

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1975.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE, NIELSEN, COCKRELL; Absent: PYNDUS.

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75-58 The invocation was given by The Reverend Spiro Pieratos, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church.

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75-58 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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75-58 The minutes of the Special Meeting of September 15, 1975, Special Meeting of September 17, 1975, and Regular Meeting of September 18, 1975, were approved.

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75-58 Mayor Cockrell read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-58-86

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS
"UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN MONTH".

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Cisneros, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

Mayor Cockrell then recognized Mr. Chet Todd, Chairman of the United Way Campaign and invited him to the podium.

Mr. Todd thanked the Council for passing the Resolution. He said that the goal of United Way this year is \$4,688,717 which is the bare minimum. There is a need for \$6,700,000, and he expressed the hope that citizens of San Antonio will be generous with their contributions this year.

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75-58 Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Teniente introduced the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-58-87

REQUESTING THE PLACEMENT OF "NO SMOKING"
SIGNS IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente stated that the Council Chamber as well as the "B" Room have become very crowded and that persons who suffer from respiratory problems are very uncomfortable. With passage of this Resolution he requested that signs be placed in both rooms.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

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LETTER TO E.P.A.

Councilman Dr. D. Ford Nielsen asked that a letter be written to the E.P.A. expressing the Council's distress at the report which was issued this week by Midwest Research Institute being critical of life in San Antonio.

Mayor Cockrell and other Council members agreed that the report was in error and should be corrected. Mayor Cockrell said that she would write a letter of protest promptly.

75-58

CLASS FROM PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell recognized a group from Providence High School accompanied by their adviser, Mrs. Jane Groves. She welcomed them to the meeting and invited a representative to address the Council.

Miss Barbara Huslage said that there is a course in the school curriculum, History of San Antonio. As a project they felt it would be interesting to test the knowledge of the City Council. She distributed copies of a test taken by their class and invited the Council members to complete the answers and mail them to the school.

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CLASS FROM McARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell recognized a class from McArthur High School and their teacher, Mrs. Gail Sillers, and welcomed them to the meeting.

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"B" SESSIONS

Councilman Cisneros said that it had been suggested to him that due to the size of the "B" Room and the number of persons attending the meetings, that future "B" Sessions be held in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Cockrell said that the suggestion would be taken under advisement and considered.

75-58 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Rinehart, Operations Manager for Fiscal Planning and Control Division, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

AN ORDINANCE 45,759

AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT OF \$29,865.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM THIRD ACTION YEAR FOR THE COST OF 23 SUB-STANDARD, UNREPLATTABLE LOTS ACQUIRED IN THE MODEL CITIES HOUSING CENTER PROJECT IN SATISFACTION OF THE LAST OF THE FINDINGS IN THE AUDIT OF SAID PROGRAM YEAR BY THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,760

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH UNITED ORGANIZATIONS COALITION (UOC) OF SAN ANTONIO FOR OPERATION OF A PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT DETOUR II, BEING AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS, APPROVING A COST OF \$241,400.00 FOR THE PROJECT, APPROVING A BUDGET THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$120,700.00 TO THE PROJECT'S FUND FROM CETA TITLE I MANPOWER TRAINING SECOND YEAR PROGRAM FUNDS AND ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$120,700.00 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

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75-58 The Clerk read an ordinance authorizing a contract between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Development Agency for implementing the emergency repair program; approving the operating procedures, and establishing a budget for the program.

The following discussion took place.

MR. CIPRIANO GUERRA: The operating procedures to this program have been discussed with the Housing Task Force chaired by Dr. Nielsen and has received their recommendations for City Council acceptance. The program provides for loans or grants not to exceed \$1500 for families that meet the income limitations established through this program. The loans will be at four percent simple interest with a maximum repayment period of not to exceed ten years. Eligible applicants for these loans and grants must own or be purchasing their own homes. We will not be covering contract of sales or absentee landlord structures. The program is not intended to take care of ordinary repairs, but only the emergency kinds. In case of a storm, we have a roof collapse or if a water heater blows out or the heating system goes out in the middle of the winter, these kind of repairs are covered by it. The money required for the repair has to be applied for within 30 days of the incident involved. We urge approval of the ordinance.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: I move adoption.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. We have a motion.

