

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1968, AT 8:30 A.M.

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

68-273 The invocation was given by Reverend John Price, St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

The minutes of the meeting of April 4, 1968, were approved.

68-273 Councilman S. H. James advised the Council that it was the first time the Council had met since the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. He made a motion that a Resolution of concern and sympathy be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: NONE.

The Resolution is as follows:

R E S O L U T I O N
of Respect

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Antonio, Texas, does by this Resolution and Public Record recognize the profound influence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contribution in the area of human relations, and recognize further that his tragic death on April 4, 1968, is a distinct loss to the nation in which he won deep respect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Council and a copy thereof sent to his bereaved family as an expression of our concern and sympathy.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th Day of April, 1968.

68-273 Mayor McAllister then proclaimed the week of April 15-20 as "Baseball Week" in San Antonio in recognition of the return of professional baseball to San Antonio, after an absence of three years. He urged that the people support the new San Antonio Missions Baseball Club.

The Mayor presented the proclamation to Mr. Bill Sebera, President of the San Antonio Sports Association.

68-259 City Manager Henckel had stated last week that he would have a tentative pay plan for the Council to consider. Copies were sent to each member of the Council. He said that an article had appeared in the San Antonio Express which stated that there would be no increase for laborers and garbage workers. He advised that this was incorrect and that they would receive a \$.10 per hour increase. Mr. Henckel made the following statement concerning the pay plan:

"As I had publicly stated, I hereby submit a tentative pay plan for all City employees to be effective August 1, 1968. This plan was developed as a result of the annual wage survey and an analysis of estimated revenue for the coming budget year. It is my opinion that a blanket pay increase is not a solution to betterment of municipal employment. This plan attempts to correct the inequities in many job classifications and to bring all employees to a pay level commensurate with other Texas cities and local governmental entities, as well as private industry in our locality. All classifications, with the exception of the fire, police, and hourly employees, were adjusted by the existing step increase plan which the City has been using for many years. The increases in the fire, police and hourly employees classifications are not a standardized percentage increase, but do attempt to reflect the salary justified by the job. Therefore, the percentage varies in all of these classifications. The increases would put the firemen and patrolmen above all major cities in Texas, with the exception of Houston. I have also decreased the disparity between fire and police pay. The complete survey is enclosed for your information. Exhibit 9, Pages 19-29, reflects recommended increases in the new pay plan. The estimated cost for the next fiscal year based on authorized strength is \$1,800,000.00. Actual strength decreases this cost. Anticipated revenue not committed is \$1,300,000.00. This means an additional \$500,000.00 would be needed to implement this plan. At this early date, I believe total budget adjustments can be made to absorb this increase.

This tentative recommendation is completely independent of any recommendations to be made by the Citizens Advisory Commission on Municipal Employees, which is anticipated to include a long range plan for wages and other employee benefits.

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The purpose of submitting this tentative pay plan at this time is to give the City employees a forecast of wages for the new fiscal year. However, I must emphasize that this is based on an early estimate of revenues, and, before a final recommendation can be made to this Council, revenues must be reanalyzed when the total budget for next year's operation is submitted, and any decrease in revenues or increase in expenditures, not now anticipated, could and would effect decreases in the proposed pay plan.

(A copy of the tentative pay plan is filed with the minutes of this meeting.)

Mrs. Cockrell advised that she would like to ask the City to ask the Advisory Committee on Municipal Employees to consider the possibility of further utilization of police women in the Police Department. She felt that there could be a possibility that they could use them in positions where they did not need to carry a gun or use physical force, possibly in directing traffic.

The Mayor expressed the hope that the coming budget would be such that it would allow the increases proposed.

Mr. Torres complimented the City Manager and his staff for the fine work it did on the pay plan.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,405

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE BIDDERS SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE BIDDER TO FURNISH AND FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BUY ALL OF ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTS AND SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1968 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1969.

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Purchasing Agent Al Tripp reviewed each low bid which is being accepted. The firms and services to be furnished are as follows:

Wehring-Goss Equipment Corp.

Adams
Le Tourneau
Westinghouse Buggy

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Gladwin Paint Co.	DuPont DuLux Automotive Paints
S.X. Callahan	Motorola Alternator
Cosner Equipment Co.	Barber-Green
Cooper Equipment Co.	Cleaver-Brooks Etyhre
Flexible Pipe Tool Div. Rockwell Manufacturing Co.	Flex Rod Pipe Tools and Supplies
Torgerson Company	Ford Tractor
Motor Truck Sales Co.	GMC
Commercial Body Corp.	Hi-Ranger, Stringfellow Mustang & Galion
Gravelly Sales & Service Co.	Gravelly Tractor
San Antonio Brake & Clutch Serv.	Heavy Equipment
Hobbs Trailers	Hyde-Pak, Perfection Body & Hobbs
Acme Iron Works, Inc.	Ingram Roller
International Harvester Co.	Int'l. Tractor & Mower
International Harvester Co.	Int'l. Truck
Dulaney Service Co., Inc.	Minneapolis Moline Tractor
Waukesha-Pearce Industries, Inc.	Michigan Loader
Ace Mud Sump Service	Mud Sump Cleaning
A. B. Dick Company	Miscellaneous Offset
Addressograph Multigraph Corp.	Multigraph Offset
Pak-Mor Manufacturing Co.	Pak-Mor
Catto & Putty, Inc.	Roseman, Cooper, Yazoo and Clinton
Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.	Scotchlite
Tampo Manufacturing Co.	Seal Press Body and Tampo Roller

