

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1979.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: CISNEROS, WEBB, DUTMER, WING, EURESTE, ALDERETE, THOMPSON, CANAVAN, ARCHER, STEEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

79-39 The invocation was given by Mr. Billy Harlow, Preacher of the Houston Terrace Church of Christ.

79-39 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

79-39 The minutes of the meeting of August 9, 1979, were approved.

79-39 ZONING HEARINGS

5. CASE 7763 - to rezone Lot 4, Block 1, NCB 8973, in the 1500 Block of W. Harlan Street from "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3R" Restrictive Business District, located between W. Harlan Street and Brunswick Street, being 259.8' east of the intersection of Somerset Road and Brunswick Street, having 50' on both W. Harlan Street and Brunswick Street and a distance of 96.2' between these two streets.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change which the Zoning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council. He stated that the Commission was recommending a non-access easement, along with a six foot solid screen fence to be erected along the south and east lines of the subject property, as part of the stipulation.

Mr. Wing stated that he was familiar with the area which is rapidly undergoing transition. He explained that putting this property to use would eliminate a lot of the problems that have been cited in the area.

Mr. Alfred Castellano, the applicant, explained the proposed use of the property and explained the reasons why a six foot solid screen fence would not be of any use to him. He asked the Council not to include this as part of the stipulation.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Wing moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that a one-foot non-access easement is imposed along the south property line along Brunswick Street. Also applicant is to work with the Traffic Department for proper ingress and egress. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Alderete.

August 16, 1979

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AN ORDINANCE 51,103

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 4, BLOCK 1, NCB 8973 IN THE 1500 BLOCK OF W. HARLAN STREET, FROM "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3R" RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT A ONE FOOT NON-ACCESS EASEMENT IS IMPOSED ALONG THE SOUTH PROPERTY ALONG BRUNSWICK STREET. ALSO, APPLICANT IS TO WORK WITH THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR PROPER INGRESS AND EGRESS.

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6. CASE 7700 - to rezone an 11.938 acre tract of land out of NCB 13662, being further described by field notes filed in the Office of the City Clerk, in the 8300 thru 8500 Block of Data Point Drive, from "O-1" Office District to "B-3" Business District, located 519.8' northeast of the intersection of Data Point Drive and Fredericksburg Road, having a total of 1252.18' on Data Point and a maximum depth of 600'.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Canavan moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that the property is properly platted and the applicant work with the Traffic Department for proper ingress and egress. Mr. Steen seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Dutmer, Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,109

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS AN 11.938 ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF NCB 13662, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, IN THE 8300 THRU 8500 BLOCK OF DATA POINT DRIVE, FROM "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT THE PROPERTY IS PROPERLY PLATTED AND THAT THE APPLICANT WORK WITH THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT FOR PROPER INGRESS AND EGRESS.

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7. CASE 7774 - to rezone a 6.832 acre tract of land out of Lot 5, NCB 13752, being further described by field notes filed in the Office of the City Clerk, in the 10600 Block of Sentinel Drive, from "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, "B-2" Business District and "B-3" Business District, to "I-1" Light Industry District, located on the south-east side of Sentinel Drive being 300' northeast of the intersection of Broadway and Sentinel Drive, having 410.27' on Sentinel Drive, having 410.27' on Sentinel Drive and a maximum depth of 859.13'.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Steen moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that proper platting is accomplished, if necessary. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,110.

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 6.832 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF LOT 5, NCB 13752, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, IN THE 10600 BLOCK OF SENTINEL DRIVE, FROM "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED, IF NECESSARY.

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8. CASE 7775 - to rezone Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 2, NCB 16482, in the 1500 Block of Thousand Oaks Drive, from Temporary "R-1" E.R.Z.D. Single Family Residential District Edwards Recharge Zone District to "B-3" Business District E.R.Z.D. Business District Edwards Recharge Zone District, located southeast of the intersection of Thousand Oaks Drive and San Pedro Avenue, having 553.09' on Thousand Oaks Drive and 296.70' on San Pedro Avenue.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Steen moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that street dedication in accordance with the Major Thoroughfare Plan, is accomplished. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,111

