

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, MAY 28, 1998.

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98-21 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):

Staff Briefing on the 1998-2000 Annexation Plan and Schedule - Presented by Mr. Emil Moncivais, Director of Planning. City Council concurred to move this to "A" Session.

The Council members present were: Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster and Peak. **ABSENT:** Flores, Garza.

"B" Session adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

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98-21 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Howard W. Peak, with the following members present: Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster and Peak. **ABSENT:** None.

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98-21 Invocation - Pastor Sharon Trulson, Zion Lutheran Church.

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98-21 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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98-21 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for April 2, 1998 were approved.

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CEREMONIAL ITEMS

LIBRARY SYSTEM SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Mayor Peak introduced Ms. June Garcia, Library Director, and spoke to the Summer Reading Program of the San Antonio Public Library System.

Ms. Garcia spoke briefly to the program and its expected 10,000 participants.

Ms. Rose Trevino, coordinator of the Summer Reading Program, addressed details of the program, noting that AT&T is sponsoring a special Hispanic outreach program in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program.

Mr. Menendez thanked all involved for an excellent proactive program.

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98-21 CONSENT AGENDA CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to the highlights of each Consent Agenda item, and addressed his concern with Item 20, an agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit relative to installation of fiber-optic cable, with Item 22, with the City charging only \$1.00 per year to a lease at the Carver Complex; and Item 28, the City's lease of space in the Cypress Tower Building

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, addressed his concern with the high cost of engineering work on the Starcrest Road project, and the fact that a representative of the firm made political contributions to City Council members. He asked that all recipients of those political funds abstain from this vote.

Mayor Peak noted that the City Council does not select the engineering firms for professional services contracts, but rather that is the prerogative of City staff.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Flores made a motion to approve Agenda Items 8 through 33, constituting the Consent Agenda, with item 24 having been removed for individual consideration. Mr. Webster seconded the motion

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Prado, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Guerrero, Vásquez.

AN ORDINANCE 87854

ACCEPTING THE OFFER OF XEROX CORPORATION TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH A DIGITAL COPIER/FAX MACHINE TO BE UTILIZED BY THE VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION PRIMARILY TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF CERTIFIED BIRTH AND DEATH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, ON A LEASE BASIS FOR A TOTAL OF \$456.54 MONTHLY FOR A 36 MONTH PERIOD.

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AN ORDINANCE 87855

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF HART INFORMATION SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK WITH ARCHIVAL SERVICES FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC MUNICIPAL RECORDS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$105,070.13; AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 86943 DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1997 AND ORDINANCE NO. 87111 DATED DECEMBER 18, 1997.

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AN ORDINANCE 87856

ACCEPTING THE BID OF PATHMARK TRAFFIC PRODUCTS TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH A ROAD MARKING MACHINE USED TO ESTABLISH TRAFFIC LANES ON STREETS THROUGHOUT THE CITY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$36,550.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87857

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF SOUTH TEXAS EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH A WHEEL LOADER TO BE USED FOR LOADING AND HAULING BRUSH AND COMPOST AT THE BITTER BRUSH SITE, FOR A TOTAL OF \$68,500.00

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AN ORDINANCE 87858

ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE 1998-99 FISCAL YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,826,000.00. (MBE/WBE) (COPIES OF BID PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AND A LIST OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE)

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AN ORDINANCE 87859

SELECTING BAIN MEDINA BAIN, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRUE ROAD - LAUREATE TO FREDERICKSBURG ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,292.00; AUTHORIZING \$7,429.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87860

SELECTING MAESTAS AND BAILEY, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BITTERS ROAD - BROADWAY TO NACOGDOCHES ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 10; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$152,056.00; AUTHORIZING \$15,206.00 FOR

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MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES;
APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87861

SELECTING GROVES & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PECAN VALLEY - IH 10 TO "J" STREET PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$128,000.00; AUTHORIZING \$6,400.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$12,000.00 TO SURVEY RIGHT OF WAY; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 87862

SELECTING KM NG & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PECAN STREET - SOLEDAD TO BROADWAY PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1; AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,878.00; AUTHORIZING \$3,888.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87863

SELECTING POZNECKI CAMARILLO AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STARCREST ROAD - STUNTMAN TO JONES MALTSBERGER ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 9; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$106,625.00; AUTHORIZING \$10,663.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87864

SELECTING HNTB TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTHCROSS ROAD - NEW BRAUNFELS TO PRESA ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$199,627.00; AUTHORIZING \$9,981.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$20,000.00 TO SURVEY RIGHT OF WAY; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87865

SELECTING GUTIERREZ ENGINEERING TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACKERMAN ROAD - IH 10 TO DIETRICH ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$48,990.00; AUTHORIZING \$4,899.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (MBE)

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AN ORDINANCE 87866

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER-OPTIC CABLE ALONG CITY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "LIFE LINE" ELEMENT OF THE MODEL DEPLOYMENT INITIATIVE INVOLVING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, VIA, SEVERAL DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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AN ORDINANCE 87867

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BASE BID OF COBRA GENERAL CONTRACTING, INC. FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FARIAS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,890.00; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; ESTABLISHING THE FARIAS PARK BASKETBALL COURT PAVILION PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF 21ST AND 22ND YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS INTO THIS PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00 PAYABLE TO E.S. MORAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING FEES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87868

AUTHORIZING A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CARVER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 215 N. HACKBERRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING THE PROPOSED CARVER COMPLEX AT A RATE OF \$1.00 PER YEAR.