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Goldthwaite's of S. A., Inc.	Toro Mower
Universal Joint Service, Inc.	Automotive Universal Joints
Jim Dulaney Machinery Co., Inc.	Wayne, Huber-Warco
Bear Wheel Aligning Co.	Wheel Alignment & Balancing
Southwest Wheel & Mfg. Co.	Automotive Wheel
Catto & Putty, Inc.	Wisconsin Engine & Pump

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: None.

68-275

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,406

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE BIDDERS SET FORTH HEREIN FOR THE BIDDER TO FURNISH AND FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BUY ALL OF ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PARTS AND SERVICE SET FORTH IN THE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1968 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1969.

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Alamo Welding & Boiler Works, Inc.	Allis-Chalmers Mower and Tractor-Competitive Parts
Anderson Machinery Co.	Allis-Chalmers Mower and Tractor-Captive Parts
Bebrick Company	Automotive Painting
Midcap Bearing Service	Automotive Chains, Sprockets Pillow Block & "V" Belts

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Reliable Battery Co.	Automotive Storage Batteries
S. X. Callahan	Automotive Carburetor, Starter, Generator, Magneto, Distributor & Voltage Regu- lator Repairing & Parts
Alamo Welding & Boiler Works, Inc.	Caterpillar Tractor-Competi- tive Parts.
Holt Machinery Co.	Caterpillar Tractor--Captive Parts and Service
American Clay Forming Plant Refractories Div-Ferro Corp.	Ceramic Pavement Marking Buttons
Newt Godfree Chevrolet, Inc.	Chevrolet Parts & Service
Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co.	Liquid Chlorine
San Antonio Brake & Clutch Serv.	Automotive Clutch Parts & Service
Capitol Sand & Gravel	Concrete Aggregate (gravel) loaded plantsite
Osburn Sand Co.	Concrete Aggregate (washed sand) Loaded plant- side, delivered to jobsite both north and south of Commerce Street.
Watson Distributing Co., Inc.	Cushman, Jacobsen & Worth- ington Parts & Service
Golden West Oil Co.	Diesel Fuel Oil
Alamo Parts Corporation	Dodge-Plymouth Parts, Supplies and Service
Southern Electric Supply Co.	Dry-Fil Type Ballasts
San Antonio Linen Service	Dust Control Service
Huston Machine Shop	Engine Rebuilding--Machine Shop Service
Hemphill-McCombs Ford	Ford Captive & Competitive Parts & Service
Southwest Nipple Co.	Galvanized Tubing

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Industrial Disposal Service, Inc.	Garbage Disposal Service Airport
Golden West Oil Co.	Kerosene
Ace Key Service	Key Blanks & Service
Alamo Iron Works	Manhole Rings & Covers <u>Special Grates</u>
The Perry Shankle Co.	Manhole Rings & Covers Inlet Grates
Southern Typewriter Co.	Manual Typewriter Repairs
Harley-Davidson of S. A., Inc.	Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Parts and Service
Golden West Oil Co.	Naphtha
Commercial Recorder	Official Publications (Legal, etc.)
Express Publishing Co.	Official Publications General Interest
The San Antonio Light	Official Publications General Interest
Reliable Battery Co.	Automotive Oil Filters, Fuel & Air Cleaner Elements
Universal Bookbindery, Inc.	Rebinding of Books and Magazines
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.	Replacement of Broken Glass at Airport and Other City Agencies
Modern Electronics Co.	Certain Radio Parts
Motorola Communications & Electronics	Certain Radio Parts
Radio & Television Parts Co.	Certain Radio Parts
The Perry Shankle Co.	Certain Radio Parts
Sherman Electronics Supply, Inc.	Certain Radio Parts
Sterling Electronics	Certain Radio Parts
Hudson Seat Cover Co.	Seat Covers & Upholstery

S. X. Callahan	Speedometer Calibration
Champ Spring Company	Automotive Spring Parts and Service
Hawkinson Tire Mileage, Inc.	Tire Recapping, Retreading and Repair Service
Fred Luderus Tire Service, Inc.	Passenger Tires and Tubes
Fred Luderus Tire Service, Inc.	Truck Tires & Tubes
Texas Transport, Inc.	Transporting Heavy Equipment
Guess Tower & Uniform, Inc.	Wiping Cloths

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: NONE.

68-273 The Mayor announced that Item 3 on the Agenda would be considered later on in the meeting.

68-275 Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Jones, it was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: PARKER.

AN ORDINANCE 36,407

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY TO SERVICE CERTAIN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER ELEVATORS LOCATED IN CITY BUILDINGS.

