

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1993.

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93-44 The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Nelson W. Wolff, with the following members present: PEREZ, McCLENDON, BILLA BURKE, AVILA, SOLIS, AYALA, ROSS, THORNTON, PEAK, LARSON, WOLFF. Absent: NONE.

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93-44 Invocation - Reverend James Janish, Saint Leo's Catholic Church.

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93-44 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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93-44 Minutes of the September 15, 1993 Regular City Council Meeting were approved.

93-44 RED RIBBON WEEK

Mayor Nelson Wolff recognized Principal Irene Chavez and some of the Challenge High School students in the audience. He then read a proclamation proclaiming October 23 - 30 as "Red Ribbon Week" and presented it to them. Carlos Aguirre, representing the students, spoke of the meaning of the "Red Ribbon" being a symbol of the war against drugs. Each Council member was presented with a "Red Ribbon".

Ms. Ayala and Ms. Billa Burke praised Ms. Irene Chavez, Principal, for her work with these students and for being a tremendous role model to them.

93-44 SYMPOSIUM: MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mayor Wolff announced that the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women is sponsoring a symposium in San Antonio on November 10, 1993. He asked Marlene Martin, District 8 Representative on the Mayor's Commission, to give the Council a brief overview of the conference.

Ms. Martin explained that this conference is being held to inform and educate the women in business of the opportunities that are available in Mexico. They will be presenting case studies of women who are doing business and teaching them how to develop a business relationship.

93-44 CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT - FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Wolff announced that the City's Finance Department has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992 and invited Nora Chavez, Finance Director, to please come forward and accept this award.

Ms. Chavez explained that this award is based on a report that is prepared by the Finance Department after each year's budget and submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association. She then introduced members of her staff in the audience that assisted in the preparation of this report.

Mr. Alex Briseno, City Manager, commended the department and those employees involved.

93-44 VILLAGE PARKWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Mayor Wolff recognized a group of kindergarten students visiting City Hall today from the Village Parkway Christian School.

93-44 CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve Agenda Items 8 through 35, constituting the Consent Agenda, with Items 9, 24, and 34B being pulled for individual consideration. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 78,915

RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING ALL ACTION TAKEN BY THE CITY STAFF FOR THE EMERGENCY STONE STEP REPAIR AT

THE ARNESON RIVER THEATER PROVIDED BY MASON HUNT
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,396.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,916

CANCELLING THE CONTRACTS OF GONZABA SECURITY
SERVICES FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICE AT VARIOUS
LOCATIONS AND AWARDING IT TO THE NEXT LOW QUALIFIED
BIDDERS, ACME SECURITY SERVICE COMPANY AND CITYWIDE
INVESTIGATION & SERVICES, INC. FOR A TOTAL OF
APPROXIMATELY \$275,000.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,917

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF C & J AIR
CONDITIONING & HEATING CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$34,982.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BERTHA ALMAGUER
CENTER HVAC IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A
CONTRACT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING
\$762.94 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCIES, \$1,153.88
FOR BID ADVERTISING EXPENSES AND \$181.18 FOR
PRINTING COSTS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,918

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF \$25,777.00 BY
ROSSON BUILDERS, INC., AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR
FLAGSTONE REPLACEMENT TO THE RIVERWALK AREA NO. 23;
TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE RESERVE
FUND; AUTHORIZING A \$6,250.00 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT;
AUTHORIZING \$1,099.48 FOR BID ADVERTISING; \$239.14
FOR PRINTING; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,919

AUTHORIZING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 1 - FINAL IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$45,447.17 TO THE CONTRACT WITH CLARK
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE
IMPROVEMENT TO FOUNTAINWOOD/INDEPENDENCE FROM
O'CONNOR RD. TO JUDSON RD.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,920

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF FIELD ALTERATION NO. 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,300.37 TO THE CONTRACT WITH S.A. WINCO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISOM ROAD--FROM SAN PEDRO TO RAMSEY--RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,921

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF KINNISON AND ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,267.25 TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JOHNSTON BRANCH LIBRARY; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,922

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELMENDORF DRAINAGE PROJECT NO. 38, PHASE II (FREDERICKSBURG ROAD); AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT; AND PROVIDING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,923

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,142.80 TO MACINA, BOSE, COPELAND & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TILLIE DRIVE, PHASE III PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,924

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,108.24 WITH MACINA, BOSE, COPELAND & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE WESTRIDGE FROM ACME TO LAVERNE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING \$3,691.76 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCIES AND \$1,200.00 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,925

AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,039.60 WITH MACINA, BOSE, COPELAND & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROSPERITY FROM 41ST TO ACME ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; AUTHORIZING \$8,760.40 FOR MISCELLANEOUS ENGINEERING CONTINGENCIES AND \$1,200 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,926

AUTHORIZING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,985.48 PAYABLE TO S.A. WINCO, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LORRAINE & THELKA STREETS FROM S. FLORES TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,927

DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO A PORTION OF LOT 150, BLOCK E, NEW CITY BLOCK 11542 AND A TEMPORARY EASEMENT OVER ADJACENT PROPERTY, IN SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, TO WIT: THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, RECONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SCIENCE PARK DRAINAGE PROJECT #58H, I & J.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,928

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE SUM OF \$49,645.00 OUT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; ACQUIRING TITLE TO ONE PARCEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTH FLORES DRAINAGE PROJECT #70-70A, PHASE II AND ACQUIRING TITLE TO TWO PARCELS IN CONNECTION WITH THE F.M. 1517 (ECKHERT ROAD) PROJECT - S.H. 16 TO HUEBNER ROAD.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,929

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,485.23 FOR TITLE SERVICES ON THE CASTROVILLE ROAD

RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - GENERAL MCMULLEN TO ACME ROAD, THE KOCH STORAGE FACILITY AREA EVACUATION ROUTE, AND LOOP 345 (FREDERICKSBURG ROAD) PROJECT - HAMILTON WOLFE NORTH TO I.H.10; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,930

APPROPRIATING \$340,140.00 FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROJECT AND BUDGET FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT LOCATIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,931

AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES SCHEDULES ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 19 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), ARTICLE III (TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES), SECTION 19-68(B) TO INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONS TO THE OFFICIAL TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICE SCHEDULE FOR "STOP" SIGNS, "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" SIGNS, "PROHIBITED PARKING AT ALL TIMES" SIGNS, AND "PROHIBITED TURN" SIGNS; AUTHORIZING THE PERMANENT INSTALLATION OF SAID DEVICES; DECLARING THEM AS OFFICIAL TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THESE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, EXCEPT THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS, TO BE MISDEMEANOR CRIMES PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$200.00, AND DECLARING VIOLATIONS OF THE CIVIL PARKING VIOLATIONS TO BE SUBJECT TO THE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE SECTION 19-225 (ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING VIOLATIONS).

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AN ORDINANCE 78,932

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$7,056 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE AUTOMATIC ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,056.00 PAYABLE TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TELEVISION NETWORK (LETN) TO PROVIDE AT LEAST 400 HOURS PER MONTH OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMING TO THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE ACADEMY.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,933

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE ACADEMY FOR TUITION AND FEES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$70,000.00 TO PROVIDE COLLEGE COURSE INSTRUCTION AND CREDITS TO POLICE CADETS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1993-94; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,934

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,095.00 FOR THE HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA PROJECT, AND APPROVING A BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,935

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL GRANT AWARD OF \$19,500.00 FROM THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FOR THE ON-GOING IMMUNIZATION TRACKING PROJECT OPERATED BY THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT; AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET; AND EXTENDING THE TERM OF THIS PROJECT THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 1994.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,936

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) CONTRACTS CURRENTLY HELD BY WAVE, INC./70001 TO SAN ANTONIO POSITIVE SOLUTION, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,937

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR \$88,749.00 WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO/INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDIES IN BUSINESS TO DEVELOP THE LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEM (LMIS) FOR THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING SYSTEM; AND AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF JTPA TITLE II FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,938

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH WORK CONNECTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, EMPLOYMENT NETWORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, SAN ANTONIO JOB CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00, KEYS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 AND CAREER SOUTHWEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.00 TO PROVIDE JOB PLACEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR 150 JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) PARTICIPANTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF JTPA FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,939

APPOINTING HELEN JOSHUS (DISTRICT 2) AND PATRICIA G. BIRDWELL (DISTRICT 9) AND REAPPOINTING DR. ELLEN CLARK (DISTRICT 1) AND MICHAEL A. SCHOTT (DISTRICT 10) TO THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1995.

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AN ORDINANCE 78,940

AUTHORIZING A PARADE PERMIT FOR THE SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION TO HOLD ITS "AIDS PLEDGE WALK" ON NOVEMBER 21, 1993 AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS.

