

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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, TORRES, BURKE;  
Absent: COCKRELL.

70-7 The invocation was given by Reverend John Parse,  
Westminister Presbyterian Church.

The minutes of the meeting of February 5, 1970 were  
approved.

70-7 Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, explained the following  
Ordinances and after consideration on motion made and duly  
seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote:  
AYES: McAllister, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Calderon,  
Torres, Burke; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,257

AMENDING THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN  
ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY  
WITH DRY-FIL TYPE BALLASTS BY CHANGING THE  
NAME OF SUCH SUPPLIER TO CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL  
DISTRIBUTORS DUE TO A MERGER OF SAID COMPANIES.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,258

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE  
PAYMENT TO HONEYWELL, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR CONTROL SERVICES  
ON ALL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING OF  
CONVENTION CENTER COMPLEX FOR A TOTAL OF  
\$7,556.00

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AN ORDINANCE 38,259

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE  
PAYMENT TO HONEYWELL, INC. FOR THE ANNUAL  
MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR CONTROL SERVICES  
ON ALL HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING AT THE  
TOWER OF THE AMERICAS FOR A TOTAL OF  
\$1, 852.00

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AN ORDINANCE 38,260

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

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AN ORDINANCE 38,261

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH CLAMPITT PAPER CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH DUPLICATING PAPERS FOR PERIOD BEGINNING ON DATE OF ACCEPTANCE AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,262

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF MISSION ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$7,651.50.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,263

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF THE FLEXIBLE COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION CENTER WITH 90 COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$4,318.20.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,264

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED QUALIFIED BID OF GIRARD MACHINERY AND SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH ONE TRACTOR-LOADER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,622.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,265

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF G. W. TAYLOR TANK COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH ONE FUEL TANK FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,250.00.

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,266

APPROVING THE LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY NECESSARY TO THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY AIRPORT EXPANSION MASTER PLAN; ESTABLISHING BUILDING LINES ALONG THE OUTER BOUNDARIES OF SAID ADDITIONAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND DIRECTING THAT BUILDING PERMITS BE REFUSED FOR CERTAIN WORK WITHIN SUCH RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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Mr. D. L. Ferguson, Assistant Director of Aviation, stated that this Ordinance protects additional right-of-way necessary for expansion of the airport. It consists of two tracts of land, containing approximately 50 acres; one located west of San Pedro and one east of Wetmore Road. It is contemplated that the City will acquire this property for clear zones when the new 10,500 foot runway is constructed. This Ordinance, along with one previously passed, protects a total of 550 acres, which will be needed for airport development.

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

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,267

ACCEPTING THE BID OF MEADER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR CERTAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$50,934.50 TO MEADER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., \$2,000.00 AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, \$500.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$3,820.00 PAYABLE TO W. H. MULLINS INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES; ALL SUMS ARE PAYABLE OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FUND #801.

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Mr. D. L. Ferguson, Assistant Director of Aviation, stated that this provides for the reconstruction of South Terminal Drive and construction of an access road to the terminal apron. The road has deteriorated to the point where it needs reconstruction due to the heavy loads of fuel trucks, which carry a load of up to 70,000 pounds. This work, when completed, will not only allow them to redirect the route of the trucks, but will provide additional safety to users of the airport. 1800 feet of street will be reconstructed and the access road will be 800 feet in length.

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

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,268

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AT  
STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO TOBIN  
SURVEYS, INC.

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Mr. D. L. Ferguson, Assistant Director of Aviation, explained that this is a renewal of a recently expired lease. Except for an increase in the amount of ground space, the new agreement is similar to the old. The lease is for five years, beginning January 1, and the City will receive \$279.00 additional ground rental.

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

70-7 The following Ordinance was explained by Assistant City Attorney, Crawford Reeder, and after consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,269

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,330.15 TO  
C. R. HIGGINS, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER,  
FOR PREPARATION OF A STATEMENT OF FACTS  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE PENDING LAWSUIT  
ENTITLED, "GUIDO BROS. CONSTRUCTION CO.,  
ET AL VS. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, ET AL."

