

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1970.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, JAMES, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, CALDERON, COCKRELL, BURKE, TORRES; Absent: NONE.

70-9 The invocation was given by Reverend A. R. Nelson, Bethel AME Church, 225 North Swiss.

The minutes of the meeting of February 19, 1970 were approved.

JOSE ANTONIO NAVARRO DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor McAllister presented a Proclamation designating February 27, 1970, as "Jose Antonio Navarro Day" to Mr. Joseph Fordyce, Principal, Navarro Elementary School, and members of the Student Council, as follows: Oscar Valdez, President; Sylvia Garcia, Vice President; Sylvia Ad Lara, Treasurer; Maria Ybanez, Secretary; Ramona Garza, Parliamentarian.

Oscar Valdez, President of the Student Council, thanked the Mayor and Members of the City Council for recognizing an outstanding Mexican-American who helped establish the Republic of Texas and for whom the school is named.

BEAUTIFY SAN ANTONIO ASSOCIATION

Mayor McAllister welcomed a group from the Beautify San Antonio Association who were present with a display of the 21 trophies awarded to San Antonio in 19 years of participation in the "Cleanest City" contest. The Mayor commended them for the continuing fine work of the organization. He presented Citations to Mr. A. C. Crouch, President, and Mr. Roger Preble, Vice President and Scrapbook Chairman, for their work and leadership in again helping San Antonio win its 21st award as one of the Top Ten Cleanest Cities in the United States with population over 250,000.

Mayor McAllister recognized Mrs. Yolanda Campos, an Instructor at Burbank High School, and 30 students from the Senior Government Class.

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70-9 The following Ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Hill, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,298

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF COMMERCIAL BODY CORPORATION AND HOBBS TRAILERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN TRUCK BODIES AS LISTED FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$35,000.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,299

AMENDING THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH RAYWAY CORPORATION FOR OPERATION OF CONVENTION FACILITIES PARKING CONCESSION BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT OF UTILITY CHARGES TO BE PAID THE CITY.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,300

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED QUALIFIED BID OF COMMERCIAL BODY CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN UTILITY BODIES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,148.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,301

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF JESS McNEEL MACHINERY CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ONE STIFFLEG DERRICK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$19,902.00, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,302

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF JESS McNEEL MACHINERY CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ONE CHIP SPREADER FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,730.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,303

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF COOPER EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ONE ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$12,397.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,304

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF MASTERSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION CENTER WITH CERTAIN PORTABLE STAGE RISERS FOR A TOTAL OF \$13,682.50.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,305

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF TEMPLE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN GUY WIRE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,650.00.

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70-9 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,306

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH KAUFMAN'S INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF UNIFORM CAPS FOR PERIOD BEGINNING ON DATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY CITY COUNCIL AND TERMINATING JANUARY 14, 1971.

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Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, recommended that Kaufman's bid to supply the uniform caps to the Police Department at \$6.97 each be accepted. He commented that previously officers purchasing the caps on an individual basis were paying \$12.00 for them.

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

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Mrs. Cockrell commended the Purchasing Department and other members of the Staff who worked out the plan for the purchase of uniforms on a bid basis. She felt that this will prove to be a big savings to each individual policeman and will work out better than the idea of increasing their uniform allowance.

70-9 The following Ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,307

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF IONICS, INCORPORATED TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH ONE OXYGEN DEMAND ANALYZER FOR A TOTAL OF \$8,000.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,308

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE CERTAIN SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM CARD DIVISION, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,315.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,309

ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTION SUB-STATIONS (HANDY-ANDY SUPERMARKETS, INC. - 30; HIGHLAND PARK STATE BANK; TEXAS STATE BANK; TOUDOUZE MART).

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70-9 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,310

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENT NO. 4 TO THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PERTAINING TO URBAN RENEWAL CIVIC CENTER PROJECT, TEX. R-83.

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City Manager Henckel and Mr. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, explained that Supplement No. 4 to the Cooperation Agreement provides for the acquisition of the remaining 31.143 acres of land in the Project Area by the following method:

On August 1, 1970 City will pay to Urban Renewal Agency \$56,843.26 as rental for the property for the previous year, and \$473,693.84 for the purchase of one-half of the property; on August 1, 1971, City will pay to Urban Renewal Agency \$28,421.63 as rental for the remainder of the property for the previous year, and \$473,693.84 for purchase of this remainder.