MR. BOB BILLA: I second the motion.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Any discussion?

MAYOR PRO-TEM RICHARD TENIENTE: Yes, I have a question, Mrs. Cockrell, because I want to know what provisions are in this ordinance that would provide for people that would not pay. What do you have when they borrow money and they do not pay? What provision do you have?

MR. GUERRA: The money can be a grant and there is an income formula.

MR. TENIENTE: It says here four percent simple interest, and I'm talking about default on the note portion. Are we going to secure with a second lien or not?

MR. GUERRA: On emergency repairs, no.

MR. TENIENTE: Then this is an actual outright grant if you want to look at it that way. I don't support that.

MR. GUERRA: If the person fails to repay, yes, sir. I'm afraid it would turn into an outright grant.....

MR. TENIENTE: I will not support anything - we're not in a welfare program, and I just don't feel that the City should start something that New York is quite obviously failing at and that is to support through City funds welfare projects and I will not support this item.

DR. NIELSEN: However, the nature of the repair is not such that we could absolutely say that everybody who would qualify for a loan and/or grant would default. I realize there is a bit of a problem.

MR. TENIENTE: We should have provisions in here - built in here in case they default. I would support it then, but not to where it would outright be a grant. I will not support that.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Is there other discussion by the Council?

MR. BILLA: We didn't take that into consideration. I don't recall that, and that's a good point, Ford.

MR. GUERRA: The whole matter of how to handle default is still under discussion by the San Antonio Development Agency. We have not arrived at a final recommendation.

MR. AL ROHDE: I recommend we pull the item, Mayor.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Is there a representative of the Development Agency here today?

MR. GUERRA: But I do know the Board is attempting to work out procedures for default.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, I see. May we ask this, would it be of any problem if we would pull this today and perhaps give the Board an opportunity to respond to the concerns raised by Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente in terms of the practicality, desirability of working in a procedure in terms of what happens if there is a default.

MR. GUERRA: We can do that. However, the Board is addressing that at the request of the task force, and I don't think it will be ready within the week and on the other hand, as winter approaches, we will have these emergency repairs come up. I feel very strongly about grants also, you know.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, it might be that they could at least come and tell us their procedure and what their projections are and give some assurances that a procedure will be developed. And so with the consent of the Council, we will pull this for one week. Thank you.

MR. GUERRA: All right.

75-58 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,761

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS FOR A \$25,000.00
MATCHING GRANT TO ESTABLISH AND CONDUCT
A FOLK/ETHNIC MUSIC PROGRAM TO BE AD-
MINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
AND RECREATION.

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Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the Ordinance and stated that this grant would permit a folk and ethnic music program. It will provide concerts in the parks, teaching for talented youths at various recreation centers in the City and will also permit the purchase of music instruments for those who cannot afford to buy them. He recommended approval of this Ordinance.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

75-58 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

AN ORDINANCE 45,762

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF ALTO FENCE COMPANY, INC., OF \$4,298.00 TO CONSTRUCT A FENCE AND FLOODGATE AT BROOKS FIELD PARK; AND FROM M. H. BRADEN ENTERPRISES OF \$6,446.00 TO CONSTRUCT A BOUNDARY PATROL ROAD AT SAID PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE STANDARD PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS WITH THE CONTRACTORS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID CONTRACTS FROM 1970 PARK IMPROVEMENT BOND FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,763

ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PURCHASE OF PLANT MATERIALS TO BE USED IN CREATING "FREEDOMS GROVE" IN MAHNCKE PARK, ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND FOR THIS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF PLANT MATERIALS TO BE USED IN SAID FACILITY.

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75-58 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,764

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$4,200 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY ACCOUNT NUMBER 200196 TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE YEAR OCTOBER 1, 1975, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1976.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, who said that this Ordinance authorizes payment of the City's annual membership dues to the National League of Cities. He said that the League has been very effective in getting policy set at the national level and is a means of giving cities a voice in Washington.

Mayor Cockrell said that about six months ago the former Council voted to go on inactive status with the National League of Cities as a protest to a resolution which had been adopted by the League. She said that she felt that the protest had been made known, but that the City should remain a participant in the organization.

