared the Public Hearing to be open.

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Ms. Rebecca Q. Cedillo, Vice-President, San Antonio Water System, narrated a video presentation on impact fees for water and wastewater and related 1996-2000 capital improvements plan. She noted that the Land Use Assumption Plan was presented to City Council last September, and SAWS now is asking for approval for the Capital Improvements Plan. She spoke to three types of water impact fees and two types of wastewater impact fees. A copy of her presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

Mr. Raul Fernandez, Chairman, Capital Improvements Advisory Committee, spoke to several additional recommendations, including amending the method of assessing impact fees.

The following citizens appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke in complaint about sewer service charges and continued annexations.

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, questioned whether or not the impact fees cover all costs of line extensions, to which Ms. Cedillo replied that they do.

Mr. Mike Harris, President, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, stated that his organization had been briefed by SAWS on these fees, and he spoke in support for the proposed ordinance.

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There being no further citizens signed to speak to this matter, Mayor Pro Tem Flores declared the Public Hearing to be closed.

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

Mr. Peak thanked the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee for its hard work, along with the SAWS staff, on this important matter.

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In response to a question by Mr. Webster, Ms. Cedillo spoke to how the rates are calculated, including projected growth in water demand.

Mr. Webster addressed his concerns with one area being 30 per cent higher.

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

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. FARIS HODGE

Mr. Hodge asked why the City Street Sweepers are not equipped with water. He also referred to his concern about annexing more property and having to build more fire stations. He asked that the City Council spend more money buying fire trucks and EMS trucks. He then stated that certain ordinances are not being properly enforced and disagreed with the current practice of the Consent Agenda to handle routine items.

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MR. PAT JOHNSON

Mr. Pat Johnson representing Johnny Bates' Wrecker Service, made reference to a proposed new wrecker ordinance which has not yet been presented to the City Council for their consideration. He feels that this new ordinance would help to alleviate much of the concerns that citizens have with current wrecker practices.

Mayor Pro-Tem Flores asked Mr. Johnson to visit with City Staff on timelines of the proposed ordinance.

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MR. LUPE DAVILA

Mr. Davila spoke to the City Council expressing her concerns and displeasure in the manner in which the Board of the San Antonio Housing Authority handled the employment case of Apolonio Flores.

Mr. Juan Solis stated that the Council is sympathetic to this issue and has taken steps to make new appointments to the San Antonio Housing Authority Board.

Mr. Avila stated that he asked the City Manager for a full investigation of this case.

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MRS. ADELA COLEMAN

Mrs. Adela Coleman, representing the RA Association of the Villa Veramendi Housing Units, read a prepared statement also expressing displeasure with the actions taken by the Board of the San Antonio Housing Authority Relative on the Apolonio Flores case. (A copy of the statement is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

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MR. DON WILKINS CASTILLO

Mr. Don Wilkens Castillo expressed his concerns and detailed the problems he is having with the management of the Vista Verde II Housing where he is a resident.

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97-05 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 P.M.

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WILLIAM E. THORNTON  
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Attest:



NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE  
City Clerk

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