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

70-9 The following Ordinance was explained by Mel Sueltenfuss, Assistant Director of Public Works, and after consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,311

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$2,235.00 TO THE CITY WATER BOARD FOR NECESSARY WORK INVOLVED IN RELOCATING A METER VAULT AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA THAT IS PRESENTLY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF A NEW STREET TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

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70-9 Item No. 15 on the Agenda, being an Ordinance authorizing payment of \$3,857.71 to Frontier Enterprises consisting of one half (1/2) of advertising costs pertaining to the Tower of the Americas Restaurant, was withdrawn from consideration at this time at the request of the City Manager.

70-9 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,312

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE CERTAIN OFFICE SPACE IN THE HEMISFAIR PLAZA PRESS CENTER FOR USE OF THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, FREE OF RENT OR OTHER CHARGE.

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Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, explained that there is one office in the Press Center which they have been unable to rent. The Pension Fund now has a full-time secretary and this office, which has about 120 square feet of floor space, will meet their needs to service the pensioners. He recommended that the Ordinance be adopted.

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

70-9 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,313

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1906 LENNON CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ABATED AT THE EXPENSE OF GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, BONDING AGENT FOR OWNER OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Jr., Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that they had attempted to notify the owner, Mr. Pedro Rodriguez, that the premises constituted a dangerous premises and for him to bring it up to minimum standards. They have been unable to locate Mr. Rodriguez. Notice of the hearing this morning was given by publication. He reviewed the condition of the building and presented a photograph for the Council's consideration.

He stated that this house was one which was to be relocated and the Great American Insurance Company, which posted a \$2,000.00 bond as surety, has agreed to pay the expenses up to the amount of the bond for having the structure demolished. He asked that the Council find the premises to be a nuisance under the dangerous premises ordinance and adopt this ordinance.

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

70-9 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE 38,314

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1228 VERMONT AND 504 S. SAN GABRIEL CONTAIN OR CONSTITUTE A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE SUMMARILY ABATED.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Jr., Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that they had attempted to notify Theodora Espinoza, owner of 504 South San Gabriel, and Justo Luna, now deceased, owner of 1228 Vermont, that the respective premises constituted a dangerous premises and to bring them up to minimum standards. They have been unable to locate these persons. Notice of the hearing this morning was given by publication. He reviewed the condition of the buildings and presented photographs for the Council's consideration. He recommended that the premises be declared a nuisance under the dangerous premises ordinance and that this ordinance be adopted.

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

70-9 The following Ordinances were explained by Mr. George D. Vann, Jr., Director of Housing and Inspections, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,315

GRANTING THE SAN ANTONIO REFRIGERATION COMPANY PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A SIX-FOOT HIGH SECURITY FENCE WITH BARB WIRE AT THE TOP AT 115 DENVER BOULEVARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INSPECTIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,316

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE DEVORE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT A SEVEN FOOT HIGH PRIVACY FENCE ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 11 THROUGH 15, NEW CITY BLOCK 14067 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INSPECTIONS.

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70-9 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION WITH THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR A DUAL INDEPENDENT MAP ENCODING PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1970 CENSUS.

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WHEREAS, the accessibility and value of 1970 Federal Census information and statistical data will be enhanced through a Dual Independent Map Encoding Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to participate with the Alamo Area Council of Governments in the submission of an application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Federal Grant to conduct a Dual Independent Map Encoding Project, a project to be conducted in conjunction with the 1970 Federal Census.

2. It is understood that participation in the local costs on the part of the City of San Antonio is limited to the sum of \$1,500.00.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that the accessibility and value of 1970 Federal Census information and statistical data will be enhanced through DIME (Dual Independent Map Encoding Program).

AACOG is participating in the program in an amount of one third (1/3) or \$1,500.00. The City, through the Planning Department, is paying one third (1/3) and the City Water Board one third (1/3). Total cost of the program is \$13,000.00. HUD will provide two thirds (2/3) of the cost or \$8,500.00. In order for HUD to participate it is necessary that AACOG be part of the application.