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AN ORDINANCE 87869

APPROVING THE PRICE, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF ONE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COLONIA SAN ALFONSO SELECT TARGET AREA (SHTA) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT AREA FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,125 00; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT

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AN ORDINANCE 87870

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800 00 TO DUGGER, CANADAY, GRAFE & WOELFEL, INC. FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BABCOCK ROAD AT HILLCREST INTERSECTION PROJECT AND \$1,785.00 TO ECKMANN, GROLL, RUNYAN & WATERS, INC. FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES FOR THE WEST AVENUE INTERSECTIONS

PROJECT; FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$3,585.00; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87871

ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION FROM NORTHWOOD PARTNERS, LTD. OF TWO SIDEWALK EASEMENTS ALONG A PORTION OF U.S. 281 NORTH NEAR LOOP 1604 IN THE NORTHWOODS SHOPPING CENTER, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

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AN ORDINANCE 87872

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$28,000.00 PAYABLE TO TICOR TITLE AGENCY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO TWO PARCELS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACME ROAD - OLD U.S. HWY. 90 TO COMMERCE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87873

APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 18,897 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AT THE CYPRESS TOWER BUILDING FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, CHILDREN'S RESOURCES DIVISION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1998 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2001, FOR A RATE NOT TO EXCEED \$20,471.75 PER MONTH, PAYABLE TO WKB VALUE PARTNERS, L.P.; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING FUNDS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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AN ORDINANCE 87874

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSULTANT CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500.00 WITH MURILLO & ASSOCIATES/CENTENO ASSOCIATES (JV) TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF

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INCREASING EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT TARGETS THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CITY'S ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY FUNDED UNDER THE 1998 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) PROGRAM, FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87875

AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF \$19,647.00 TO RATIFY THE RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS WITH COMPUTER CURRICULUM CORPORATION TO SUPPORT THE ALBERT J. BENAVIDES, MARGARITA HUANTES, COLUMBIA HEIGHTS AND WILLIE VELASQUEZ LEARNING CENTERS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1997 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

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AN ORDINANCE 87876

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 WITH CHUCK DAVIS AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN DANCE ENSEMBLE FOR A WEEK OF RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES AND A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE DURING THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S 1997-98 SEASON DUE TO A CANCELLATION OF A CONTRACT WITH GROUP AFRIC AZOLOU. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 86767 FOR OCT. 9, 1997)

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AN ORDINANCE 87877

AUTHORIZING THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICTS PARTICIPATION WITH THE INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH, INC. IN VARIOUS CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES INVOLVING VACCINES PHARMACEUTICALS, MEDICAL APPLIANCES AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS, SUBJECT TO THE LEGAL REVIEW BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

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INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to the staff memorandum on Agenda Item 34 and the Mission Trails Project, and spoke in support of Agenda Item 35, providing Council contingency funds to pay for youth trophies at a basketball tournament

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to his concern that a representative of an engineering firm on a City project contributed to Council members' political campaign funds, and he asked those receiving such funds abstain from the vote

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE 87880

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$705,446.56 PAYABLE TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND AMENDING THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS BY AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL \$49,920.00 FOR ENGINEERING EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HISTORIC SAN ANTONIO MISSION TRAILS PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.(AMENDS ORDINANCE NO 81976 DATED MARCH 30, 1995)

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, narrated a video presentation on the Historic San Antonio Mission Trails Project, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He provided a brief background of the project, and noted that this is the first of five contracts to be approved for this project this year. He then narrated details of the project, showing the linkage between the five missions, and spoke to a prioritization of the work by the Oversight Committee. He stated that 98 per cent of the enhancements on this project have been funded, and he addressed other parameters of the project and their funding levels reached. He then spoke to streets work and signage, noting that the City's share is 20 per cent on these projects. Finally, he noted that the Texas Department of Transportation will manage the construction of the project, scheduled to be completed by December 2000.

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Mr. Robert Beltran thanked all involved for this project, and, speaking as a commissioner of the San Antonio Housing Authority, addressed his concern with the proposed demolition of Victoria Courts housing project to make way for a new development centered around a possible new Arena for the San Antonio Spurs basketball team.