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68-276 Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. James, it was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: NONE.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,408

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED QUALIFIED BID OF ALAMO FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH CERTAIN HEAT RESISTANT CLOTHING FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,736.50.

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68-277 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances. On motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: PARKER.

AN ORDINANCE 36,409

ACCEPTING THE BID AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH GEORGE EVERS AND LESLIE SCHWETHELM FOR THE RIGHT AND PRIVILEGE OF OPERATING PEDAL BOATS FOR HIRE ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN BRACKENRIDGE PARK FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FROM MAY 1, 1968 TO APRIL 30, 1970.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,410

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET PERTAINING TO THE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR DIVISION BY CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC POSITION AND ONE ADDITIONAL GARAGE ATTENDANT POSITION.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE 36,411

APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR GRANT FOR URBAN BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES, IDENTIFICATION NO. TEX. B-8.

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Mr. Robert Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised the Council a program had been worked up for the Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Area Council of Governments. The City's application was one of several submitted by governmental entities. The application is for an Urban Beautification Grant. The total estimated cost of the City's program is \$165,122.00. After deducting the average expenditures over the past two years for beautification, it leaves a balance of approximately \$140,000.00 of which HUD will provide a grant of one-half in the amount of \$69,709.00. The local share amounts to \$95,413.00; however, credit will be given for beautification of the river, contributions from private sources, such as the fountain at Witte Museum, and the planters on Houston and Commerce Streets.

He recommended the City enter into the contract with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for this grant.

After discussion, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO; Nays: NONE; Abstaining: TORRES; Absent: PARKER.

The Mayor then asked who cleans the planters on Houston and Commerce Streets and removes the trash from them.

Mr. Frazer stated that it was anticipated that this would be a problem and that they need the assistance of the merchants to remove the trash during the day. The City Workers maintain them after 11:00 P.M. each night. However, during the day, people deposit trash and litter in them.

The Mayor requested that the Parks Director contact the Executive Director of the Downtowners Association and urge that merchants, at least once each day, clean up the planters in front of his business and make them responsible for this.

The Mayor felt that no benefit is derived from the planters unless they are kept clean.

The Mayor then complimented the Parks Department for the way it has planted trees and plants along the river and at the Convention Center.

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68-280 Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion made by Mr. Gatti, seconded by Dr. Calderon, it was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: PARKER.

AN ORDINANCE 36,412

AUTHORIZING MR. E. C. TAYLOR TO CONSTRUCT AN 8-FOOT HIGH PRIVACY FENCE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HIS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 314 SAVANNAH.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE

GRANTING HUMBLE OIL COMPANY THE PRIVILEGE OF ERECTING AND MAINTAINING A SIGN AT THE SERVICE STATION LOCATED AT 700 SOUTH ST. MARY'S STREET, ON PROPERTY LOCATED BETWEEN THE DRIVEWAY INTO THE SERVICE STATION AND THE CURB AND SIDEWALK ON PRESA STREET AND DURANGO BOULEVARD, SUCH PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.

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Mr. George Vann explained that the Humble Oil Company desired to erect a 50-foot sign at a service station located at 700 S. St. Mary's Street.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, explained that he objected to the request, not because it was a traffic hazard, but on principal and precedent. He explained that development was taking place in this area, and the City would be, by approving this request, obligated to approve other signs for adjacent properties. In addition to this, Durango Street will be widened, and the sign will be closer to Durango Street.

Mr. Carl Ragland, District Engineer for Humble, stated that Humble was proposing to erect a 50 foot tubular sign. He felt this was necessary since Martinez Street had been closed, and the filling station has lost its identity. He explained that the station now is set back 50 feet from the street. The Humble Company is spending approximately \$3,000.00

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in landscaping with the permission of the Parks Department the City land surrounding the station. He then showed the Council a picture of the proposed sign.

After discussion by the Council, the Mayor asked Mr. Ragland to leave the picture of the proposal so that the Council could study it. Since approval of this request would set a precedent, with the consent of the Council, this matter was postponed for one week.

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68-273 At the request of Mr. George Vann, the Mayor stated that they would hear Item 11 later on in the meeting.

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68-282 Mr. Stewart Fischer, Traffic and Transportation Director, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Dr. Parker, the following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: NONE.

AN ORDINANCE 36,413

REQUESTING THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO AGREE TO A CHANGE IN CONTRACTS PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY USE OF STATE-OWNED INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 37 RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PUBLIC PARKING PURPOSES.

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68-282 Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion made by Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES, AND GATTI; Nays: NONE; Absent: NONE.

AN ORDINANCE 36,414

APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOOP 410 SOUTH FRONTAGE ROAD WITH HARRY WURZBACH ROAD IN SAN ANTONIO.

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68-282 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances, and on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: None.