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70-7 The following Ordinances were explained by Mr. Carl White, Assistant Finance Director, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,270

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO WRITE-OFF THE BALANCE OF \$1,870.00 DUE FROM ALIVE, INC. PERTAINING TO UTILITY CHARGES UNDER ITS LEASE CONTRACT AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,271

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF \$384,955.00 FROM THE SEWER REVENUE FUND TO THE SEWER REVENUE BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND AND APPROPRIATING \$183,836.00 OUT OF SAID FUND TO PROVIDE INTEREST REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,272

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH ALEXANDER GRANT AND COMPANY AMENDING TWO CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROY L. POPE AND SPILLERS COMPANY DUE TO THE MERGER OF SAID COMPANIES.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,273

APPROPRIATING \$195,000.00 OUT OF UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF THE GENERAL FUND AND AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ALLOCATING SUCH AMOUNT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE HEMISFAIR AREA.

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70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,274

APPROPRIATING \$14,000.00 OUT OF GENERAL FUND SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SAME TO THE WELFARE BUDGET TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

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City Manager Henckel explained that this was an item previously approved informally by the Council to provide funds for people who do not have money to buy food stamps.

The Mayor asked that the Manager make a public statement with reference to the way the distribution of stamps is handled.

City Manager Henckel stated that this particular program is administered completely by the State Department of Public Welfare. San Antonio is the only City in the State of Texas who contributes to the program. The City furnishes the building, utilities and office equipment, in addition to cash.

The City, although it contributes in excess of \$100,000.00, does not have any say-so in the administration of the program. He commented that originally he recommended against participating in the program unless the City had some authority as to the way the program is conducted. If the City is going to go into the welfare business, which is the responsibility of the State and the County under the law, that he would recommend that an item be added in the tax rate to provide the necessary funds, as they could not use any additional money from the General Fund for this purpose.

The Council then discussed the criticism leveled at the City because of the way the program is handled.

The City Manager was asked that he submit a statement of facts pertaining to the operation of the food stamp program to the Mayor, who will transmit it to Congressman Gonzalez.

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

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,275

APPROPRIATING \$168,250 OUT OF GENERAL FUND SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF THE SAME TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 99-21-03 TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PARCELS OF LAND IN THE ROSA VERDE PROJECT.

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Mr. Carl White, Assistant Finance Director, explained that this money was being allocated and set aside for the purchase of two parcels of land in the block where the Governor's Palace is located. The City was committed to the purchase of this land at the time that the Rosa Verde Project was submitted to the Council. Later on when the City is prepared to acquire the property there will be another

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ordinance appropriating the money to pay for it and at that time its public use will be determined.

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

70-7 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. Raymond Weber, Condemnation Attorney, and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Hill, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,276

APPROPRIATING \$3,100.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND 987514, FUND NO. 404, PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SUBJECT TO ORDER OF EDWARD L. GRAHAM, ET AL, IN SATISFACTION OF AWARD OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS IN CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-788 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A PERMANENT AND A TEMPORARY EASEMENT IN CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN N.C.B. 10583 NEEDED FOR OUTFALL SEWER MAIN PURPOSES AND ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL E-909 IN THE SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SANITARY SEWER MAIN PROJECT.

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70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,277

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN N.C.B. 1066 WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN BEXAR COUNTY, TO O. R. MITCHELL MOTORS, INC. FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$6,200.00.

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Mr. Harper Macfarlane, attorney for the City Public Service Board, explained that this property was used as a sub-station site, which has now been abandoned. The property is surplus to the needs of the electric and gas system and they desire to dispose of it. Two bids were received and he recommended that it be sold to O. R. Mitchell Motors, Inc. for \$6,200.00.

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

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70-7 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,278

AMENDING THE CURRENT LEASE CONTRACT WITH SAN ANTONIO MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR CERTAIN SPACE IN THE HEMISFAIR AREA BY CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1969 TO JANUARY 1, 1970.