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93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,941

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH A LEASED 1994 AUTOMOBILE FOR TRANSPORTING VISITING DIGNITARIES AND CITY OFFICIALS FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,632.00 FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Perez seconded the motion.

Ms. Janie Cantu, Assistant Director of Purchasing and General Services Department, explained that this lease serves as the City's

official automobile and is offered by Ford Motor Company through its Governor/Mayor Lease Vehicle Program. This program is made available to state and large city offices.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,942

AUTHORIZING A 25-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT FROM THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO I-LINK, INC. TO INSTALL AN UNDERGROUND FIBER OPTICS COMMUNICATIONS CABLE UNDER AND ACROSS TWENTY-EIGHT (28) STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO CONNECT THE EXISTING ELECTRA COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL WITH THE U.S. SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Oscar Serrano, Senior Real Estate Specialist, stated that this request is for installation of a fiber optic communications cable within the City limits. This cable will affect 28 various street rights-of-way. Mr. Serrano explained the general route this cable will follow.

Mr. Roland Lozano, Asset Management Director, stated that the cable is installed in right-of-way as much as possible and that if the street surface is damaged the licensee has agreed to repair this damage.

Mr. Chester Mallett, 5000 Plaza on the Lake, Austin, Texas and owner of I-Link, Inc. spoke to the history of this cable and it being the first one that runs into Mexico. He requested that Council consider reducing the charge from \$2,500.00 per street right-of-way to \$500.00 or if this is not possible to allow payment in installments since his company is a small one.

In answer to a question by Mr. Thornton, Mr. Mallett, stated that he is paying \$6,000.00 per mile for railroad right-of-way.

Mr. Solis stated that since this company is the first going into Mexico we need to know how far they plan to go into Mexico because of the NAFTA trade agreement.

In answer to a question by Mr. Larson, Mr. Lozano explained that the City has not adopted a set of requirements for franchise agreements such as this.

Mr. Alex Briseno, City Manager, asked Mr. John German, Public Works Director, to look into developing a long term uniform policy with rates compatible to other cities as well as the state and railroad companies.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Ross, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Thornton.

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93-44 The City Clerk read a proposed ordinance appointing Colonel Jimmy J. Casiano and Jesse Bielefeld to the San Antonio Works Board. Mr. Perez requested that this item be postponed for one week. The City Council concurred with his request.

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93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,943

REDEFINING THE MISSION OF THE SAN ANTONIO DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (SADA) TO A FOCUS ON HOUSING INSIDE LOOP 410, STREAMLINING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SEVEN MEMBERS TO CONSIST OF PERSONS WITH SUBSTANTIVE EXPERTISE AND COMMITMENT RELATED TO HOUSING, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEEK THE RESIGNATION OF THE REMAINING FOUR MEMBERS FROM THE CURRENT BOARD SO THAT A NEW BOARD MEETING THE NEW CRITERIA MAY BE APPOINTED, PROVIDING FOR A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR SADA, AND ASSIGNING TO THE CITY COUNCIL HOUSING TASK FORCE DUTIES OF DEVELOPING, RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL, AND MONITORING A HOUSING AGENDA AND COORDINATING WITH SADA AND OTHER HOUSING RELATED ENTITIES.

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Mr. Solis made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Avila seconded the motion.

Mayor Wolff spoke to the history of discord that exists on the San Antonio Development Agency's board of directors. He spoke of the efforts that Mr. Solis has made to streamline this board and the need for Council to assess and define its strategic direction. He then spoke of some of the key points that he and Mr. Solis feel need to be

addressed and that they feel this is the time to do this since the expiration of the terms of a majority of the board was on September 18, 1993, along with the retirement of its Executive Director.

Mr. John R. Winfield Sr., speaking for the St. Paul Square Association, requested that the Council not make any changes in the San Antonio Development Agency. He spoke of this association's close relationship with the agency and noted that substantial changes could only occur with a referendum.

Ms. Mary Piccione, Co-chairman of the Housing Committee, Citizens Organized for Public Service, requested that the Council make San Antonio Development Agency into an independent entity with directions for the public and private sector to combine to make home-ownership the main priority.

Mr. Peak discussed the following revisions that he is asking the Council to consider:

1. To direct SADA to focus its mission on housing with particular emphasis on activities inside Loop 410, while continuing its role as the City's Urban Renewal Agency, in commercial revitalization, historic preservation, and other appropriate programs.

2. Add to the fields of expertise and commitment for board members that of historic preservation.

3. On the second line substitute the word "comprehensive" for "housing", and delete the word, "housing" from the last line.