Other Council members also expressed a desire to retain membership and encouraged Council members to attend the League's meetings.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

75-58 Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting, and Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente presided.

75-58 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,765

AUTHORIZING WRITE-OFFS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TOTALING \$6,169.00 FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMBULANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, who said that it authorizes the write-offs of uncollectable ambulance billings. He distributed a recap of the collection record since the beginning of the program. The collection ratio is 54 percent which is a higher ratio than in other Texas cities. The bills have been examined by a Committee and approved by them.

Councilman Rohde said that the current cost for ambulance service is \$103 per call. He said that \$35.00 is, therefore, a charge that should be collected and he would not be in favor of charging these fees off.

Mr. White said that every effort is being made to collect all of the fees, however, these fees being written off are uncollectable because of fictitious names or addresses and in some cases just inability to pay. He said also that the service is costing about \$2 million per year, but so far only \$400,000 has been billed.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: Rohde; ABSENT: Pyndus, Cockrell.

75-58 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Director of R.O.W. and Land Acquisition, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Rohde, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Pyndus.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,766

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$37,954.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE AND/OR EASEMENTS TO CERTAIN LANDS, AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN LANDS; ALL TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

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75-58 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,767

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN LEASES WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL AGENCIES FOR OCCUPANCY OF THE WEST END MULTI-SERVICE CENTER.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. William Donahue, Director of Human Resources and Services, who said that this Ordinance authorizes renewal of lease contracts for two years with certain agencies named in the Ordinance. He recommended approval of the Ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente stated that most of the agencies using the Multi-Service Center are funded and asked if he had ever attempted to require them to help offset some of the building expenses such as utilities' cost.

Mr. Donahue said that the policy has been not to have a rental fee although the contracts can be amended if Council wishes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente asked that this matter be looked into for the future.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Rev. Black, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Cockrell.

75-58 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,768

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN LEASES WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL AGENCIES FOR OCCUPANCY OF THE EAST SIDE MULTI-SERVICE CENTER.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. William Donahue, Director of Human Resources and Services, who said that he is asking for three additional agencies to be authorized to occupy space in the Eastside Multi-Service Center. They are the E.O.D.C. Youth Services, Miller Child Development Center and the Mental Health-Mental Retardation Alcohol Treatment Program.

In answer to Dr. Nielsen's question, Mr. Donahue said that the Miller Day Care organization has received a grant from the Department of Public Welfare for about \$200,000 in addition to funds they already have. This program will run from 7:00 A.M. to midnight which is approaching a 24 hour day care service.

Rev. Black stated that Miller Day Care Center is also involving the educational institutions of San Antonio in the program in terms of training.

Mr. Donahue cautioned the Council that the Miller Child Development Center is the first program of its kind in the country. While it shows excellent potential, there likely will be some problems that have not been anticipated.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Rev. Black, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Cockrell.

75-58 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Hartman, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,769

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR IMPROVEMENT OF BLANCO ROAD BETWEEN INTERSTATE LOOP 410 AND RECTOR DRIVE.

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RITTIMAN ROAD

Mr. Stewart Fischer announced that the State awarded a contract yesterday for construction of Rittiman Road. The bid was about 30 percent below the estimate. The saving effected will be to the City's benefit.

75-58 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Rohde was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Hartman, Cockrell.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,770

AMENDING SECTION 38-2(C) OF THE CITY
TRAFFIC CODE TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION
OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE.

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75-58 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Hartman, Rohde, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,771

AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE SYSTEMS
MANAGEMENT FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT FOR A
THIRD YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1975 ADMINISTERED
BY THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT,
APPROVING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS,
AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE GENERAL
FUND AND ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$16,900.00
FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY
FOR THE PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,772

APPROVING AN EXPENDITURE OF \$27,400.00 FOR
UPGRADING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTING AT THE
CALLAGHAN AND CULEBRA ROADS INTERSECTION,
DESIGNATING A FUND, AND APPROVING AN
APPROPRIATION FOR THE PROJECT AND AUTHORI-
ZING TEMPORARY LOANS TO THE PROJECT.