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70-7 Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Dr. Herbert Calderon was designated to preside over the meeting as Acting Mayor.

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,279

APPROPRIATING \$3,536.99 OUT OF CIVIL DEFENSE FUNDS TO BE PAID THE EXPRESS PUBLISHING COMPANY AND SAN ANTONIO LIGHT FOR PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTING A 16-PAGE TABLOID PERTAINING TO THE CIVIL DEFENSE COMMUNITY SHELTER PLAN.

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The Assistant City Manager, Ancil Douthit, explained that the Community Shelter Plan was developed with federal funding over a two-year period and the cost of distribution and printing of said plan in tabloid form is part of a project and is to be paid out of federal funds.

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

70-7 Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,280

APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF LOTS 2, 3 AND 4, NEW CITY BLOCK 13417, LOCATED WITHIN CENTRAL WEST AREA, PROJECT I, TEX. R-39, TO FOUR SEASONS PHYSICIANS' AND SURGEONS' HOSPITAL, A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN FOUR SEASONS FRANCHISE CENTERS, INC., AND SAN ANTONIO PHYSICIANS' HOSPITAL, INC., FOR THE SUM OF \$529,237.07.

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Mr. Jack Currington, representing the Urban Renewal Agency, advised that this is the last tract of land in Central West Project I. Bids were received on January 28, which have been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners of the Urban Renewal Agency and approved by them. They now ask that the Council approve the sale. The property consists of 175,826 square feet. The bid on the property was \$3.01 a square foot. The land is to be used for construction of a private hospital.

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

70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinances, which were explained by 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, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,281

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$13,550.00 TO THE CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP FOR CERTAIN SOUND FILM AND RELATED ITEMS TO BE USED BY THE CITY CONVENTION AND TOURIST BUREAU FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,282

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$4,708.64 TO TOWER FOODS, INC. AS REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF INSTALLING A SOFT WATER SYSTEM IN THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS.

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## AN ORDINANCE 38,283

MANIFESTING A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE SAINT JOHN BERCHMAN SCHOOL FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00.

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70-7 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 38,284

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EDGEWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONSTRUCTING THE H. K. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A PART OF THE MODEL CITIES SITES AND BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; APPROPRIATING \$502,000.00 OUT OF FUND 708-01 (MODEL CITIES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS) PAYABLE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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City Manager Henckel stated that this Ordinance has been added to today's business as an emergency item. Notice of this action was placed on the bulletin board yesterday and meets the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

He said the School District is in a financial crisis and funds are needed at this time. In conjunction with Fort Worth, the City is authorized to release these funds and make a payment to the School District in the amount of \$502,000.00. Total cost of the H. K. Williams Elementary School was \$516,000.00, but rather than hold up release of the sum authorized, he recommended that the Ordinance be adopted. The other money will come later.

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, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

70-7 Mrs. Carmella Russell Obregoso from the Republic of Peru made the following statement and presentation to Mayor McAllister:

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Honorable Walter McAllister, Mayor of the City of San Antonio; Members of the City Council; Texas Citizens in the audience.

Dear Mayor:

All of Peru loves you as a true, sincere friend. You have always given them your hospitality. You are not only the Mayor, but also the International Ambassador of Goodwill of San Antonio. Never even think of not running for Mayor again, because San Antonio would never shine in the world with the same gleam of friendship and progress without you, as it does now and I mean it.

Peru and I met you through our beloved friend, Mamie Dial, and that was the beginning of our brotherhood alliance that is growing day by day. We have now 30 Peruvians - scholarship students - in your universities. And when the youth of different countries learn to love each other the future is secure.

You really live up to the song "America the Beautiful," because you crown your good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

I now, as President of the Cultural Exchange Committee of the Alliance for Progress Peru-Texas Program, have the honor to present to you, in representation of the Mayor of our important District of Surquillo, Peru, the highest honor that our City Halls bestow in Peru, "Alcalde Honorario and Illustrious Guest," first time in the history of Peru that we have made anyone honorary alcalde and also a beautiful Coat of Arms from the Mayor of Surquillo, Peru; it's the Coat of Arms of Lima, called the "City of the Kings."