AN ORDINANCE 36,415

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PROVIDING FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STATE-OWNED RIGHT OF WAY FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 37 BETWEEN COMMERCE STREET AND INTERSTATE 35 AS A TEMPORARY PUBLIC PARKING FACILITY.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,416

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE LEASE OF AN AREA AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BETWEEN THE CITY, AS LESSOR, AND ADA OIL COMPANY, AS LESSEE, TO ALCOR AVIATION, INC.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,417

ACCEPTING THE BID OF A. J. MONIER & CO., INC. FOR REPAIR AND MODIFICATION OF WORTHINGTON AIR CONDITIONING CHILLER IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; AUTHORIZING \$1,400.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,418

ACCEPTING THE BID OF HOGAN MECHANICAL, INC. FOR THE REPAIR OF CARRIER AIR CONDITIONING CHILLER IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$7,044.00 TO HOGAN MECHANICAL, INC. OUT OF AIRPORT REVENUE FUND 801 AND AUTHORIZING \$700.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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68-286 Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, briefed the Council on the following ordinances, and on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: JONES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,419

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL TERMINATION AGREEMENT WITH GULF OIL CORPORATION, CANCELLING THE CONTRACT WITH THE GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR THE SUPPLY OF AVIATION GASOLINE FOR RESALE AT STINSON AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,419A

ALLOWING DELIVERY OF AVIATION FUEL TO LESSEES AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ONLY BY THOSE HOLDING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY; APPROVING A STANDARD PERMIT FORM TO BE ISSUED FOR SUCH OPERATION; AND ALLOWING SALE OR DELIVERY OF FUEL INTO AIRCRAFT AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ONLY BY THOSE HOLDING GROUND LEASES THERE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF STORING, MAINTAINING, OR REPAIRING AIRCRAFT.

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68-288 Mr. Tom Raffety briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion made by Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Absent: JONES, TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,420

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND RODNEY PERDEW, INC. AMENDING AND EXTENDING THE PRESENT LEASE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Raffety explained that the City had no authority to remove the wrecked aircraft stored at the airport. However, he has requested the Legal Department to perhaps amend the Abandoned Cars Ordinance now on the books to include wrecked airplanes stored at the airport.

He explained that the Satellite Building will be opened for the airlines this coming Monday and that some additional part-time Customs Personnel will be added. However, due to the severe budgetary limitations at the present time, additional personnel can not be added.

Mayor McAllister suggested that the firms that have wrecked airplanes at the airport be contacted and suggest to them that this is an area of concern and has been discussed by the Council.

68-289 Mr. Sandy Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinances, and on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Absent: GATTI, TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,421

APPROPRIATING \$350.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$8,365.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BOND FUNDS TO SECURE EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,422

APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; MISSION PARKWAY PROJECT; U.S. 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; SALADO CREEK OUTFALL LINE; STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT 75Y; PACIFIC AVENUE PAVING PROJECT; 36TH STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; MONTICELLO COURT SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION; AND SPECIAL PROJECT 143-- AIRPORT EXPANSION.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,423

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY UNIVERSITY WHEREBY THE CITY WILL RELEASE A RESERVATION IN A PRIOR CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO THE UNIVERSITY FOR A 75 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE DEDICATION OF A 9.1 FOOT STRIP OF LAND FOR WIDENING OF HILDEBRAND AVENUE.

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In answer to a question from the Mayor, Mr. Sandy Clark explained that all the land has been acquired for the first section of the North Expressway (Pearl Parkway to Hildebrand). He stated that in the second section of the North Expressway (Hildebrand to I. H. 410), all property has been cleared except for five parcels, of which two are in the negotiation stage and 3 are to be acquired by condemnation. Mr. Clark explained that all the land which the City has been authorized to acquire for the Mission Parkway has been obtained.

68-291 Mr. George Bichsel, Police Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Absent: GATTI, TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,424

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET INSOFAR AS IT APPLIES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY DECREASING THE NUMBER OF PATROLMAN POSITIONS FROM 582 TO 579 AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF DETECTIVE-INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS FROM 133 TO 136.

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Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Dr. Calderon presided.

Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances, and on motion made and

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duly seconded, each was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Absent: McALLISTER, GATTI, TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,425

68-292

APPROPRIATING \$2,307.00 OUT OF FUND NO. 489-05, COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER BOND FUND, FOR ADDITIONAL CONTINGENCIES ON MARINA PARKING GARAGE AS PER FIELD ALTERATION NUMBER 3.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,426

68-293

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$14,900.00 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 50-03-01, IN FULL AND FINAL SATISFACTION OF AN AGREED JUDGMENT HERETOFORE ENTERED IN CAUSE NO. F-189, 588, GEORGE CONSOLIDATED VS. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,427

68-294

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE QUITCLAIM DEEDS IN CONCURRENCE WITH OTHER TAXING AGENCIES CONCERNED TO VARIOUS PARTIES FOR PROPERTIES SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, IN CONSIDERATION OF SUMS LISTED HEREIN AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COSTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,428

68-295

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL TO SIGN CITY CHECKS AND WARRANTS AND HAVE ACCESS TO LOCK BOXES IN THE CITY DEPOSITORY.

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68-296 The Clerk read the following ordinance, and on motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Parker, it was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Absent: McALLISTER, GATTI, TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36,429

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
TO MAKE REFUNDS TO VARIOUS CONCERNS
AND INDIVIDUALS DUE TO THE DOUBLE-
PAYMENT OF TAXES.