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 1, 2, AND 3, BLOCK 2, NCB 16482, IN THE 1500 BLOCK OF THOUSAND OAKS DRIVE, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" E.R.Z.D. SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT EDWARDS RECHARGE ZONE DISTRICT TO "B-3" E.R.Z.D. BUSINESS DISTRICT EDWARDS RECHARGE ZONE DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT STREET DEDICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARE PLAN IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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9. CASE 7772 - to rezone Tract 3, NCB 10881, in the 7900 Block of S.E. Loop 410, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District, located on the northwest of S.E. Loop 410 being approximately 3765.92' southwest of the intersection of W.W. White Road and S.E. Loop 410, having 842.41' on S.E. Loop 410 and a maximum depth of 2531.27'.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mrs. Dutmer moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Canavan seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,112

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS TRACT 3, NCB 10881, IN THE 7900 BLOCK OF S.E. LOOP 410, FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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10. CASE 7764 - to rezone Parcel 8, NCB 15724, in the 12300 Block of I.H. 35 Expressway from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District, located on the northwest side of I.H. 35 Expressway being 880' southwest of the cutback between Judson Road and I.H. 35 Expressway, having 372.08' on I.H. 35 Expressway, and a maximum depth of 448.7'.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

No citizen appeared to speak in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Steen moved that the recommendation of the Zoning Commission be approved provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Canavan seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,113

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS PARCEL 8, NCB 15724, IN THE 12300 BLOCK OF I.H. 35 EXPRESSWAY FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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79-39 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Thompson, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,114

ACCEPTING THE HIGH BIDS FROM CERTAIN BANKS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH CITY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DEPOSIT IN INTEREST-BEARING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

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79-39 The Clerk read the following Ordinance;

AN ORDINANCE 51,115

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$20,000 TO MATCH A LIKE AMOUNT PROVIDED BY THE MUSIC PERFORMANCE TRUST FUND TO CO-SPONSOR A FREE-TO-THE PUBLIC, TEMPO '80 LIVE MUSIC PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSICIANS SOCIETY OF SAN ANTONIO COVERING SUCH PROGRAM.

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Mr. Webb moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Steen seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the sources received for the funding of this program. He stated that there has been a tremendous response from the public.

Mr. Steen commended the programs available to the public which provide free entertainment.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

79-39 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Steen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,116

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH ARTISTS INVOLVING PAYMENTS IN EXCESS OF \$3,000 FOR PERFORMANCES AT THE CARVER COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER DURING FISCAL YEAR 1979-1980.

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79-39 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 51,117

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 50766 DATED MAY 17, 1979, TO APPROVE ADJUSTMENT AND OTHER STAFF COSTS FOR THE BEXAR COUNTY COMMUNITY LABOR AGENCY'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM.

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Dr. Cisneros moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Mr. Archer inquired as to his suggestion made last week regarding the problems that people who come from families on welfare encounter, in their search for employment.

Mayor Cockrell stated that one of the problems is that there are more applicants for these type of programs than there are positions available.

Mr. Louis Fox, Assistant City Manager, stated that a report would be forthcoming to the Council as to the rules and regulations for these type of programs and the problems that arise in these cases.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

79-39 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 51,118

ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL GRANT OF \$25,000 IN CETA TITLE VII FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING PROJECT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVE PROGRAM (PSIP); APPROPRIATING THAT AMOUNT TO THE SAN ANTONIO ALLIANCE OF BUSINESS, INC., AN OPERATING AGENCY, TO PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE SAN ANTONIO INDUSTRY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCY.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved to approve the Ordinance. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

Dr. Cisneros suggested to the Council that the Private Industry Council and the Department of Economic and Employment staff contact the Hyatt Regency and the Marriott Hotel chains regarding the possibility of training in hotel/motel management for new employees of hotels currently under construction.

Mayor Cockrell suggested that the Mexican-American Unity Council also be invited to participate in these meetings.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

79-39 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 51,119

ACCEPTING A REFUND OF \$2,180.00 FROM ROYAL BUSINESS MACHINES, INC., FOR RETURNED TYPE-WRITERS PURCHASED BY THE CITY LIBRARY FOR USE IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM SERVICES PROGRAM; AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE PROGRAM.

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AN ORDINANCE 51,120

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. FOR THE LEASE OF A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CENTER FOR THE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.