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Mayor Peak noted that the Missions Trails Project is a long-awaited one.

Ms. Guerrero noted that the City's \$17 million allocated for this project has leveraged much more from other sources, providing much-needed infrastructure to the city's south side. She then thanked members of previous City Council for funding this project, and spoke to details of June 27, 1998 groundbreaking ceremonies to take place at Mission Espada.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None, **ABSENT:** None.

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98-21 The Clerk read the following Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE 87881

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$125.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 1 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO ASSIST THE MARIO FARIAS TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WITH THE COSTS OF PURCHASING TROPHIES FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING IN THE 22ND ANNUAL MARIO FARIAS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD FROM MAY 29 THROUGH MAY 31, 1998; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN ROGER FLORES, II.

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr Bannwolf seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak, **NAYS:** None, **ABSENT:** None

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Ms. Terry Williams, Equal Employment Opportunity Coordinator, Department of Economic Development, narrated a brief video presentation on the conference for small businesses, a copy of which presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She noted that this is a chance for smaller businesses to network with larger firms, also taking part in the conference.

Mayor Peak spoke to details of the Regional Certification Program, for which the City and other governmental entities and utilities are participants.

Mr. Menendez spoke to the need for the City to do everything it can for small businesses.

In response to a question by Mr. Vásquez, Ms. Williams spoke to professional discretionary contracts awarded by the city, and stated that she would provide Mr. Vásquez with data on these contracts awarded and their status, over the long term. She then spoke to how her department monitors and tracks these discretionary contracts

Mr. Vásquez asked to review the last three years' worth of such discretionary contracts, including engineering and legal services contracts.

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98-21 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ACTION GROUP (CRAG)
PRESENTATION

Mayor Peak noted that the Action Group has been working steadily since its appointment

Dr. Larry Huffman, representing Dr. Charles Cotrell, chairman of the Action Group, narrated a video presentation, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He presented a 60-day status report, noting that final recommendations are due to City Council June 8, 1998 on neighborhood revitalization. He then spoke to early examples of successes in neighborhood revitalization.

Rev. Andy Hernandez, Action Group member, spoke to the need to emulate what other cities have successfully done, and what lessons have been learned, and what works. He called this the over-arching theme of the Group.

Mr. George Pedraza, Action Group member, stated that the Group had studied the existing Housing Master Plan to see what parts of it still would work, and spoke to certain

recommendations dealing with the financial aspects concerned. He spoke to the need for a "one-stop housing and economic development center" and a coordinated data base, noting that many of the necessary pieces already are in place. He called inner-city revitalization a strategic priority.

Dr. Huffman noted that this is a grassroots effort that can succeed.

Mayor Peak stated that this must not be a one-shot deal, but rather a dynamic process.

Mr. Menendez thanked all involved, and looks forward to the final recommendations on June 8th.

Mr. Garza spoke to the need for a firm will of all involved in order to carry through with neighborhood revitalization, including the funding aspects

Mr. Prado thanked Councilmen Menendez and Garza for co-chairing the CRAG, and spoke to his desire to see the costs of each segment of the final recommendations and a cost analysis.

Mr. Salas addressed the need for construction of sidewalks around certain schools as an integral part of revitalization, and agreed that the Council needs the costs involved, both short-range and long-range

Mr. Vásquez noted that neighborhood revitalization is critical to his district, and spoke to the need for the financial implications involved. He spoke to the need to regulate rental properties in residential areas and the matter of deteriorated commercial areas.

Ms. Guerrero spoke to the need to remain comprehensive in nature, and expressed her belief that involvement of the private sector is vital.

Mayor Peak, in conclusion, thanked City staff for its involvement and interest.

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Mr. Alexander E. Briseño, City Manager, detailed aspects of the Financial Forecast document and addressed certain highlights

Ms. Terry Brechtel, Director of Budget & Management Analysis, narrated a video presentation of the forecast, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She spoke to the purpose of the forecast and to Strategic Issues in five key areas: economic development, human development, community services, neighborhood and physical development; and environmental preservation and organization, and service delivery. She spoke to the Economic Perspective and Outlook, the General Fund Forecast, Mandates, Shortfalls, Other Funds Forecast, and the Budget Process Schedule.

Mr. Briseño noted that a number of policy issues remain to be addressed by the Council, for future years.

Mayor Peak called it a positive forecast which shows good management, over the years.

Mr. Garza addressed the need for new revenues to replace reliance on such fund sites as City Public Service payments in lieu of taxes.

Ms. Brechtel noted that preliminary talks with CPS are looking at new revenue sources.