In answer to a question by Mr. Perez about "shot gun-houses", Mr. Peak explained that sometimes a housing board will deal with commercial issues more than historic ones. This is the reason for his suggestion of having board members that have knowledge of historic preservation.

In answer to a question by Ms. Ayala, Mr. Peak explained that the Historic and Design Review Board only deals with historic sites.

A discussion was held about the duties of the current board members and what would be required of them until all these issues are resolved. The flexibility of appointing new members or reappointing old members was also considered.

Mr. Alex Briseno, City Manager, stated that state law provides for terms for various boards and that the City Council cannot remove them.

Mr. Tom Finlay, Assistant City Attorney, advised the Council members that a board member can be removed if the Council can show just cause. He stated that neglect of duty is one of the causes listed.

In answer to a question by Mr. Larson, Ms. Nora Chavez, Director of the Finance Department, spoke of the tremendous amount of information that was presented to her department and the time frame needed to complete this status report.

Mayor Wolff thanked Mr. Winston Martin, Director of the San Antonio Housing Authority, for his many years of service and noted that Mr. Martin was the first and only director. Mr. Martin then told of the many projects that SADA has been involved in and of the growth he has seen in the inner-city.

Several Council members praised Mr. Martin for his years of service and asked that he be willing to work with the new Board in this transition. The Council then discussed the route they will follow in preparation for the work session they would like to schedule for November 10, 1993.

Mr. Peak made an amendment to direct SADA to focus its mission on housing with particular emphasis on activities inside Loop 410, while continuing its role as the City's Urban Renewal Agency, in commercial revitalization, historic preservation, and other appropriate programs. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McClendon, Ayala.

Mr. Peak then made an amendment to add to the fields of expertise and commitment for board members that of Historic Preservation. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: Solis, Ayala; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Peak then made an amendment to the motion on the second line of #6* in October 7, 1993 memo, substitute the word "comprehensive" for "housing", and delete the word, "housing" from the last line. Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Larson made an amendment to the motion that newly-appointed members to SADA board must not be reappointees of current board. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: Perez, Ross; ABSENT: None.

After consideration, the main motion, as amended, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

93-44

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Ms. McClendon spoke to her concerns about the contaminated soil in the Alamodome area. She spoke of the confusion caused by the mixed signals coming from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Ms. McClendon spoke of the on going problems surrounding the contaminated soil and assured her constituents that the City has done everything possible to comply with the commission's directive concerning this soil.

Mayor Wolff requested that staff set up a meeting with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission to try to resolve this matter once and for all. He noted that the rumors about the soil issue have fed more rumors and that this will jeopardize planned development in the dome area.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO. 93-44-69

EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE
BEXAR COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE BOND ISSUE.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Peak seconded the motion.

Mayor Wolff recognized County Judge Cyndi Taylor Krier and members of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee who are here to request that the City Council endorse the bond issue that the county is proposing for a new 48 bed addition at the Juvenile Detention Center; a new county jail to be built on a site near Cagnon Road in west Bexar County; and programs established for juvenile offenders as well as adult inmates. Substance abuse programs will be emphasized in both facilities.

Judge Krier introduced the members of the Committee and spoke of what the bond issue will accomplish. She urged city-wide support for this bond issue.

Mayor Wolff as well as several Council members thanked the committee for their leadership on this two-fold issue and spoke of the

importance of giving juveniles guidance so that they can become productive members of society.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Avila, Solis, Ayala.

93-44

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN

Mayor Wolff opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. David W. Pasley, Director of Planning, spoke to the procedure that will be followed in order to adopt the San Antonio Master Plan. Two public hearings will be held, one today and the second on Thursday, October 28, 1993 to receive citizen comments.

Mayor Wolff explained that this task was assigned to the Planning Commission in June of 1991 and that the task was a joint effort of this commission along with the City staff. He spoke of the tremendous amount of time involved in developing this plan.

The following people spoke in favor of the proposed plan and suggested revisions they felt were needed:

1) Ms. Marianna Jones, President of San Antonio Conservation Society, read from a prepared statement from the Society endorsing the first phase of the Master Plan. She complimented the staff on their proposals, especially the focus on the cohesiveness of neighborhoods and that historic preservation is a primary objective. (A copy of her statement is attached.)

2. Ms. Kathy Bailey, Alta Vista Neighborhood Association, spoke about the important role the Master Plan will play in the preservation and protection of the neighborhoods. She urged passage of this plan.