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79-39 The following Resolutions were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

A RESOLUTION
NO. 79-39-87

CONCURRING IN THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ROSA VERDE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, TEX. R-78, TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT, BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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A RESOLUTION
NO. 79-39-88

SETTING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS TO PROVIDE CITIZENS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMULATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 5TH YEAR CDBG APPLICATION.

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79-39 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 79-39-89

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR FUNDING OF A STUDY TO DEVELOP ENERGY-CONSERVING DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS FOR SITE AND NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN.

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Dr. Cisneros moved to approve the Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

Dr. Cisneros explained the purpose of the Resolution and stated that if this Resolution is passed, then this would give direction to staff to be able to do the preparatory work that is necessary and to be able to tell the Council, by the first week of September, what action needs to be taken on the matter.

City Attorney, Jane Macon, stated that the legal department has been in touch with the bond counsel as it relates to the Industrial Development Bonds as well as working with the Economic Development Foundation on the development of a non-profit corporation. She stated that this information would be available to the Council.

In response to a question by Mr. Thompson, Dr. Cisneros explained the reasons the Council needs to address this policy statement and stated that perhaps a "B" Session could be set aside about the first week of September to address this issue.

Mr. Archer stated that he had not received any information on this matter, therefore he would be abstaining from voting on this Resolution.

Mr. Alderete suggested that instead of approving a formal Resolution at this time, that the Council concur to discuss this matter at a "B" Session.

A lengthy discussion then took place on Mr. Alderete's suggestion.

Mr. Steen spoke in support of the Resolution.

Mr. Eureste spoke against the Resolution because he felt that the "concept" of this Resolution does not need to be supported since the item is coming up in "B" Session for close review.

Mayor Cockrell explained her personal view point on the matter and stated that this is simply another matter that deals with the importance of economic development and industry.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Archer; ABSENT: None.

79-39 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 51,121

APPOINTING AND REAPPOINTING MEMBERS AND
ALTERNATES TO THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
FOR THE 1979 TAX YEAR, SETTING THE PAY
OF THOSE SERVING, FIXING THE DATES FOR
THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS AND DESIGNATING
A CHAIRMAN.

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The following persons are hereby appointed to serve on the Board of Equalization for the 1979 Tax year:

Manuel Chacon, who is designated as
Chairman
Albert McKnight
Donald Bouchelle

The following persons are hereby appointed as alternate members of the Board of Equalization for the 1979 Tax Year:

Armando Aranda
Clarence Williams
Pete Cantu
Sue Weems

Mr. Canavan moved to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Steen seconded the motion.

City Attorney, Jane Macon, explained that outside legal consultants are generally paid from \$50.00 to \$55.00 per hour depending on the consultant that is being hired and the type of work that is being done.

In response to a question by Mr. Eureste, Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, explained the function of the Board and its members. He explained the situation regarding the pay scales and stressed the need for a strong sense of professionalism in this line of work.

After further discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Archer; ABSENT: None.

79-39 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 51,122

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A
LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO
POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

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Mr. Steen moved to approve the Ordinance. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

Mr. Louis Fox, Assistant City Manager, explained the Ordinance and stated that an agreement had been reached for the 8.8% offer that was made by the City. He explained the one item which was amended, giving officers the right to choose between the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission or an outside arbitrator when appealing disciplinary cases. He recommended that the City Council approve this Ordinance.

The following citizen spoke on the Ordinance:

Mr. Raul Rodriguez spoke in opposition to the Ordinance because he stated that the pay increase discriminates against the rookies or recruits of the Police Department since it is the higher ranking officer who benefits from it. He also spoke in opposition to the amended item,

Mayor Cockrell spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Mr. Wing commended the police officers and the negotiating team for reaching an agreement.

Mr. Alderete stated that he would be voting for the Ordinance but stated his objection to the amended item. He stated that the City should not be able to negotiate away a board or commission that has been set up by the Council to screen decisions.

Mayor Cockrell stated that this is a state law that was set up to provide an opportunity for police officers to have an appeal route in hearing disciplinary cases.

Mr. McCullough, Personnel Director, explained the source of funding which is paid to the arbitrator.

After much discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Archer, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mayor Cockrell asked that an initial work session be set aside for August 28, 1979 from 5:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M. regarding the Chapter 4 of the Master Plan.