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68-283 The Clerk read an ordinance authorizing the release of U. S. Treasury Bonds on deposit with the City Clerk to Herbert Williams, D/B/A as Bellinger Taxi Agency.

City Attorney Howard Walker advised that Mr. Herbert Williams has on deposit U. S. Government Bonds in lieu of public liability insurance. He wants to withdraw the securities and file liability insurance. However, there is no provision for release of the securities except by order of the Council.

The question of liability for any suit or claim which might arise during the two-year statute of limitations was discussed. It was the sense of the Council that the public should be protected in the event a claim does arise during the two-year period.

Action on the ordinance was postponed, and the City Clerk was asked to find out if Mr. Williams can furnish an indemnification bond for the two year statute of limitations period.

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,430

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT
802-806 E. COMMERCE ST. CONTAINS OR CON-
STITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A
NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD,
AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS DIRECTED TO FILE
SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION
TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES
ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PRO-
CEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST
THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that the owners of the property, Mr. Morris Rosenstein and Mr. Louis Matusoff, have been notified of the hearing on the ordinance this morning. The property in question is the old Schoenfield Building and the first inspections on the building were made in 1967.

He reviewed inspection reports which showed the premises were a health and fire hazard, although the building is such that it could be rehabilitated. He said the deed to this property was issued on December 7, 1967 through a tax sale.

Mr. Morris Miller, attorney for Mr. Morris Rosenstein and Mr. Louis Matusoff, stated that they purchased the property from the City. They are in full accord with the City and feel something should be done with the building. However, because of the nature of the sale, the title does not ripen until 1969. Until that time, they cannot get right of possession. The people who do have possession legally are the Schoenfields.

City Attorney Howard Walker advised the Council that in a tax sale, the buyer only gets an equity and not a title, because within two years, the original owner can reclaim the property by paying the delinquent taxes and penalty.

However, the City Attorney did not believe that the equity of redemption should be allowed to defeat a City in the exercise of its police powers in abating a nuisance and fire hazard. Also, this is not the type of case in which the City can summarily destroy the nuisance. The matter will have to be taken to court and make the owners a party to the suit. He felt that the court could say "You people repair it, or tear it down."

Attorney Miller stated that they do not object to this action being taken by the Council. He said that he has been trying to deal with the Schoenfields to get possession but with no luck, and felt this law suit would help Mr. Rosenstein and Mr. Matusoff.

After further discussion, on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: NONE; Abstaining: TORRES; Absent: NONE.

67-734 The Council then considered the application of Mr. Branch T. Keller, Jr., General Manager of Rigsby Camper Park, Inc. for a temporary housing permit for the construction

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and operation of temporary housing facilities during the period of HemisFair at 2814 Rigsby Avenue, San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, reported as follows:

"The property is the old Rigsby Drive-In Theatre. It involves Lot 3, NCB 10756. There were notices mailed in this case, as in zoning cases. There were twenty notices mailed with two returned in opposition and two returned in favor. The property is presently zoned "JJ" Commercial, and in the recommendations back from the various departments concerning this request, there were three questions:

1. Housing and Inspections did need additional plans for a proposed cafe and wash-a-teria and other buildings.
2. The Fire Department asked that fire extinguishers be provided.
3. The Water Board asked that the meter and line size be increased to serve this proposed use.

All of these things have been discussed with the applicant. We would recommend that it be approved subject to those conditions being fulfilled and subject, of course, to the usual bond being provided the City Clerk prior to the issuance of any permit. There may be people in the audience in opposition. I do not know."

No one spoke in opposition.

Mr. Jones stated he had been on the site and that for the most part, it had been a closed drive-in theatre for several years. He felt this would fill a definite need, because it is easy to get to this property from Loop 410 on the east, as it is on U. S. 87 or Rigsby Avenue. He then made a motion to grant the permit. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: McALLISTER.

68-259 The Clerk read the following ordinance for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE 36,431

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 18.32 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained that this was a residential subdivision known as Shenandoah Subdivision, Unit 6, owned by Community Properties, Inc. He added that the action is being taken at the request of the developer.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved for publication only by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; Nays: NONE; Absent: McALLISTER, JONES.

The final reading of the ordinance will be held in 30 days.

67-444 Dr. Calderon reported for the Committee appointed to meet with members of the City Public Service Board in regard to the Community Relations Commission's recommendations to the City Council.

He stated a report had been received from the City Public Service Board Trustees. (A copy is on file with the minutes of this meeting.)

Dr. Calderon then made the following statement:

"On behalf of the members of the committee, I wish to publicly thank the Trustees of the City Public Service Board for the spirit of cooperation that was made manifest during our discussions and which is reflected in the response that they have given to the recommendations of the Community Relations Commission. The formal statement of the City Public Service Board does not accurately convey the true dimensions of their interest and dedication, a dedication aimed at erasing a public image that evolved over a span of a quarter of a century. To erase such an image is not an easy task, but in the course of our discussions, I sensed a strong desire on their part to undertake this mammoth task and on the basis of this appraisal, I predict that the day is not too distant when the City Public Service Board will have carved a new image out of the old."