3. Ms. Ruth Lofgren, a member of the League of Women Voters Land Use Committee urged City Council not to accept last minute changes from people who have not participated in the process of developing this plan. One example she noted was the development over the recharge zone of the aquifer and the urgent need to protect both the quality and quantity of water recharging the aquifer. (A copy of her statement is attached.)

4. Mr. Ray Hamilton, Northside Neighborhoods Organized for Development-Cluster 3, requested that the Committee make two changes to the Plan. 1) Include mandatory property owner associations. 2) All categories of the Master Plan be used as a guide for these associations.

(At this time Mayor Wolff was obliged to leave the meeting. Mr. Perez presided.)

5. Mr. Jimmy Tucker, Tanglewood Residents Association, stated that he felt that a strong neighborhood association could do a better job of controlling zoning in its own area. He would like for the developers to be required to meet with the associations.

6. Ms. Janine Lauren, Deerfield Homeowners Association, stated the reasons for her move to San Antonio and urged adoption of this plan in order to keep our city "clean, green and serene."

(Mayor Wolff returned to the meeting and presided.)

7. Ms. Victoria Barnhart, private citizen, urged Council to please respect the hard work of these groups and adopt the Master Plan.

8. Ms. Sharon Smith, Greater San Antonio Home Builders Association, spoke of a group that has met regularly to review the proposed Master Plan. She stated the group is generally supportive of this plan, but is recommending more focus in three main areas: 1) More overall encouragement of a pro-home-ownership philosophy. 2) Heightened awareness of the relationship between a vibrant economy and the need for the city to be competitive in attracting capital and jobs. 3) More stress on accommodation of growth. (A copy of her statement is attached.)

9. Mr. Andrew Balinsky, Alamo Group of the Sierra Club, speaking for this group, stated that they generally support the plan but listed some objectives that they feel were unaddressed concerning equal emphasis on pedestrians, bicycles, and motorized vehicles. They also addressed several environmental issues and urged more natural open space areas. (A copy of his statement is attached.)

10. Ms. Debra Dockery, American Institute of Architects/San Antonio, spoke in support of the plan's goals and objectives and stated that this is the first step in developing San Antonio as a whole.

11. Mr. Stanley Waghalter, Jefferson Neighborhood Plan, urged passage of this plan.

12. Mr. Roy Rivero, Woodlawn Hills Neighborhood Association, requested that consideration be given to appointing a committee to assist neighborhoods in organizing their associations and develop a plan for new neighborhoods to follow.

13. Mr. George Rice, private citizen, spoke to a series of recommendations about chemicals being fed into the Edwards Underground Aquifer and urged protection of the Aquifer.

14. Ms. June Kachtik, private citizen, emphasized that neighborhoods can be a building block for the city.

15. Mr. Basil Aivaliotis, private citizen, encouraged passage of the Master Plan concerning change of zoning close to neighborhoods.

16. Mr. Larry De Martino, San Antonio Coalition of Neighborhoods, spoke of his involvement in this proposed plan and stated that this plan represents an overall consensus to handle a balance of growth, residential as well as commercial.

17. Mr. Tom Culbertson, private citizen, addressed the seriousness of contamination of the Edwards Aquifer. He urged passage of this plan as a step to protect the Aquifer.

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Ms. Gloria Ann Riggs, 5911 Sail Loft Circle and a member of the Southwest Community Association, stated she feels that the proposed Master Plan does not address the southwest sector of the City.

Mayor Wolff declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Peak stated that the Master Plan would be presented in "A" session of City Council as soon as it can be arranged.

Mayor Wolff instructed City Manager Alex Briseno to schedule this as a time-certain item on November 10th or November 18th.

93-44 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE:
ALAMODOME MORATORIUM

Mayor Wolff opened the Public Hearing.

No citizens were registered to speak on the matter.

Mayor Wolff declared the Public Hearing closed.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,944

GRANTING AN EXCEPTION TO THE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF SIGN PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, AND ZONING CHANGES IN THE ALAMODOME IMPACT AREA IN ORDER TO ALLOW MR. TOMMY L. MOORE TO APPLY FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 933 WYOMING, AND CONTINGENT UPON REZONING, TO APPLY FOR REQUISITE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance.
Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ayala, Thornton.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,945

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 395 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. McClendon seconded the motion.

Mr. Joe Aceves, P.E., President/Chief Executive Officer, San Antonio Water System, explained that these ordinances will update the impact fee program. Mr. Aceves gave a detailed analysis of the proposed impact fee program changes.

