

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 1969, 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, Hill, Torres; ABSENT: None.

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69-10 The invocation was given by Reverend Christian H. Kehl, St. George's Episcopal Church.

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The minutes of the February 20, 1969 City Council Meeting were approved with corrections.

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Mr. David Straus, Chairman of the Tourist Division of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, presented the Mayor and Councilmembers with a 22 x 28 inch full color poster which pictured the Paseo Del Rio. The poster will be used to promote tourism in San Antonio. Mr. Straus explained that a poster presented to Mayor McAllister was the first of ten thousand posters to be printed. The posters will be sent to travel agencies, tour operators, bus and airline firms for display.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Straus for the colorful posters.

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69-10 OPERATION LIFE SAVER

Mayor McAllister proclaimed the month of March as "Operation Life Saver Month."

Mr. David Koch, Safety Superintendent, explained that the City Public Service Board, City Water Board, San Antonio Transit System and other organizations have united in promotion of Operation Life Saver. Due to the large number of traffic deaths and injuries in San Antonio and surrounding areas, the four major City operations are combining their efforts to promote safer driving among municipal employees, industrial drivers, and the motoring public.

Mr. Koch then introduced three young ladies who represented Operation Life Saver, Miss Annette Elliot representing City Public Service Board; Miss Stella Rodriguez, representing City Water Board; and Mrs. Pat Mangum representing the City of San Antonio. He then presented the Mayor with a special bumper sticker and the young ladies distributed the stickers to the members of the Council.

Mr. Koch stated that last year accidents in San Antonio cost a total of \$25,000,000.00.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Koch stated the \$25,000,000.00 was the estimate that was supplied by the Analysis Section of the Police Department.

The Mayor stated that for sometime the City has had only one fatality where a person was wearing a seat belt.

Mr. Torres asked about the Tort Claims Act introduced in the Texas House of Representatives and how much it would cost the City if it passed.

Mr. Henckel stated the Tort Claims Act will destroy the governmental immunity of the City as well as all political subdivisions. The City would be liable for money damages for personal injury or death arising from negligence in the operation of or use of motor vehicle equipment and in case of accident there would be a liability limit of \$100,000.00 per person and \$300,000.00 per accident. Some small cities could go bankrupt because of this act.

Mr. Henckel stated he definitely opposed this act. He felt that it should be more restrictive and exclude certain types of claims, or as an alternate perhaps the State Insurance Commission could provide cities with special rates.

69-10 Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti presided.

69-10 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,282

REVISING AND ESTABLISHING ELECTION PRECINCTS FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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The Clerk explained that there are a total of 168 voting precincts plus the absentee precinct which will be located in the City Clerk's Office. The precincts have all been renumbered and adopted by the County Commissioners.

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

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69-10 Mayor McAllister returned and presided.

69-10 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,283

ORDERING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1969,
IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY,
TEXAS FOR THE ELECTION OF NINE MEMBERS
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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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,
Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

69-10 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, briefed the Council
on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded
were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister,
Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres;
NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,284

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PUR-
CHASE CERTAIN STAGE EQUIPMENT FROM WENGER
CORPORATION FOR THE CONVENTION FACILITIES
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FOR A NET TOTAL OF
\$5,475.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,285

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF THE ROY KLOSSNER COMPANY TO FURNISH
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS WITH THREE PORTABLE AIR COM-
PRESSORS FOR A TOTAL OF \$12,084.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,286

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID
OF FRIDEN, DIVISION TO FURNISH THE CITY
OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
WITH ONE ELECTRONIC PRINTING CALCULATOR
FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,230.25.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,287

DECLARING ONE (1) STRUCTURE LOCATED AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BE SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR AIRPORT OPERATION DUE TO OBSOLESCENCE AND DETERIORATION AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF AVIATION TO REMOVE SAME.

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Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation explained that this building was surplus to the needs of the airport and showed colored photographs which showed clearly that the building was far beyond repair.

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

69-10 Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,288

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 36,639 OF JULY 11, 1968 BY APPROPRIATING \$7,798.68 FROM AIRPORT REVENUE FUND NO. 801 AND AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SAID SUM TO STINSON AIRPORT FUND NO. 805; APPROPRIATING \$7,787.68 FROM STINSON AIRPORT FUND NO. 805 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO AIRPORT BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND NO. 806 IN THE SUM OF \$3,298.68 AND TO LODAL AND BAIN ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE SUM OF \$4,500.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,289

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH DOERR AVIATION, INC. AS LESSEE TO EXTEND SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 65-1 FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,290

ACCEPTING GRANT OFFER FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION) FOR PROJECT NO. 9-41-080-C921 AT SAN ANTONIO

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT
AGREEMENT AND REPEALING ORDINANCE #37273.