Rev. C. Don Baugh, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission, stated that on behalf of the Commission, he was delighted with the spirit of cooperation which has been generated and made manifest by the Board of Trustees of the City Public Service Board and the committee of the City Council.

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He added that the City Public Service Board for a long time has been known as a clean operation in dispensing gas and electricity, and their rates have been good. He felt they are now moving into a place of leadership in employment practices and will become a leader and model through the vigorous program they will have, which will affect other employers. He said that once again, when people of good will sit down and talk and communicate, there is no problem that cannot be whipped.

Mayor McAllister stated that he was delighted that Rev. Baugh was making such a report, as he knew he would not do so if he did not feel that way.

67-361 Sergeant Joe Mendoza of the Police Department and President of the Police Officers Association, made the following statement:

" I would like to take a moment of your time Ladies and Gentlemen. I would like to thank the City Manager, Mr. Henckel, Mayor, and Members of the Council for the fine recommendation as far as our pay raise is concerned. I know you probably got tired of seeing me up here. I was just trying to do something for our policemen out there. I appreciate your effort and the time that you have given us and listening to our problems. I will say this. I hope that my men, in our Police Department, will stand behind the Association and let us all unite together and all go back to work. Thank you again. There is nothing more that I can say."

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti responded by saying that the Council appreciates very much the statement and assured him again, as Rev. Baugh so aptly put that "when people of good intentions get together and work their problems out in San Antonio, we can get the job done."

Attorney John Charles Cameron, representing police officers, made the following statement:

"I appeared before you last week on behalf of policemen clients of mine and made certain demands for pay raises and pay hikes. Shortly after this, I had an interview with the City Manager and Mr. McAllister. I want to publicly thank them for listening to me and working with me. I spoke with Officer Mendoza when he arrived here this morning. I feel that this is a giant step in the right direction. I feel the City has recognized the needs of the policemen, and they intend to do something about it. I want to publicly ask all of the patrolmen, and the men

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that I represent to stand behind the City Manager in his decision on these pay increases. I told the City Manager this morning that I would like to see an immediate increase for these men because some of them need it immediately. He said there is no money available. This has always been a matter of controversy, but, if it is possible, I would like to see it. If not, I still wish to stand with Mr. Mendoza and the Association and thank the Council and the Mayor and also the City Manager for his recommendations. I hope that when they are coupled with the recommendations of the Citizens Committee, a decent wage structure for our policemen can come forth and be passed by ordinance and be made a part of the ordinances of the City of San Antonio. Thank you."

66-1175 The City Council then considered the final draft of the proposed Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Dr. Calderon spoke concerning Sub-Section 11 of Paragraph C of Section 2 which exempts employees in any capacity or occupation which is covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended. He stated that Mr. Ralph Velasco, Jr., President of Amigos Food Co., Inc. had suggested that in addition to Sub-Section 11, the following Sub-Section 12 be added, which reads as follows:

(12) in any capacity or occupation which will be covered on Feb. 1, 1969, by the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, but in no case shall a wage of less than \$1.15 per hour be paid unless otherwise herein said employees are specifically excluded. This provision shall be null and void and eliminated from the ordinance as of Feb. 1, 1969.

Mr. Ralph Velasco, Jr., stated that his company is already scheduled to go under the Federal Minimum Wage on Feb. 1, 1969, at which time he would have to go not to \$1.25, but to \$1.30 per hour. He is presently paying \$1.15 per hour wage under the Federal Minimum Wage for businesses not interstate and felt that it would be double jeopardy for firms now slated to go under the Federal Minimum Wage on February 1, 1969.

After consideration, the Council agreed to add Sub-Section 12 to the ordinance.

The Council then considered Paragraph D of Section 2 defining an Employer.

After considerable discussion, the definition was changed to read as follows:

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(D) "Employer" includes any individual, partnership, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative or organized group of persons acting as employer who employs more than three (3) people.

The Council then considered Paragraph H, Section 2, being the definition of Wage.

Councilman Parker stated that, in determining the wage furnished an employee, the language "board, lodging, or other facilities" should be changed to read "board, lodging, or any other benefit that can be reduced to a monetary value." He felt that this would include hospitalization insurance and other benefits which an employer may be giving an employee.

Councilman James spoke against the proposed change as he felt that wages and fringe benefits should be separate items, and, if they were included as part of the wage, the employee could possibly end up with no cash.

After considerable discussion on this item, Dr. Parker made a motion that Paragraph H, Section 2, be amended to delete the words "or other facilities" and substitute "or any other benefit that can be reduced to a monetary value." The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. On roll call, the motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: JONES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER; Nays: JAMES, TORRES, CALDERON; Absent: McALLISTER.