Ms. Virginia Ramirez, representing Communities Organized for Public Service (COPS) and Metro Alliance, stated that these two organizations feel that the proposed plans put the burden of rate increases on the taxpayers.

Mr. Homer Bean, also representing COPS and Metro Alliance presented the recommendations that these two groups are proposing. (A copy is attached to the ordinance.)

Mr. Mario Hernandez, Economic Development Foundation, spoke to the need for the city to remain competitive as far as new industry and to keep the fees low for new industry locating in the City.

Mr. Steven Schultz, Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief history of the impact fees in relation to the business community and urged Council to adopt the recommendations presented by the staff.

Mr. Mike Harris, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, spoke in support of the proposed plans.

Mr. Mark Ross, 1st Vice President of the San Antonio Apartment Association, urged Council to consider apartment owners when considering these fees.

Mayor Wolff spoke to the reasons for the impact fees. The origin of such was to encourage growth in the inner city. The cost is greater and increases according to the distance from the inner city.

The Outer Service Zone is currently defined as that area which lies outside Loop 1604 and is the highest zone area. Mayor Wolff spoke in favor of the fees and feels they will bring quality growth to the City.

Mr. Solis and Mr. Perez voiced concern about the fees charged to affordable housing projects and felt the charge should be exactly the cost that we incur.

In answer to a question by Mr. Ross, Mr. Aceves explained about the monthly bills and the percentage that is applied to the existing debt service. He also noted that the fee charged cannot be more than 10% of the cost.

In answer to a question by Mr. Larson, Mr. Hernandez stated that there is an incentive package to industries locating in the city. He stated we have to be able to waive fees to remain competitive.

Mr. Alex Briseno, City Manager, explained the need to try to develop growth inside 1604. The fees that are charged now are no longer an incentive to locate in the inner-city.

Mr. Mike Hogan, Chairman of Economic Development Task Force, stated that the impact fees should not develop a separate class of users. He spoke to the fees charged to the industries and the fact that most of the industries are not high water users. He stated that the committee still needs to address affordable housing, hotels and apartments.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAIN: Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,946

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND MAXIMUM IMPACT FEE CALCULATION FOR WATER FACILITIES 1990-2000.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Perez seconded the motion.

Mr. Solis made an amendment to the main motion to charge full flow impact fee for water (\$177.00 instead of \$105.00 proposed). Ms. Billa Burke seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAINED: Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

After consideration, the main motion as amended, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAINED: Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,947

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN AND MAXIMUM IMPACT FEE CALCULATION FOR WASTEWATER FACILITIES 1990-2000.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAINED; Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,948

ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO THE IMPACT FEE PROGRAM FOR SANITARY SEWER AND WATER FACILITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 395 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNON'S TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED.

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Ms. Billa Burke made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Ms. McClendon made an amendment to the main motion for a 50% discount for economic incentive formula, up to \$10 million - above that allow discount up to 90% on case-by-case basis, with Council approval. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

After consideration, the amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAINED: Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

After consideration, the main motion as amended, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; ABSTAINED: Ayala; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

(At this time Mayor Wolff was obliged to leave the meeting. Mr. Peak presided.)

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,949

DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF ANY VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE PERMIT SET TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1993; ON THE TRANSFER OF SAID PERMITS; ON THE ISSUANCE OF NEW VEHICLES-FOR-HIRE PERMITS; AUTHORIZING SAID EXPIRED PERMITS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS UNTIL THE ENACTMENT OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE ORDINANCE REGULATING THE VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE INDUSTRY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

Captain Tom Polonis, San Antonio Police Department/Ground Transportation, explained that the City Council Transportation Committee is working on the development of amendments to Chapter 33 of the City Code. The approval of this ordinance to regulate the vehicle for hire industry would remain in effect on a month-to-month basis until implementation of the new Chapter 33.

Gregory Alexander, Greyhound Lines, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, stated that their company has been contacted by various individuals requesting more charter service in this area. Mr. Alexander asked Council to reconsider their permit before issuing this moratorium.

(At this point Mr. Wolff returned to the meeting to preside.)

Mr. Perez explained to Mr. Alexander the reasons for the denial of his request for a permit.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McClendon, Ayala.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,950

ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM CHESNEY, MORALES & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT OF WALL PANELS ON THE HEMISFAIR ARENA; AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING \$162,639.90 FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

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Ms. McClendon made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion.