Mr. Bob Ashcroft, Chairman of the Planning Commission, informed the Council that a resolution has been drawn up regarding Chapter 4 of the Master Plan. He stated that the draft is ready for Council consideration.

Several of the Council members urged review of an existing City Ordinance to see if it can be strengthened to curb the sale of paint to youngsters who frequently sniff the material to induce euphoria and disorientation.

City Attorney, Jane Macon, stated that the matter was being investigated and a report would be forthcoming to the Council.

Mayor Cockrell urged the continuance of the legal department's efforts in trying to solve the problem.

79-39 The meeting was recessed at 3:05 P.M. and reconvened at 3:30 P.M.

79-39 3:30 P.M. -- PUBLIC HEARING RE: H.B. ZACHRY'S REQUEST TO CLOSE E. LAUREL STREET BETWEEN MCCULLOUGH AND OGDEN

Mayor Cockrell declared open the Hearing:

Mr. Carl Braunig, Division Head of Planning and Designing, Traffic and Transportation Department, explained the request by the proponent, Mr. H.B. Zachry, to close East Laurel Street between Ogden and McCullough. He gave background information on the area and the surrounding properties. He explained the proposed use of the property. He stated that staff feels that the best interest served would be the foreclosure of E. Laurel Street and McCullough, stating that there are traffic problems at Laurel and McCullough and with this closing, the problems would be solved, along with the ingress and egress situation. He stated that the Traffic and Transportation Department has appraised this land for \$17,600.00, and recommends the closing of this street.

Mr. Alderete expressed concern that the closing of this street would only cause more problems and could not see creating a burden on the public for the benefit of a facility that wants to expand. He further stated that he could not see this as being a proper and wise move for the City.

Mr. Eureste concurred with Mr. Alderete's remarks.

Mr. Steen, being familiar with the area, spoke regarding the traffic congestion in the area.

The proponent, Mr. Larry Raba, with CGR, Inc., Architects, showed sketches of the proposed plan. He stated that 95% of the area is non-residential. He described the surrounding properties and expressed concern for the elderly who need to walk a long distance from the parking lot to the Metropolitan Professional Building.

Mr. H.B. Zachry also made a presentation to the Council. He made reference to the sketches displaying the traffic study done in the area. He spoke regarding the traffic flow going onto McCullough Avenue and explained the outlet for this type of problem. He further explained the purpose of the entrance to the facility and their idea of taking care of the patients of the Medical Professional Building.

In opposition, Mr. John E. Cleveland, owner of the property at the northeast corner of Laurel Street expressed his main concern that 50% of his business makes use of E. Laurel Street which provides a drive-in type pharmaceutical business. He made the recommendation that the Council approve the erecting of a traffic light at E. Laurel and McCullough to control the heavy flow of traffic.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, recommended that a study be done of the traffic situation but spoke against the idea of a traffic light being erected at E. Laurel and McCullough because then there would be one at every block and it would be difficult to synchronize these traffic lights.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to the closing of the street:

B. Sotoodeh, M.D., of 115 E. Laurel Street spoke in opposition to the closing of the street. He stated that he has been practicing at this location for 20 years and informed the Council as to the heavy traffic that occurs in this location after 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Stewart Alexander, 110 Sprucewood, reiterated Dr. Sotoodeh's remarks.

Mr. Victor S. Ostronen expressed the concerns of the people who attend the Synagogue nearby. He was concerned with the people's safety because of the heavy traffic and the limitation of access to the church.

After discussion, Mrs. Dutmer expressed her concern that this is a much needed inner city plan.

Mr. Thompson commended Mr. Zachry for his efforts in his presentation but stated that he would not be voting for the closing of a street that is 90 years old.

Several of the Council members expressed their viewpoint on this matter, speaking in opposition to Mr. Zachry's request.

Mayor Cockrell declared the hearing closed.

The Clerk read a proposed ordinance closing and abandoning a portion of Laurel Street and authorizing a Quitclaim Deed to Metropolitan Professional Building, Inc., for the consideration of \$17,760.00.

Mr. Alderete moved to deny the ordinance. Mr. Wing seconded the motion.

Mayor Cockrell stated that although this is a beneficial development, she would be voting for the motion because the closing of the street must be done only under conditions when it is strongly warranted, considering the people that are using the street. She urged the Traffic and Transportation Department to study the problem at this location and to look at the alternatives.