He is the first honorary alcalde of Peru and he deserves it.

This is from me - one of my latest musical compositions.

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QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. William Ochse, President of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Mr. Jack Gilmore of the Industrial Department, who made an activity report of the Economic Development Department of the Chamber of Commerce for the period covering November 1, 1969 to January 31, 1970 (a copy of the report is on file with the papers of this meeting).

The Council discussed with Mr. Gilmore the proposed establishment of a local development corporation oriented toward Model Cities Area whose prime responsibility would be to help small businessmen and provide services similar to the Small Business Investment Corporation without taking an equity position.

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Dr. Calderon suggested that the Model Cities' Staff send copies of this proposal to Members of the Council. He also suggested the creation of an additional staff position in the Chamber of Commerce to be devoted to military procurement. If need be, in order to do this, the Council should consider adjusting the budget of the Chamber of Commerce for this purpose.

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

70-7      ANNEXATION

The Mayor opened the scheduled public hearing on the proposed annexation of 3.334 acres of land known as Park North Commercial Subdivision and owned by the Denton Development Company, Inc.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed annexation.

No one spoke in opposition.

The Mayor then declared the hearing closed and stated that a first reading of the annexation ordinance will be held on February 26.

70-7                      SENIOR CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR  
REDUCED BUS FARES

Mrs. Joe Kenny, a proponent of lower bus fares for senior citizens, stated that they have statistics of fares for senior citizens and hope to have an opportunity to compare them with those figures prepared by Mr. Fuller of the Transit System. However, he is out of the City and this cannot be done.

She asked that the Council postpone consideration for two weeks.

The Council agreed to the postponement and advised that action will be taken on this matter on February 26.

Councilman Torres reminded the City Manager that the Staff was to make an analysis of the figures of the Transit System on this matter and advise the Council of same.

70-7                      INSPECTION OF MEAT PRODUCTS AND LABELING

Councilman Torres stated that he had submitted a memorandum to the Council Members and the City Manager pertaining to this subject, which concerns certain changes in the City Code requested by the Consumer Association of San Antonio.

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Mr. Franklin Yudkin, representing the Consumer Association, presented a petition proposing the following:

1. That section 16 (retail sales) and section 22 (wholesale) be changed to eliminate the distinction between "hamburger" ground, chopped, diced or other types of meat sold. Use COMMINUTED.
2. Require that the store list the type of animal that the "hamburger" is consisting of. Whether from a cow, bull or other types listed.
3. Require the stores to list whether they add Benzoate or sulfites.
4. To require the store to place a date in bold numbers stating when the meat was ground.
5. To amend the city ordinance so that these requirements would extend to butcher shops that do not prepackage meat.
6. To require standards for "Hamburger" sold in restaurants, by making the word "Hamburger" on a menu mean a labeling so as to have standards apply. Have "Hamburger" include any other name that a restaurant might give to the product.
7. To require wholesalers, butchers and retailers to list on a label the amount of fat contained in the "hamburger" to within a reasonable amount, let us when over 30% fat is put in.
8. To require that all milk cartons have printed on them in bold black type the date which they should be removed from the shelves by or the date they were packaged, whichever is more reasonable.

The request was referred to the City Manager to have Dr. William Ross make a study and recommendation to the Council with the advice and counsel of the Legal Department.

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QUINTANA RAILROAD CROSSING

Mr. Hill reported that the railroad is continually blocking traffic during peak traffic hours for as much as over 20 minutes. The City Ordinance prohibits blocking a street crossing for a period over five minutes. He felt some action should be taken to make the railroads comply with the ordinance.

Suggestions were made, as follows:

1. That the City Manager write the railroad about this problem.
2. That, if necessary, an officer be placed at the crossing to enforce the ordinance.

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3. The City Attorney suggested that the best way may be to go into District Court and file suit for an injunction.