Mr. Edward Garcia, Director of Convention Facilities, stated that this is the final phase of architectural services to complete the replacement of the wall panels. He explained the type of panels that will be used.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McClendon, Ayala.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,951

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH KUNZ CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,080,122.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY; AUTHORIZING \$60,999.00 IN CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$1,910.94 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$7,589.42 FOR ARCHITECTURAL EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, explained this project and noted that this is funded from the 1989 General Obligation Library Bonds.

Ms. June Garcia, Director of the Library, spoke of the proposed opening date of this new library and to the progress in the construction of the new main library.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa Burke, Avila, Ayala.

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93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,952

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIM OF GILBERT ROMO, CLAIM NO. 010008-014164-AB-01, ARISING FROM A VEHICULAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING A PURCHASING DEPARTMENT VEHICLE, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,000.00.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom Finlay, Assistant City Attorney, spoke of the City's liability in this accident.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Avila, Solis, Ross, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa Burke, Ayala, Thornton.

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93-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 78,953

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO COMPROMISE AND SETTLE THE CLAIM OF ANTHONY PATZ, III, CLAIM NO. 73700000555, ARISING FROM A VEHICULAR ACCIDENT INVOLVING A FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$8,700.00

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mr. Tom Finlay, Assistant City Attorney, explained that this amount only covers vehicle damages. Medical claims have not been filed as yet.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Avila, Solis, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McClendon, Ayala, Ross.

93-44 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO. 93-44-70

ENDORSING THE EFFORTS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO FULLY INFORM OUR CITIZENS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL MANDATES ON OUR CITY FINANCES, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN WILLIAM E. THORNTON.

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Mr. Thornton made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Solis seconded the motion.

Mr. Thornton spoke to the need of the City to endorse the efforts of the National League of Cities and the Texas Municipal League to fully inform our citizens about the impact of federal mandates on our city finances.

Mr. Larson enforced Mr. Thornton's stand and requested that this be forwarded to the Senate members as well as the House of Representatives.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Solis, Ross, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa Burke, Avila, Ayala.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

SR. RODOLFO MACIAS C.

Sr. Macias spoke to the need for free elections in Mexico.

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MS. CECILIA STARK

Ms. Stark, speaking for Mr. Derek Childers, spoke to details of the upcoming "Walk For Life", sponsored by the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, and the impact that the disease has had on San Antonio. She noted that state funding for the foundation has been cut by some 70 per cent, and invited the City Council members to an AIDS Foundation fundraiser to be held this evening at San Fernando Cathedral.

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MR. JOSE L. GARCIA

Mr. Garcia stated that he was appearing today to speak for persons living in the Alamodome area, having problems with the dirt at the site. He also spoke to problems with youths who secure no direction while in school. He spoke to his desire to have his children grow up in a clean community, and also expressed his desire to become a U.S. citizen. He expressed his belief that human rights are being ignored in the matter of the Alamodome dirt problem, and also expressed concern for certain problems with police at Mirasol Homes.

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MR. DON WILKINS CASTILLO

Mr. Castillo, 1010 N. Frio Street, stated that people are afraid to come forward to complain about certain conditions at the Parkside Apartments. He stated that his brother now has been fired from his maintenance job at the apartments, and management allegedly is harassing his mother and himself for providing his brother a home there. He spoke to alleged problems with lack of maintenance at the apartments, and contended that management there is ignoring Code Compliance investigations. He stated that a management person there allegedly made racist slurs toward him, and asked Mr. Solis to help investigate the conditions there.

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MR. ANTONIO SILVA

Mr. Silva stated that he is an attorney from El Paso, and is representing the San Antonio Hispanic Police Officers Association, in concert with fellow attorney Mr. Rudy Martin. He spoke of the association's lawsuit filed against the Police Department, and addressed his record, nationwide, in matters of cases of alleged discrimination. He asked the City Council to work with Mr. Martin and himself to help resolve the issues involved, and spoke to allegations about treatment of Hispanic police officers in San Antonio.

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MR. RUDY MARTIN

Mr. Martin, attorney, spoke to a newspaper article in a Dallas newspaper regarding alleged discrimination problems within the San Antonio Police Department. He stated his belief that tourism in San Antonio will suffer as a result of the article, and noted that leaders of the Police Department will not talk with him about the case.

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MR. ABEL P. TORRES

Mr. Torres, representing R.O.S.E., spoke to problems with excavated dirt from the Alamodome site.