Paragraph H, Section 2, as amended, reads as follows:

(H) "Wage" means the payment of monetary remuneration by an employer to an employee for labor and services performed. "Wage" paid to any employee includes the reasonable value as determined by the Director to the employer of furnishing such employee with board, lodging, or any other benefit that can be reduced to monetary value, if such board, lodging, or other benefits are customarily furnished by such employer to his employees: Provided, that the value of board, loding, or other benefits shall not be included as part of the wages paid to any employee to the extent it is excluded therefrom under the terms of a bona fide collective-bargaining agreement applicable to the particular employee: Provided further, that the Director is authorized to determine the fair value of such board, lodging,

or other benefits for defined classes of employees and in defined areas, based on average cost to the employer or group of employers similarly situated, or average value to groups of employees, or other appropriate measures of fair value. Such evaluations, where applicable and pertinent, shall be used in lieu of actual measure of cost in determining the wage paid to any employee. In determining the wage of a tipped employee, the amount paid to such employee by his employer shall be deemed to be increased in the amount by which tips received by the employee exceed \$20.00 per month.

The ordinance, having been corrected into its final form, Dr. Calderon made a motion that it be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino. On roll call, the motion prevailed, and the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; Nays: JONES, PARKER; Absent: McALLISTER.

The ordinance is effective 30 days after April 11, 1968.

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67-404 Mrs. Cockrell inquired if the Transportation Committee had reviewed the taxi cab problem which was referred to it.

Mr. Stewart Fischer stated that it had not been considered as yet.

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68-173 Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell stated that Rev. R. A. Callies' group had requested several traffic signals. She asked what the procedure is to get moving on the installation of traffic signals. She felt that requests should be answered more affirmatively.

Mr. Stewart Fischer stated that he, too, would also like to give a better answer. The procedure would be in one of two directions. If it is a signal covered by contract with the Texas Highway Department, the City furnishes information to them. They make a recommendation to Austin for review, and the City gets the answer in 30 to 60 days. The other type of decision rests with the City. The City budgets by intersections and

installs 50 to 60 intersections per year. For example, if a decision is made in the Fall of 1967 to install a signal, it is put in the 1968 budget. The equipment is ordered, and there is a delay of from two to seven months. So, 12 months go by before they have the equipment. He said the only alternative is to maintain an equipment warehouse. However, there is the problem that signals in most cases must be tailor made to fit the problem at the particular intersection.

Mrs. Cockrell stated that the procedure is simply too long, and she would like to see a report on how many locations are reserved for installation of signals. She asked that a study be made with a view to speeding up installation.

Assistant City Manager Douthit advised that a report will be made to the Council on this matter.

68-273 Councilman Jones inquired about the opening of I.H. 10 and I.H. 37.

Mr. Stewart Fischer reported that they will be open to traffic in May. He explained that the Bureau of Roads has had many safety requirements added to specifications, such as in lighting. The light stands must be of the break-away type. There has also been a delay in getting the equipment on the site. Additional signs had to be moved. There have been field changes in the amount of half a million dollars which meant reordering equipment.

68-273 Councilman Torres asked what can be done about the fence at the intersection of Augusta and Navarro Streets which blocks the sight of traffic.

Mr. Stewart Fischer stated that the City can not do anything, since it is on private property, and it would probably take court action.

68-273 Mr. Torres inquired when the City is going to take action on the Parking Garage on Villita Street.

Assistant City Manager Douthit stated that the City Manager is working on that at the present time.

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REPORT ON PETITION

"Petition of Mr. Lester E. Pratt, et al, protesting the construction of a stucco wall around the gas meter complex within 4' of the street near the intersection of Blanco and Jackson-Keller Roads. Petitioners feel that the construction of such wall and the location of large industrial gas meters, as planned by Mr. William Ochse for his apartments, constitute a danger and nuisance to area motorists and pedestrian traffic for Nimitz Junior High School and should not be permitted to exist." (Mr. Pratt appeared before the City Council on this matter February 15, 1968.)

REPORT--DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT

The fence or wall in question appeared on the plans, but as no question had been previously raised regarding the legality of a fence or wall in the front setback area, the plans were approved without question. The Planning Commission gave their approval as a Planned Building Group on May 24, 1967. The plans were also checked and approved by the Traffic and Transportation Department.

On February 9, 1968, Building Inspector Fischer issued a stop-order to Mr. Ochse, through his superintendent, not to construct the fence or wall forward of the twenty-five foot setback line. As of this date, the fence or wall has not been started. (March 29, 1968).

REPORT--DIRECTOR OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

I have investigated this complaint and have spoken to the builder, Mr. William Ochse, about it. Mr. Ochse has agreed to move the wall away from the street as far as possible and still screen the gas regulator valves on this property. If this is done, I do not believe the vision problems will be too serious.

Mr. Lester Pratt, owner of Pratt Realtors on Blanco Road, stated that the Planning Commission Minutes in 1967 reflect that the Commission approved the proposed construction with the understanding that the developer resolve any minor traffic problem with Mr. Stewart Fischer. He felt that the gas meter and proposed wall to screen it would block vision and objected to the wall being constructed.

Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, advised the Council that Mr. Ochse asked for a planned group development and went to the Planning Commission which approved the plan for apartments. In the normal course of events, he came to the Department of Housing and Inspections for a permit.