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

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70-9 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,317

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH STEVENS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING COMPANY TO RELOCATE A BILLBOARD IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO LOOP 410 FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$3,500.00 AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic & Transportation, explained that the State Highway Department plans to widen Loop 410 from the proposed North Expressway to Fratt Interchange. They will also construct a bridge over the railroad on the frontage road located between Broadway and International Airport. Removal of a sign located on railroad property is necessary before work can get started. The City is obligated to pay 50% of the cost but in this instance due to the time element, and as the Highway Department wants to let the contract in about a month, the City has agreed to pay the cost of removal of the sign. To go into condemnation would require five or six months. He recommended that the Council approve this agreement with the Stevens Outdoor Advertising Company.

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

70-9 "EISENHAUER ROAD RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNAL"

Councilman Torres discussed the memorandum from the Director of Traffic & Transportation to the City Manager dated February 24, 1970 which is as follows:

This report is an attempt to answer the City Council's questions concerning the status of this signal installation. The crossing at present has standard railroad crossbucks and standard advance warning signs.

The consideration of this matter can be clarified if certain facts are realized:

1. The right-of-way is the property of the railroad company which will control what will happen and the time required for it to happen.
2. The cost of installing the signal will be from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and the annual maintenance cost is from \$400 to \$800.
3. A signal is no guarantee of safety since more than 50% of the fatalities occurred at signalized crossings during the past five years.

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I have asked Mr. Bond Davis, local counsel for the MKT railroad to arrange a meeting with the responsible railroad officials to discuss this signal. This meeting has not been held so I cannot report the length of time required to install a railroad nor can I predict what participation formula will be required. I am sure the signal will not be installed if we expect the railroad to bear the entire cost.

This crossing is included in the TOPICS project being submitted this week together with 71 other crossings. If this project is approved, and I am confident, it will be administered by the Highway Department. Ninety percent of the cost of the installation will be borne by the State and Federal governments. The time required for installation would be from three months to a year depending upon the priority given it by those who will administer the project.

Under the precedent set by the City Council, the City would pay 1/3 of the cost and railroad 2/3. In light of current conditions I do not know if the railroad will agree to pay 2/3 the cost at the present time when by waiting they can achieve the same result for only 10% of the cost.

As a temporary expedient we are installing a flashing amber beacon on Eisenhower at the tracks. This will be accomplished as soon as the poles and electrical service are installed.

Mr. Torres urged that the Council instruct the City Manager to proceed with installation of the signal at the City's expense and then bill the railroad for 2/3 of the cost under the previously set precedent.

The City Manager stated the flashing amber light has been installed and recommended that nothing further be done except to do some additional street painting to warn motorists that this is a dangerous crossing. He added that they have been proceeding further with the idea of the City doing the installation and that he would like to be officially turned down by the railroad.

Several of the Councilmen felt the City should take a more aggressive action with the railroad in this matter.

Mayor McAllister stated that the Council having expressed its feelings and intent in the matter asked that the City Manager proceed in getting the cost of the installation of the signal and also contact the railroad people with reference to participation and then make a report to the Council next week.

MEETING WITH EDGEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT
RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY

70-9 Councilman Torres stated that he had received a copy of a letter from Mr. Saenz, President of the School Board, advising that Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic & Transportation declined to meet with the School Board because a remedy could not be accomplished from an emotional approach.

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Mr. Fischer stated that public meetings, particularly right after a youngster is killed, do get emotional. This is what the meeting was to be about. He added that the City has been in the school child protection business since 1939. There has not been a child killed since that time under City supervision. The child who was killed was not under the City's supervision. He was killed in the middle of the street in front of his home. He has suggested to Dr. Cardenas that a small group meet to discuss traffic safety. Responsibility for the school program is under the Police Department and has recommended that they contact that department for this meeting.

After discussion of the matter, the City Manager stated that he would contact the school district and arrange for a meeting.

70-9 The following ordinances were explained by the members of the Administrative Staff and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 38,318

ACCEPTING THE BID OF DAVID-HAROLD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PAINTING OF WOODLAWN SWIMMING POOL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$4,187.00 TO DAVID-HAROLD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND \$200.00 TO BE USED AS A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,319

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$11,500.00 FROM AIRPORT REVENUE FUND 8-01 PAYABLE TO LODAL & BAIN ENGINEERS, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN WORK AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND \$575.00 FROM SAID FUND AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,320

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH McDONALD AIRCRAFT ENGINE, INC., FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM.