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Mr. Tom Raffety explained that Federal Aviation Administration had requested the City to repeal Ordinance No. 37273 which was passed February 20th in order to include additional work on this project of strengthening of the Runway 12R/30L and installing in-runway lights. The additional work also includes the installation of a large generator capable of furnishing enough power to light the airport runways and buildings in the event that the regular power was disrupted.

69-10 Mr. Tom Raffety, Aviation Director, briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,291

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND SAN
ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE
NO. 2-2 WITH NAYAK AVIATION CORP., LESSEE,
TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL AREA.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,292

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STINSON MUNICIPAL
AIRPORT LEASE NO. 650 WITH C. E. EARNHARDT
d/b/a EARNHARDT AVIATION, LESSEE.

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Mr. Torres stated he had received a letter from Mr. Logeman regarding the withholding of approximately \$17,000.00 from this contract on work performed on North Satellite. He asked what had been done.

Mr. Raffety stated he had not received the letter but the two contracts that were involved had liquidated damages and they did amount to \$17,000.00.

In answer to questions from Mr. Torres, Mr. Howard Walker, City Attorney stated he understood the letter had been received but the matter will be in Court. He has not been told to seek a settlement with Mr. Logeman. Mr. Crawford Reeder, Chief Trial Attorney, will handle this matter.

Mr. Torres felt that the Council should discuss this and seek a settlement.

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After further discussion, Mayor McAllister stated that this matter would be taken up at an executive meeting.

69-10 The Clerk read an ordinance approving and adopting an Emergency Operation Plan for the City of San Antonio as recommended by the Department of Civil Defense.

Mr. Martin Esser, Civil Defense Coordinator, explained that the proposed Emergency Operations Plan would update the Disaster Plan that was prepared in 1958. This plan sets out the responsibility of each City Department involved in the event of an emergency on disaster.

In answer to questions from Mr. Torres, Mr. Esser explained that this Disaster Plan would supplement the Medical and Health Disaster Plan that was adopted by the Council a short time ago.

After further consideration, action on this Emergency Operations Plan was postponed for one week in order to give the Council a chance to study it.

69-10 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO COOPERATION AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AS TO ELIMINATION OF SUBSTANDARD DWELLING UNITS.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that this Resolution authorizes the City Manager to execute certifications as to the number of substandard units that had been eliminated by the City. These certifications then enable the Housing Authority of San Antonio to construct additional low rent housing units in the City.

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

69-10 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following Ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Cockrell.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,293

AUTHORIZING THE TAX ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR TO CORRECT AND ADJUST CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS APPEARING ON THE CITY TAX ROLLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX ERROR BOARD OF REVIEW. (MRS. JULIA N. SNEAD, 222 CLOVIS STREET.)

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AN ORDINANCE 37,294

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 21.547 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,295

AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR NOT LESS THAN \$1.00 NOR MORE THAN \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS.

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The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

GIVING NOTICE THAT BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR SELECTION OF A DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY AND FOR LOANING MONEY TO THE CITY, FOR THE FISCAL YEARS, 1969-70 AND 1970-71.

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Mr. Arthur Brown, Controller, explained that the selection of a depository for funds of the City of San Antonio, fiscal agent, and for loaning money to the City would be for a two-year period, 1969-70 and 1970-71. This is similar to previous resolutions except that the required guarantees have been broadened.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,296

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING A MENTAL RETARDATION TRUST FUND; AUTHORIZING

SEVEN (7) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATING \$16,330.00 OUT OF SAID FUND TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

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Dr. Ross, Health Director, explained that the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Board of Trustees have requested the additional personnel in order to perform certain additional services in the field of Mental Retardation. He stated that the Board of Trustees will give the City a check in advance to pay for all anticipated costs. The program will become effective March 1, 1969.

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

69-10 Members of the Administrative Staff briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 37,297

ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTION SUB-STATIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,298

APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS CERTAIN SUMS IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$2,103.00 IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U. S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE; MEDICAL CENTER SANITARY SEWER LINE; STORM DRAINAGE #20 RIP RAP; SAN PEDRO AVENUE WIDENING; LEON CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE; PECAN VALLEY PAVING PROJECT AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIGHT LANE AND AVIGATION EASEMENTS FOR EXTENSION OF RUNWAY 3-21.

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69-10 Mr. W. S. Clark briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Jones; ABSENT: Cockrell, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,299

APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND #404 IN PAYMENT FOR AN EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,100.00 FOR PURCHASE OF BELGIUM LANE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT PERTAINING TO THE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,300

AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH CHARLES E. MUELLER FOR OPERATION OF A FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION IN THE LAKE PAVILION BUILDING LOCATED IN THE CIVIC CENTER PROJECT.

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Mr. Bill Lindquist, Municipal Facilities Director, explained this contract was for a term of one year and the space is the same as formerly occupied by the Golden Garter.