The Council was in agreement that something needs to be done to alleviate the traffic bottleneck created by the railroads.

70-7 Mr. Herbert Karren, President of the San Antonio Home Builders Association, presented the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

The San Antonio Home Builders Association at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board of directors, held on Tuesday, February 10, 1970, did approve the following resolution for presentation to the City Council:

WHEREAS: The City Council, the elected governing body of San Antonio, an incorporated city, in the county of Bexar, in the state of Texas, has been charged with the moral and legal obligation to rule on those matters considered to be within those areas delegated to it by the State statutes, and

WHEREAS: State statutes have decreed that the power and authority to control land use through subdivision and zoning regulations, and the quality of construction through building codes is within the province of home rule cities, of which San Antonio is one, and

WHEREAS: The City has enacted appropriate ordinances, regulations and codes commensurate with those powers entrusted to it by the State;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Antonio Home Builders Association urgently requests the City, through its Council:

- (1) To maintain its previous posture of clarity and strength in the enforcement of the ordinances, regulations and codes heretofore adopted;
- (2) To clarify publicly that it lacks the power to prohibit the construction which complies in all respects with the aforementioned ordinances, codes and regulations; and
- (3) To exemplify this policy by withdrawing any objection to the continuation of certain recently proposed low-cost housing projects, notwithstanding pressures applied to the City Council to exceed its lawful authority in this area.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 1970.

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The Resolution was referred to the City Attorney for study.

70-7 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 petitions were received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

2-2-70 Petition of Ex-Texas Rangers Association requesting permission to erect a statue of a Texas Ranger in front of Pioneer Memorial Hall.

2-6-70 Petition of San Antonio Refrigeration Company requesting permission to erect a 6' chain link fence with barbed wire on top at 115 Denver Boulevard.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN  
City Clerk

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70-7 At 10:25 A. M. the meeting was recessed and the Council went into Executive Session to consider appointments to the HemisFair Advisory Committee.

The meeting reconvened at 11:25 A. M., and there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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*Herbert E. Karren*  
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President

ATTEST:  
*Donald J. Skillman*  
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CITY COUNCIL HELD FEB 12 1970TO: Mayor Walter W. McAllister and City Council MembersFROM: Pete Torres, Jr.COPIES TO: Jeff Duffield; Norma Reed; Mr. HenckelSUBJECT: Inspection of Meat Products and Labelling of SameDate February 12, 1970

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Mr. Franklin Young of the local Consumers' Association has called to my attention the City Code in certain aspects at least insofar as the inspection and labelling of meat products is concerned.

The Consumers' Association's interest is to assure that the consumer is not being misled in his purchases and that he is apprised of what he is purchasing.

The recently formed association has apparently discovered a fault in local ordinances which seek to provide regulations in the sale of meat products but in effect fail to do so. As an example, the association recently undertook to determine the content of "fat" in hamburger meat since the City Code prohibits "hamburger" from consisting of more than 30% fat (Section 22-16k6). A cursory examination at some retail establishments revealed the existence of a large amount of fat in what was obviously hamburger meat. However, the products escaped inspection at the meat packing plant because the definition in the code defines hamburger as "chopped fresh beef". Apparently, local plants do not chop the beef. It is ground, grated or comminuted. Thus, in order for our City Health inspectors to be permitted to inspect the meat at its source, the definition in the code would have to be more extensive.

Further, the Health inspectors cannot and do not inspect the meat in the retail establishments because Section 22-3C protects the retailer in cases where meat has previously been inspected. I understand that the state has no standards for regulation either at the plant or at the retailers and the federal government does not inspect the retailer. Thus, at the retail level, the consumer is confronted with a situation of buying at his own risk. Requirements for labelling are not sufficiently comprehensive in scope.

There is an existent void under current regulations and I feel that changes should be made in the City Code to correct the situation.

By copy of this memorandum to Mr. Henckel, I am asking for a staff report on this situation to the Council. I am hopeful that the staff will enlighten the Council with their familiarity with the problem and that the Council can follow up with remedial changes in the code.

P.T. jr.