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70-9 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. D. L. Ferguson, Assistant Director of Aviation, and after consideration were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES; McAllister, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT; Calderon, Trevino.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,321

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MR. R. V. WILLIAMS FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,322

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENT TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR USE OF CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,323

ACCEPTING THE BID OF LESLIE S. HUTTON FOR CERTAIN TERMINAL MODIFICATIONS AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$161,300.00 TO SAID CONTRACTOR AND \$7,000.00 TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$1,000.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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70-9 The following ordinance was explained by City Manager Henckel and on motion of Mr. Torres seconded by Mr. Hill was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 38,323

PROVIDING FOR A RESERVE FUND FOR SELF-INSURANCE AGAINST CERTAIN LIABILITY CLAIMS; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000.00 OUT OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF THE GENERAL FUND AND TRANSFERRING SAID AMOUNT PLUS \$100,000.00 OUT OF ACCOUNT 50-01-01 TO SUCH RESERVE FUND; RETAINING THE PROVISION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON CERTAIN SMALL CLAIMS; PROVIDING FOR THE INVESTMENT OF SAID RESERVE FUND; AND PROVIDING FOR FUTURE ADDITIONS TO SAID RESERVE FUND.

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70-9 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,325

AMENDING THE CURRENT LEASE CONTRACT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH OFFICE SPACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM BY ADDING THERETO SPACE IN FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL HOUSING PROJECTS AT A COST OF \$1.00 PER MONTH EACH.

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City Manager Henckel explained that this is providing space in additional Housing Authority units for the new Community Relations Program in the Police Department. Locations are at:

Victoria Courts, 300 Fountain Walk
East Terrace Homes, 2554 Fisk
Wheatley Courts, 817 Arthur
Sutton Homes, 157 Casper

This is a courtesy from the part of the Housing Authority and rental fee is \$1.00 per month for the use of the space.

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

70-9 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,326

MANIFESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PERTAINING TO THE OPERATION OF THE ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY PROVIDING THAT THE NUMBER OF CHAMBER EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE INCREASED TO FIVE (5)

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City Manager Henckel explained that as a result of Dr. Calderon's suggestion, one additional employee position is being created to work on military procurement at Kelly Field. The pay for this employee can be handled within the current budget.

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

70-9 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,327

LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; LEVYING A TAX TO SUPPORT THE CITY-COUNTY T.B. CONTROL BOARD; LEVYING A TAX TO PAY THE INTEREST OF THE FUNDED DEBT OF SAID CITY, AND TO CREATE A SINKING FUND THEREFORE; AND FIXING THE TAX RATE AT \$1.89 PER \$100.00 OF VALUATION, ALL SAID TAXES BEING LEVIED FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 1969 AND ENDING MAY 31, 1970.

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City Manager Henckel advised this is the annual tax rate ordinance recommended by the staff and concurred by the Council at the informal session last week. The current rate remains the same. Interest and sinking fund has been increased from \$.44 to \$.50. Breakdown is as follows: General Fund - \$1.3748; City-County T. B. Control Board - \$.0152; Interest in Sinking Fund - \$.5000.

Councilman Torres discussed the memorandum of January 26, 1970 with reference to unallocated excess funds which presently amount to about \$200,000. He asked where the money would come from if the City needed more money for the Food Stamp Program or to subsidize the Transit System if fares were reduced for senior citizens. City Manager Henckel stated that if the Council approved additional money for any new programs during this fiscal year, it would have to come from the \$200,000 surplus. With reference to subsidizing the Transit System, there is no experience, the Transit System would have to carry the loss until it is known how much the loss is and then it can be allocated in the new budget.

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

70-9 The following Ordinance was explained by City Manager Henckel and on motion of Mr. Torres seconded by Mr. Trevino the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 38,328

AUTHORIZING A RADIO MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
WITH THE SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

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70-9 Item #34 being a resolution approving the submission of a report of progress under the Workable Program of the Department of Housing & Urban Development was withdrawn from consideration at this time at the request of the City Manager.