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The plans came back approved by all departments. Mr. Ochse made application for an industrial type of gas meter. Mr. Pratt complained of this gas meter, and he was advised that it was approved, as there is no violation of any Building Code or Zoning regulation.

Mr. Vann stated that the procedure is that when they get a complaint, a stop-order is issued until the matter is resolved.

Mr. Stewart Fischer stated that Mr. Ochse has agreed to move the wall in about one foot and place it next to the concrete pad. Because of the land configuration at this intersection, there is no problem. He showed a sketch of a plan to close part of Blanco and align the street, thus improving traffic flow. He hoped to put in a left turn island, but this is contingent on acquiring land from the school and other land owners. He felt the plan can be worked out without cost to the City.

Councilwoman Cockrell spoke against allowing the construction of the wall as she felt this would be going along with the creation of blind corners.

Discussion brought out that the City has an ordinance for corners, but this is an interior piece of property. Also there is no provision in the Zoning Ordinance that says a fence is a structure. There is a provision in the new Zoning Ordinance which limits the height of fences and fences in front yards.

The City Attorney advised the Council that it had jurisdiction to take action on the report as a matter of law if it constitutes a dangerous traffic hazard. The City does have the right of going into Court, but he knew of no restrictive action the Council could take under the present ordinances.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that the reports show there is no violation, and there is no serious traffic problem. The city is taking steps to improve the intersection and asked the pleasure of the Council on the matter.

Mr. Jones made a motion that Mr. Pratt's petition be denied and that the Director of Housing and Inspections lift the stop-order previously issued on the wall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon. The motion prevailed by the following vote: Ayes: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, GATTI, TREVINO; Nays: COCKRELL; Abstaining: PARKER, TORRES; Absent: McALLISTER.

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67-644 Miss Jean Smith, Press Representative for Texas and the San Antonio Branch of the NAACP made the following statement to the Council regarding open housing:

"In view of the final passage yesterday by the Congress of the United States of a new Civil Rights Bill which includes allowing all citizens to buy and rent homes where ever they wish, the NAACP of San Antonio asks that this Council recognize present oppressive influences in this City which do categorically deny such rights to Negroes.

We ask that this City Council draw up and pass immediately an ordinance to enforce the simple, human right of any of our citizens to buy or rent a home, or to buy land on which to build, regardless of the color of his skin. We specifically refer to such properties which are advertised publicly, or are listed with a realty agent as being for sale or rent.

This City has been commended for its excellence in race relations, therefore, we suggest that it implement and prove such excellence by passing this ordinance and giving it full force of law so that any infractions will be prosecutable by the City, with penalties plainly stated."

Mr. W. T. (Bill) Kernan, 9411 Nona Kay, Co-Chairman of the Civic and Social Action Committee of the Archdiocese and Council of Catholic Men spoke in favor of an open housing ordinance. He also asked the Council to support the new Alliance of Businessmen which is now active in San Antonio and who are working to enact programs to put hard core unemployed to work at constructive jobs.

Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti advised that the City Council helped organize the Economic Opportunity Program in San Antonio and part of that program - The Concentrated Employment Program - has a Business Advisory Committee of which he is the Chairman. He further stated that Mr. Youngblood would point out that if it were not for the Concentrated Employment Program here, the National Alliance of Businessmen would not be near as far along as it is now. He assured Mr. Kernan of the Council's interest in the programs.

Mr. Bob O'Conner, 427 Fresno, speaking for the Catholic Interracial Council of San Antonio, offered the services of the Interracial Council in promoting human relations programs in the matter of open housing.

Mr. S. L. Deckard, President of the local chapter of the NAACP, also asked that the Council enact an open housing ordinance. He stated that he would ask the Community Relations Commission to look into the present housing law.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that the Council was sympathetic to the needs of all people.

68-273 The Clerk read the following letter:

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 4-4-68 Petition of Billy J. McCombs and Douglas L. Saunders requesting the annexation of a 0.767 acre tract of land located at the intersection of Wurzbach Road and Vance Jackson Road, being a part of the 11.655 acres of the J.R. Straus Tract out of the Maria Trinidad Guerra Survey No. 88 CB 4443.
- 4-4-68 Petition of Page Junior School PTA requesting the City to make a study of the drainage and make necessary improvements in the areas and streets where water and mud impede the movement of pupils during the school year, namely the following streets:
 - 1. Boyer St. - - S. Presa to Hackberry St.
 - 2. W. Whittier - S. Presa to Hackberry St.
 - 3. W. Drexel - - S. Presa to Hackberry St.
 - 4. Hoefgen St. - W. Whittier to Carolina St.
- 4-5-68 Petition of Mr. E. O. Goldbeck representing the residents on Drexel Avenue requesting that alley garbage collection service be reinstated. This service was discontinued because of the temporary use of the alley during the construction of the southeast leg of the new freeway.
- 4-8-68 Petition of Joyce D. Plummer requesting a permit for Temporary Housing (travel trailers) during the period of HemisFair and located at 2813 South W. W. White Road, Lot 5, NCB 10779.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:

J. H. Inselman
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselman
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