In answer to questions from the Council, he stated they have approximately twenty-five concessionaires on contract and are working on a number of others.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,301

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO PRIVATELY OR PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITIES FOR EXCAVATIONS IN CERTAIN CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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Mr. Torres said he had brought up the subject before the Council, but what this ordinance really does is require a permit from the Director of Traffic and Transportation which requires all utilities and telephone company, as well as the City, to cooperate on excavations in public Right-of-ways.

Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that this will cover all excavations of the utilities except in an emergency. In the event of an emergency, public utilities shall notify the Director of the Traffic Division of the Police Department and the Fire Department. At other times, public

utilities shall promptly notify the police dispatcher who will relay such information to the Fire Department and to said Director. There has been a Coordinating Committee prior to this, however, enforcement has been lax but with this ordinance on the record, the utilities will cooperate.

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

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Mrs. Naomi Waddell made the following statement:

"Mr. Mayor, Members of the City Council. I come before you to ask your help in solving a problem we people on Welfare face in San Antonio, the poorest City in America. Our greatest problem, besides Texas' Welfare ceiling, is the location of the Food-Stamp Office and how the Food-Stamp Program is run in San Antonio, Hunger City, U.S.A. To begin with:

1. The Food-Stamp Office is located too far from poverty areas. This creates transportation problems for the poor, who cannot afford a car or taxi.
2. The Food-Stamp Office is small and cramped. There are never enough chairs to seat the large number of sick and old people who have to wait for hours to be served. People have to wait in long lines which many times stretch all the way to the street. Sick and old people have to stand outside in the cold.
3. It takes too long for applications to be processed. If you have too many payments to make and can't buy stamps for two months, you have to make another application.
4. Clients are pushed around and insulted by workers in the Food-Stamp Office.
5. All business is stopped completely for one hour for lunch because all office workers eat at the same time. Clients have to stand around for one extra hour in a cramped, crowded office.
6. A client can buy only the fixed amount of Food- Stamps set by the office. If you are a dollar short, you can't buy Food-Stamps that month.
7. The Food-Stamp Office is open only five days a week. If you can't buy your stamps by Friday, and have only enough money to buy the fixed amount, you either don't eat that weekend to save your money to buy stamps on Monday or spend two or three dollars for food and don't buy stamps that month.
8. When Welfare checks were cut \$12.00 in September, the Food-Stamp Office said we would pay \$4.00 less for stamps but we got \$10.00 less in stamps, it was a dirty trick.

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Mr. Mayor, Members of the City Council, you are elected to office to serve all the people of Antonio, Hunger City U.S.A. We need your help. We demand action to correct the mess at the Food-Stamp Center. We, the members of the San Antonio Welfare Rights Organization demand action and recommend that the following steps be taken to clean up the mess at the Food Stamp Office:

1. Location of Food-Stamp Sub-Stations in areas of high poverty concentration.
2. More Food-Stamps for less money.
3. Permanent applications whether a person purchases stamps or not each month.
4. Removal of restrictions for purchase of other items except tobacco and alcohol with Food Stamps.
5. Immediate reclassification in case of decrease in client's income.
6. Food-Stamp Office open six days a week.
7. Hiring of Welfare recipients as workers in the Food-Stamp Office.
8. Faster processing of applications and eight hours of continuous service from the Food Stamp Office.
9. If checks are cut again, we demand an increase in stamps equal to the cut."

Mayor McAllister asked Mr. Henckel to inform Mrs. Waddell what has taken place as far as the City is concerned.

Mr. Henckel made the following statement:

"First of all, I want to reiterate again the Food Stamp Program is a program conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and the State Welfare Agency. The City of San Antonio is merely donating a facility and money towards the program. If the woman's complaints are valid, I suggest that she take them to the State Welfare Agency who are the administrators of this program. If she has not, I recommend she do so. If this Council sees fit to increase additional appropriations, the Manager will so make the provisions. We presented to you approximately three weeks ago the additional cost of two additional Food Stamp sub-stations. I have met with Mr. Cheeves, who is the local head of the administration of the Texas Department of Welfare, here in San Antonio. The amount was approximately \$88,000.00 at that time, the Manager recommended to the Council, that if the Council was desirous of increasing their appropriation, that we ask the County of Bexar to pay one-half because they are participating in the contribution to the State along with the City."

After a lengthy discussion, the Council Food Committee, consisting of Councilmen Gatti, James, Trevino and Torres would meet with Mr. Cheeves, the State Welfare Director and with Judge Blair Reeves of the County and then present to the Bexar County Commissioners Court the recommendations of the Council and the City's willingness

to add \$44,000.00 more to the Food Stamp Program in order to set up two new locations and ask the Commissioners Court to pay an additional \$44,000.00.

Mrs. Waddell's complaints will be discussed with Mr. Cheeves.