The Clerk read the following ordinance for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE 38,329

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY
LINES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE
ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF
3.334 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES
ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed annexation of property known as Park North Commercial Subdivision owned by Denton Development Company located on Perrin-Beitel Road between Schertz Rd. and Greystone Drive.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

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REDUCED BUS FARES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. H. P. Delaney, representing the Senior Citizens of Bexar County, took exception to the procedure used by the Transit System in having bus drivers make a survey to determine the number of senior citizens who ride the bus. He felt the statistics developed by the survey did not give a true picture.

Mrs. Joseph P. Kenny, also representing the Senior Citizens, presented to each member of the Council written material and statistics in support of reduced bus fares, which she reviewed (copy of material on file with papers of this meeting).

Mrs. Kenny suggested that a more accurate figure on the number of senior citizens who ride the bus could be obtained than that obtained by the bus drivers by initiating a two-week pilot project offering rides on City buses for ten cents (10¢) to those producing a Medicare Card or proof they are 65 or over. Upon proof they could be given a bus token to drop in with their dime. At the end of the two-week period, a count of the tokens would give a fairly accurate count of those over 65 riding the bus. Then the Council could have a pilot program for a six-month period.

She also took exception at the loss estimates projected by the Transit System, if the fares are reduced. She did not feel the loss would be very great, if there was indeed a loss. If a loss occurred, she stated that there is a Federal program, under the Office of the Aged, which will subsidize losses up to 85%, which have been the result of reduced fares for senior citizens.

The report made by the Transit System states that a visual count shows that approximately 10% of bus riders are senior citizens. Applying this 10% to total passengers for the year, there will be 2,240,000 senior citizen rides. Using this figure, loss in revenue was estimated that for each five cents (5¢) in reduction of fares, the loss would be \$112,000.00. Estimated direct administrative costs for this plan for the first 30 days is \$6,000.00. (A copy of this report is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Manfred J. Gerhardt, Chairman of the Transit System Board of Trustees, then made the following statement:

Mr. Mayor, Madame Mayor Pro Tem and Honorable Members of the City Council, I beg your indulgence in order to present my personal point of view. Six years ago I became a member of the Board of the San Antonio Transit System. My duties as a member of that Board were clearly set out by State Statute and by the Indenture under which the system was purchased and directed to be operated. Stated simply, the duties are that the system should supply the citizens of San Antonio with a well managed, well equipped, efficiently operated and safely operated public bus service as reasonably as could be, on a break even basis. Other than as required by State Law for school children, all riders would pay the same fare.

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I have been on the Board six years. This much I know about the San Antonio Transit System since it became a Municipal Operation in May, 1959. The Manager of the privately owned system left with his owners, and the first Board employed Mr. F. Norman Hill as Manager. Mr. Hill came from private operations. He promptly effected a 43% reduction in executive management personnel and has effected a 14% reduction in salaried personnel in the reorganization of the system's operations and maintenance departments so as to more effectively and efficiently render transit services to the citizens of the community at the lowest basic fare structure of any major American City. In the ten years of public operation, management has operated the system at a high rate of efficiency, has replaced practically all of the bus equipment, has, with the whole hearted cooperation of the drivers, maintained first class service with 96% on time schedules--the best achievement in the Nation--in meeting the needs of the bus riders with a courteous and safe service--the system has won six first place awards over the past years for providing the safest traffic and passenger service in the Nation, has continued with the bus operators and the shop personnel an unprecedented record of excellence in bus maintenance, continuing to win the first place award for its class of operation year after year. The San Antonio Transit System has earned the money to pay all of its obligations, including an in lieu of tax payment to the City, without any subsidation. Even with the recently granted basic fare of twenty-five cents, the fare continues to be among the lowest for non-subsidized operations.

You have before you today the consideration of a lower fare for senior citizens. The Board of the Transit System has considered this from every point of view. We accept the statement without argument that in this day of rising costs it is increasingly difficult for all citizens of limited income to get along. We know from our studies that lower fares for anyone will result in lower income from our operations. We know that due to the bus strike and resulting changed riding patterns, we are faced with a deficit in our operations which will not be fully met by the fare increase we were granted on January 1, 1970. Our studies prove conclusively that lower fares for any group result in less money returns and increasing deficit. Our principal source of money is the fare box. We hold firmly that it is unfair and inexpedient for our riders to be saddled with making up a deficit due to granting a lower fare to any other group. We hold that our 62,000 daily average riders cannot be expected to do this.