Mr. Briseño spoke to the need to decrease the City's reliance on CPS funds, as deregulation approaches, and suggested the City perhaps use the CPS funds for one-time improvements, a matter of policy for Council to decide

Discussion then took place concerning the impact of fire and police negotiations coming up, and the possibility of construction of a new City parking structure at Pecos and West Commerce Street, next to the downtown campus of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Mr. Webster also spoke to several policy issues facing City Council, including the matter of utility deregulation, the fire and police negotiations, and possible downsizing of more military bases by the Base Realignment Commission. He spoke to the need to focus on economic development, targeting certain industries, and noted that the city's eroding financial base is a problem. He addressed the need for a town hall-type meeting with the business community to see how they see our economic development forecast and growth.

Mr. Prado noted that the City's current solid waste collection contracts involve three landfills, and his desire to see new revenues from the City providing an overage of solid waste to the sites, over and above the guaranteed annual amount.

Mr. Vásquez discussed certain mandates and the impact of other governmental entities' requirements on the City, such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the matter of air quality. He spoke to the need to raise all wages in San Antonio.

Discussion ensued concerning possible cost of living wage increases for City employees and performance pay, and how these compare to the rate of inflation.

(At this point, Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mr Webster presided in the temporary absence of the Mayor Pro Tem.)

Mr. Briseño discussed the matter of City employee pay, which he noted has lagged behind the rate of inflation over a period of years. He also noted that employee pay is the last item considered in budget discussions and consideration.

In response to a question by Mr. Vásquez, Mr. Gary Moeller, Director of Information Services, spoke to the status of the City in the matter of automation, and noted that there remain more than 800 Wyse terminals in use in the City, most of them in the Police Department. He stated that his staff is focusing on reducing that amount.

(At this point, Mayor Peak returned to the meeting to preside)

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98-21 City Council recessed its regular session at 4:02 p.m. in order to convene in "B" Session for the purpose of a Tax Phase-In Advisory Committee Briefing on proposed new City of San Antonio Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Phase-In and Reinvestment Zones for a two-year period ending May 28, 2000.

TAX PHASE-IN AND REINVESTMENT ZONE GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

Mr. Clinton Bolden, Director of Economic Development, and Mr. John Clamp, Chairman of the Economic Development Advisory Committee, narrated a video presentation concerning this matter.

98-21 City Council adjourned the "B" Session and reconvened the regular session at 5:00 p.m. for Citizens to be Heard

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. ROBERT O. SEGOVIA

Mr. Segovia, 2411 W. Commerce, related the history of his recent employment with the City of San Antonio and his notice of termination. He stated he was put on Workman's Compensation despite his protests. He urged the City Council to review his case.

Mayor Peak asked Mr. Segovia to meet with Mr. Travis Bishop, Acting Director of Human Resources, on this case and to report to him relative to the circumstances of the case.

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MR. FARIS HODGE

Mr. Faris Hodge, 140 Dora, spoke on various issues to the City Council including his support of demolition of the Victoria Courts if they are not renovated. He urged the City Council to get a copy of the police reports on the incidents in this area as well as to the incidents around Woodlawn Lake. He then commended the City Council for their recent actions against Paragon Cable which he felt resulted in the reinstatement of Catholic TV on "free" access channel and the cable access to the City's Talent Show. He stated that the 911 program should be privatized; and urged that the City Council approve a cost of living increase to City employees. He also asked that all B Sessions and Citizens to be Heard segments be on Cable TV. He also asked that NIOSA be moved from its present location.

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MR. GEORGE ROSENMANN

Mr. Rosenmann, 1946 N.E Loop 410, #374, spoke to his proposed plan to help the homeless and the needy through the approval of his non profit organization. He asked that the City Council take immediate action to approve his plan.

Mayor Peak asked Mr. Rosenmann to meet with a staff member from Community Initiatives to discuss his plan.

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MISS MARY JANE ALVARADO

Miss Alvarado, 120 Camargo, spoke to the City Council about her previous appearances before the City Council and the problems she has encountered with her neighbors. She also referenced a proposed ordinance she had asked Councilman Vásquez to introduce. (A Copy of her letter to Councilman Vásquez is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mayor Peak asked a member of the staff to visit with Miss Alvarado on this issue

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MICHAEL IDROGO

Mr. Michael Idrogo, 317 Rosewood, spoke to the Council of his opposition to the proposed use for the Sunset Depot and spoke of rail passenger travel in San Antonio as well as the City of Venice, Italy.

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MR. NAZIRITE R.F. PEREZ

Mr. Perez, 627 Hearne, spoke to the number of times he has appeared to the City Council on the same theme. He also objected to the manner in which raises were recently allocated to City Employees. He then asked the City Council to approve general across the board cost of living raises. Mr. Perez also stated that the City of San Antonio is like a “flamingo”

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MR. JACK M. FINGER

Mr. Finger, P. O. Box 12048, spoke in opposition to the recently enacted ordinance limiting the number of times a citizen can speak during a Council meeting.

Councilman Flores took note of Mr. Finger’s third appearance before the City Council during this one meeting.

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