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75-58 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Teniente, Nielsen, Hartman; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Rohde, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 45,773

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF NATIONWIDE
PAPERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
WITH REFUSE CONTAINERS FOR A TOTAL OF
\$8,874.00 LESS 1% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,774

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ALEMITE COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LUBRICATION EQUIPMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,775

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF AMFAC ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY AND WHITE PLAINS ELECTRICAL SUPPLY CO., INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AN ELECTRICAL DIMMING SYSTEM AND SUPPLIES FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,282.34, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,776

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF AMFAC ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO., TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ELECTRICAL WIRE FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,702.23, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,777

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF PAUL ANDERSON COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH PARTITIONS AND SERVICES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$9,584.66.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,778

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REPAIR PARTS FOR THE BAGGAGE CONVEYOR SYSTEM AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM BURGESS POWER AND SUPPLY COMPANY FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,176.00.

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75-58 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Reverend Black, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus, Rohde, Cockrell.

A RESOLUTION
No. 75-58-88

DESIGNATING THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 25,
1975 TO MAY, 1976, AS "SAN ANTONIO
AMERICAN ISSUES FORUM YEAR".

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Reverend Black said the former City Council had endorsed the meeting of the various agencies in the City that are subject to the actions of the Council for the purpose of dealing with possible duplication of services and the matter of the best allocation of dollars available. He said that the agencies have been working for about a year. Reverend Black said that we would like for this Council to reaffirm this effort. When they have come to some conclusion they could be brought to the Council's Policy Committee. The objective of this is to achieve a social policy that would serve as a guideline for the allocation of welfare funds.

The Councilmen discussed the matter and agreed with Reverend Black that the work of the committee should be continued.

75-58 At 11:00 A. M., the meeting recessed to go to "B" Session and for lunch. The meeting reconvened at 1:50 P. M.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

HELEN DUTMER

Mrs. Helen Dutmer, 739 McKinley, discussed the landslide problem on Pickwell Drive. She said that the hill was stable and that the problems being encountered are man made. She urged that the City take steps immediately to correct the problem.

Mr. Hartman advised Mrs. Dutmer that this subject was thoroughly discussed in today's "B" Session and the staff had been instructed to seek ways and means of resolving the problem and to report back to the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente said that the problem of whether City funds could or should be spent on this project is still to be resolved.

In answer to Mrs. Dutmer's question, Mr. Billa said that he resides in the area and his property has been affected. However, in view of his position as a Councilman, he would not enter into conversations about the problem or attempt to persuade anyone.

KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida Street, said that he had previously gone on record opposing the Monte Vista area being zoned as a historic district. He said that he had walked through the area and could find nothing of historic significance there. He said that the new State

Constitution to be voted on in November will provide that a political subdivision may grant relief from ad valorem taxes on property designated as historical. He questioned how this would work out in a large area like Monte Vista.

Mr. Wurz asked that the rezoning of Monte Vista be rescinded.

HELEN R. WALTER

Mrs. Helen R. Walter, 5286 Roundtable Drive, said that Roosevelt High School has started new classes in government and would appreciate having City Councilmen visit their classes to speak to them. She said that Councilman Rohde had offered his services and she invited others also.

MRS. BLANCHE RODRIGUEZ

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente introduced Mrs. Blanche Rodriguez, a member of the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission, to other members of the Council. He welcomed her and invited her to return anytime.

MUSEUM SERVICES

Dr. Nielsen said that he had just learned that on September 27 in Fort Worth there will be a hearing dealing with the Museum Service Act which is to be before Congress soon. If the bill is passed, it would fund maintenance and operation costs for museums. He urged that someone attend the hearing as a representative of the Council.

After discussion, Councilman Cisneros said that he would arrange to be there.

75-58 The Clerk read the following letter:

September 19, 1975

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

September 19, 1975

Petition of Mr. Richard Swierc, 203 Loy Drive, San Antonio, Texas, and other citizens, requesting the City to correct flooding, sanitation and health conditions which exist in the area north of Freeman and west of Hillcrest Drive, due to improper water runoff and drainage.

J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

75-58 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

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A P P R O V E D

Bill Cockrell

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ATTEST:

G. V. Johnson
City Clerk

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