We have answered the request made by the interested and concerned members of the City Council in regard to this matter. Our answer and copies of our study report are in your hands and I presume are a matter of public record.

Our studies of lower fares are based on the experience of systems that have them in effect. Perhaps we have been conservative in our estimate of the cost to the system for lower fares for this special group. The City certainly should consider the possible maximum cost. Let me say again that we held that it would be unfair and inexpedient to ask our bus riders to pick up the tab for lesser fares for any special group of riders. This is a matter for all citizens to face up to.

Thank you.

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Mr. Norman Hill, General Manager of the Transit System, stated he would like an opportunity to review the material and figures submitted by Mrs. Kenny. He also added that there might be another way to work out a pilot program other than the one suggested by Mrs. Kenny. He also said that if they went into such a pilot program it would take some time to set it up.

After discussion by the Council, Dr. Nielsen made a motion that the Council instruct the Transit System to, as quickly as possible, initiate a two-week pilot program, as suggested by Mrs. Kenny in her report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres.

Mr. Hill then made a substitute motion that the City Manager and his Staff coordinate with Mr. Norman Hill and his people, as well as Mrs. Kenny, and that within one week, if at all possible, analyze all available data and try to be in a position to make recommendations to the Council as to the action they think should be taken on this matter. The motion was seconded by Mr. James. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Torres, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Trevino.

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COUNCIL POLICY
RE: INDULGENCE IN PERSONALITIES

The matter of citizens indulging in personalities was discussed by the Council.

After consideration, Mrs. Cockrell made a motion that it be the position of the City Council that they hear freely from citizens on the matter of issues, but that personal attacks be ruled out of order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill.

The motion was discussed with Dr. Calderon, Dr. Nielsen and Mr. Torres speaking against the motion.

On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote:
AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill;
NAYS: Calderon, Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: None.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado Street, spoke concerning the escape of prisoners from the County Jail due to faulty construction. He asked that the Mayor give him a letter authorizing the editors of the newspapers to publish the letter he plans to write. He also asked the Mayor to give him permission to allow him to go into the County Jail at any time.

The Mayor stated that the City of San Antonio or the Council are not responsible for building the jail. It is a County responsibility. He added that he would not give him a letter endorsing anything he may wish to write. As to getting into the jail, he was referred to the City Manager.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS

Reverend R. A. Callies, Sr., President, thanked the Council for the many worthy achievements accomplished for the City. However, this organization has 15 more items they feel merit consideration by the Council. He asked that the Council have a special session to meet with his group to go over the improvements.

The Mayor stated that the request would be submitted to the Council for consideration.

SAFETY ORDINANCE

Mr. Elton Schroeder, President of the Building Trades Council, again asked the Council to consider passage of a Safety Ordinance. He said that he has studied the City Attorney's opinion and felt that he did not state that the Council had no authority in the matter. He said the Council could pass such an ordinance if it wanted to. He asked that the Council act one way or the other on the ordinance.

The Mayor asked that the City Manager have the City Attorney discuss the opinion with Mr. Schroeder.

During the discussion of the Safety Ordinance, Mr. Schroeder stated that the City has diluted the building ordinances. Mrs. Cockrell asked that he submit, in writing, those areas where he felt regulations have been diluted by ordinance and to submit them to the Administrative Staff for evaluation.

Mr. Jose Olivares, 722 West Commerce, stated that in his appearance last week, he felt that he stuck to pertinent issues and did not feel he would upset the Mayor in comments addressed to him. He then told a story about a tiger in India.

Mr. Stephen Harvasty, 7113 Bandera Road, representing the Senior Citizens Council of Bexar County, asked the Council to post a "no-smoking" sign in the Council Chamber.

He also asked that the Council suggest to the Transit System that they put "no-smoking" signs in buses.

GLUE SNIFFING ORDINANCE

Mr. Remigio Valdez, Jr., President of the Mexican American Betterment Organization, 1106 McKinley Avenue, stated that glue sniffing is again becoming a problem. He read a Resolution adopted by the organization requesting that the Council consider an ordinance prohibiting the manufacture of glue containing harmful toxic constituents unless treated with

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mustard oil or other repulsive ingredients to the sniffer.