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MS. LISA HAMILTON

Ms. Hamilton, 224 West Perimeter Dr., spoke to the stray animal problem in San Antonio, and in favor of education on spaying and neutering of animals in the city. She addressed her volunteer work with an animal clinic, and stated her belief that animal owners should take care of the animals and be responsible for them.

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MR. DAVID AREVALO

Mr. Arevalo, President, Residents For a Safe Environment, asked that 45,000 loads of contaminated soil be removed from the Alamodome site. He stated that his group has been forced to go to the state with this problem, and expressed his belief that all sides need to come together to solve the problem.

Mayor Wolff spoke to the need for a meeting with the state and the consultant in order to solve the issue of what should have been done with this dirt.

Ms. McClendon stated that she is upset with the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission and its actions and conflicting statements made on this matter. She stated her belief that all sides need to work together on this issue.

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93-44 City Council recessed its regular meeting at 7:20 P.M. for dinner, reconvening at 8:05 P.M. City Council then recessed at 8:06 P.M. for an Executive Session for a Briefing on litigation styled Lyda

Construction Company, Inc. vs. City of San Antonio, pertaining to the Alamodome construction.

93-44 The Executive Session adjourned at 8:15 P.M., and City Council reconvened its regular meeting at 8:16 P.M., at which time Mayor Wolff stated that the City Council had been briefed by staff on the above stated issues.

93-44 VIA TRANSIT SERVICE TO ALAMODOME EVENTS

Mr. Alex Briseno, City Manager, distributed to City Council members copies of four letters from Mr. John M. Milam, General Manager, VIA Metropolitan Transit. He noted that one letter, addressed to him, asked that distribution of the 25-cent surcharge on all Alamodome event tickets be expedited. The other three letters, addressed to Sellout, Inc., sponsors of the Alamo Bowl football game; the San Antonio Spurs; and PACE Entertainment Corporation, spoke to VIA's plans not to provide transit service for their events unless certain agreements were reached, first.

Mayor Wolff spoke to previous VIA service to the Alamodome events and revenue losses incurred.

Mr. Briseno noted that the City is working toward implementation of the 25-cent-per-ticket surcharge, approved by City Council as part of the recently-enacted budget.

Mayor Wolff stated his opinion that this matter is a very bad policy mistake by VIA, and he voiced his concern with the short notice involved in withholding bus service to the Alamodome for this weekend's Texas-SMU football game. He spoke to his hope that the City Council can agree on some sort of action on this matter.

Mayor Wolff asked that City staff draft a letter overnight, ready for his signature in the morning, and directed to VIA. The letter should contain (1) his belief that this threatened action would be a bad mistake; (2) such action discriminates against one element of VIA's ridership; (3) VIA cannot do this on an event-by-event basis; (4) noting that the City of San Antonio has extensively promoted the program for Alamodome customers to "take VIA to the Alamodome" at great expense to the City; (5) the City has implemented the 25-cent-per-ticket surcharge for VIA; (6) VIA has been providing mass transit service to San Antonio Spurs games for many years; and (7) VIA is an appointed board. He spoke to possible ramifications in the board appointments, if this threatened action is implemented.

Mr. Perez noted that this is a serious policy matter, and spoke to the bad timing of the announcement. He spoke to the need of City Council to take strong action, including action regarding the board.

Mr. Thornton stated his opinion that this action has no sense of fairness, and he questioned how this decision was arrived at by VIA.

Mr. Peak noted that the Alamodome was purposely designed with limited parking in mind, making it necessary for the provision of mass transit service to the Alamodome for its users.

Mr. Solis noted that VIA has no consistent policy on this matter of service to the Alamodome.

Ms. McClendon stated her belief that VIA is trying to blackmail the City in this matter, and putting citizens in jeopardy, in the process. She further stated her opinion that the appointed VIA board needs to be reprimanded for irresponsible behavior, noting that mass transit service is vital to service at Alamodome events.

Mr. Larson stated his belief that the City Council will act swiftly, at next week's Council meeting, including the removal of certain VIA board members, in his opinion. He asked that VIA board chairman Mr. Arturo Sanchez answer the City Council tomorrow, on this matter.

Mr. Ross stated his opinion that VIA is reneging on a commitment made to the citizens of San Antonio.

Ms. Billa Burke stated her belief that the Council needs to speak to Bexar County Commissioners Court on their VIA board appointments, as well.

Mayor Wolff stated that he would sign the letter in the morning, and would fax it to VIA.

City Council gave a unanimous verbal approval for the Mayor's stated direction in this matter.

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93-44 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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