On roll call, the motion to deny, carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Wing, Eureste, Thompson, Alderete, Canavan, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Dutmer, Archer; ABSENT: None.

19-39

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MRS. JUANITA PEREZ

Mrs. Perez, 2707 W. Houston, spoke to the Council, criticizing their rejection of a \$300,000 federal grant program aimed at improving rat control in San Antonio. She spoke of the many areas in her neighborhood where there is a severe rat problem.

A few of the Council members explained to Mrs. Perry that the program offered to the City was strictly an educational program and not one that was aimed directly at eliminating the rat problem in San Antonio.

Mayor Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Webb presided.

MRS. ALICIA RODRIGUEZ

Mrs. Rodriguez spoke to the Council regarding the problem of rats that exist in her home.

MR. RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Rodriguez spoke to the Council regarding the 8.8% pay increase that was granted to the police officers. He requested that the City Council direct staff to supply the citizens with copies of the agenda that include the add-on items. He stated that the citizens are not aware of all the items scheduled for discussion.

Mr. Rolando Bono, Assistant to the City Manager, stated that this information is available to the public through the Public Information Office.

Mr. Eureste requested that staff have at least twenty copies of last minute add-on items available to the citizens.

MR. R.A. SHARP

Mr. Sharp spoke to the Council regarding a change of a rule or regulation that had been made on the Taxicab Ordinance, pertaining to Rule 11. He stated that the proper procedure, as it states in the City Charter for adopting a new rule for this Ordinance, had not been followed. He complained to the Council of not being informed properly.

Mr. Garcia, Assistant City Attorney, explained the rule Mr. Sharp was addressing, pertaining to the wearing of hats by the taxi cab drivers. He stated that the purpose of this administration rule is strictly for identification purposes. He explained that those cab drivers who violate this rule are subject to a ticket or even suspension.

Mr. Eureste stated that the language of this rule had been changed and there should have been a public hearing regarding this matter.

Mr. Thompson, Chairman of the Taxicab Committee, stated that there seems to be a lack of communication between the taxi cab inspector and the City Manager's Office because of the change that was made without proper notice.

Mayor Pro-Tem Webb referred this matter to the City Attorney's Office and the Taxi Cab Committee for investigation.

MRS. GUADALUPE YBARRA

Mrs. Ybarra, representing her community, spoke to the Council regarding the spray paint problem in the area. She stated that she would appreciate anything the City Council could do to help eliminate this growing problem. She also spoke regarding the high crime rate in her neighborhood.

Mayor Pro-Tem Webb stated that several of the Council members are aware of the existing problem and that the matter was presently being investigated.

MR. RICHARD MCCLAIN

Mr. Richard McClain, 2231 Rippling Hill, spoke to the Council requesting help for the people in his community. He stated that a new school, Oaks Elementary School would be opening soon in their area. He asked for Council's assistance in helping them to build sidewalks on Henderson Pass and Thousand Oaks for the use of the school children.

Mayor Cockrell returned to the meeting and presided.

MR. DAVID PEARCY

Mr. Percy, 2202 Shadow Cliff, also spoke regarding the need for sidewalks on Henderson Pass and Thousand Oaks. He spoke regarding the low water crossing and the danger it presents to children attending the new school in their area. He asked that the City provide funding for this project.

Mr. Kiolbassa, Director of Public Works, suggested that perhaps the City could have some type of joint funding with the School District to provide the sidewalks that are badly needed in this area.

After discussion, involving several suggestions from Council members, Mayor Cockrell directed the City staff to investigate the matter and stated that a search for funding of this project would be conducted.

MABEL NORTON

Mrs. Mabel Norton spoke regarding the problem of rats in her area. She stated that the program which was rejected by the City is badly needed in her area.

79-39 The Clerk read the following letter:

August 10, 1979

Honorable Mayor and members of the City Council
City of San Antonio

The following petitions were received in my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

August 3, 1979

Petition submitted by Kenneth Toepperwein, for William Distributing Company, requesting a variance to the regulations pertaining to Lots 1-8, Block 97, NCB 239.

August 7, 1979

Petition submitted by Rachel Elizabeth Cracken, requesting permission to operate a limousine/companion service.

/s/ G.V. JACKSON, JR.
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

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Lila Cockrell
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ATTEST:

G.V. Jackson, Jr.
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