The Council thanked Mr. Valdez for his work in this area and referred the Resolution to the City Attorney for study.

70-9 The Clerk read the following letter:

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen and Madam:

The following petition was received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

2-20-70 Petition of Mr. Herman C. Davis, et al,
203 Hub Avenue, requesting the City to
take action to have the vacant lot at
the intersection of Spriggsdale and
Edna cleaned up and have the sidewalk
from Hub to E. Commerce Streets cleaned.

J. H. INSELMANN,
City Clerk

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

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ATTEST:

G. V. Jacobs
City Clerk

W. M. McElwain
MAYOR

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RESOLUTION

We the members of MABO hereby approve the following resolution that pertains to sniffing of Plastic Cements, Model Cements, Household Cements, Fingernail Polish Remover, Laquer Thinners and Lighter Fluid Cleaning Fluid. All these contain toxic constituents and are a menace to the health of our youth; and,

WHEREAS: MABO has information that this practice not only results in harmful effects upon the health of individuals but there are 15 deaths recorded in the literature up until 1968 that were either directly or indirectly related to solvent sniffing. 8 of these have been apparently due to suffocation by plastic bags. 2 possible deaths due to intoxication from the solvent itself and a few due to apparent suicides under the influence (patients who feel they can fly and jump off buildings or walk in the mist of traffic, thinking they can not be injured). This information was distributed on July 12, 1969 by Dr. Arthur Briggs, Chief of Pharmacology of the University of Texas Medical School while attending a glue sniffing panel discussion in San Antonio; and,

WHEREAS: In 1969, Mr. Charles D. Miller, president, of the Testor Corporation in Rockford, Ill. a company that manufactures approximately two thirds of all plastic hobby glue, stated that Testor adds mustard oil to its glue to keep people from sniffing it. The oil also called essence of horseradish, irritates the nose thus making it obnoxious to sniff. Mr. Miller also told a news conference that the substance may also be used in such products as nail-polish remover, hair spray, paint thinner and cleaning fluid. Others now putting the oil mustard additive in their glue are the Ross Chemical and Manufacturing Co. of Detroit, Michigan and the Pactra Industries Inc. of Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS: On Tuesday, January 27, 1970, the San Antonio Evening News contained an article which stated that " in an effort to stop youngsters from getting high by sniffing model airplane glue, Senator James H. Wallwork of Trenton, New Jersey, introduced a bill which would prohibit the sale of any glue unless it is sniff-proof," and,

WHEREAS: The Mexican American Betterment Organization believes that glue sniffing is a National health menace and that manufacture of glue with toxic ingredients is not properly controlled, then let it be resolved:

RESOLVED: That our congressional representatives consider legislation prohibiting the manufacture of glues containing harmful toxic constituents unless treated with mustard oil or other repulsive ingredients to the sniffer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That this resolution be forwarded to our Congressional representatives for action and also presented to the San Antonio City Council and Bexar County Commissioners for possible adoption of a local ordinance which will serve as an interim corrective measure until National legislation action is considered.

Remigio Valdez Jr.
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PRESIDENT

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Honorable Mayor and Respectful Members of our City Council.

Today the sponsors of the Youth Leadership Conference for Community Progress kindly request of our city council a special session at which occasion we will have a fuller opportunity to sit down and reason together over some of the problems and basic needs of our community and city.

Each sponsor of the conference fully realize this is a paramount request of our city council and apologize for having to make such a request.

The five minute period for citizens to be heard has not been sufficient for us to understand and analyze many of our problems and basic needs together, yet be it understood though this method we have accomplished a measure of success for our community and city.

We have more than 15 items on our agenda that we feel merit attention and consideration by you. We have slides to be seen, facts and figures to be heard and suggestions to be appreciated concerning some of our weighty problems and needs.

We ask our Mayor and council members not to take our statement of request today as an expression denying you of the worthy achievements you have accomplished for our city and our community.

Be ye assured if this request is granted your time will not be wasted and void.

We humbly submit our request for your acceptance and consideration.

Sincerely yours,
The Youth Leadership Conference
for Community Progress

R. A. Callies, Sr., President