(A verbatim report is filed with the papers of this meeting.)

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69-10 STREET LIGHT PETITION

Mr. David Gutierrez, 312 North Navidad, stated he had presented a petition for a street light for the intersection of North Navidad and Central Alley in August and had been promised that a street light would be installed within three months. He stated he had been told the petition was lost and no action has yet been taken.

City Manager Henckel told Mr. Gutierrez to meet with Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, who would take his complaint and investigate.

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69-10 MARTINEZ CREEK

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado Street, complained about an ordinance that was passed giving the River Authority right-of-way on the upper portion of Martinez Creek which has caused a number of dead-end streets. He felt there should be additional bridges built at the point where the streets dead-end at Martinez Creek. He added that the River Authority cleared out the upper portion of Martinez Creek but did nothing to the lower part which will create a dangerous hazard in the event of heavy rain.

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69-10 BUNUELOS

Miss Jessica Schulte, representing Bunuelos, Incorporated, explained that she was present to correct a misunderstanding about the size and price of bunuelos. She stated that the manufacturing of bunuelos is going to create additional jobs and publicity and San Antonio will be known as the City of Coffee and Bunuelos instead of Coffee and Donuts.

Mr. Gatti stated that he attended a function at the Convention Center and found the bunuelos sold by the concessionaire were exorbitant in price and small in size. He said he mentioned this at a Council meeting a few weeks ago. Yesterday Miss Schulte came by to see him and pointed out that the cost in the Convention Center has very little relationship to the wholesale price. He maintained that the prices at the Convention Center should be investigated as he had stated previously.

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Mr. Torres: I have just one question. I brought up this matter of Ordinance No. 36991 last week pertaining to the tax exemption for Trinity University. The matter was put off until this week. I believe that we were in accord that if we didn't rescind the ordinance we couldn't go back later in case of a court decision and collect back taxes on those Trinity University properties and this is why I was persistent and I am being persistent in seeking to have that ordinance rescinded that we might join in any legal action that arises out of taxing those properties that were previously tax exempt.

Mayor McAllister: Mr. Walker, can you give us your opinion about this? In other words can the City waive the taxes, then turn around and rescind its action and reassess the past delinquent taxes that we will get for the property?

City Attorney Walker stated that if the ordinance is repealed, the City Tax Collector would immediately place the property back on the tax roll and they would then pick up the taxes as of the next taxable date.

Mayor McAllister: This is a different proposition. If the County, the suit insofar as the County is concerned, is held adverse to Trinity, in what way does that affect the City's position? Would the current tax go on, so far as the City is concerned, or not?

Mr. Walker: Yes, as a matter of fact, Mr. Mayor, in a law suit, if Trinity should lose and the Court should declare it not entitled to an exemption, then the City's present ordinance on exemption would, in effect, be an invalid ordinance, legally speaking. Though we would still be carrying it as one of our ordinance measures, but the effect of the law would be that our ordinance would be an illegal ordinance.

After a lengthy discussion, Mayor McAllister stated that he felt that without calling for a formal vote that the sentiment of the majority of the Council is to bide time until the suit between the County and Trinity is settled.

(A complete verbatim report on this subject is filed with the papers of this meeting.)

Mayor McAllister asked the City Manager if he had a report on the matter of publicizing the reasons for suspension of officers from the Police Department.

Mr. Henckel explained that the statute is very clear in the matter of suspensions in that it must go to the Firemen's and Policemen's Civil Service Commission whether there is an appeal or not.

Mr. Clyde McCollough, Personnel Director, then explained Article 1269N, Section 20 of the State Statutes regulating Police Officers which states that the Chief of Police shall file a report of any suspension with the Commission and is a public record.

After further discussion by Members of the Council, Mr. Henckel stated he would meet with the Commission, the Chief of Police and the City Attorney to see if it is possible to work out a procedure for policemen who are suspended for personal reasons whereby the reasons would not become public knowledge and still not violate the statutes.

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69-10 After a short recess, the meeting reconvened and Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti presided.

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69-10 POOL HALL SUSPENSION

Mr. O. E. Barnes, owner of The Pendelum Cocktail Lounge, 6510 Highway 90 West, stated he has applied for a license which was denied because of a City ordinance which requires that the pool table must be seen from the street. He explained this area has recently been annexed into the City. Prior to this it was legal to operate in such a manner. He asked that he be allowed to continue this operation because the annexation was beyond his control.

City Manager Henckel stated he could not recommend a variance from the ordinance. However, he would be willing to work with Mr. Barnes to see if a solution can be worked out within the provisions of the ordinance.

Mr. Barnes then asked for an extension to continue operation of the lounge. However, Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated the Council would not go along with this and asked Mr. Barnes to work the matter out with the City Manager.

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69-10 The Clerk read the following letter.

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

2-19-69 Petition of Mrs. Marian O. Taylor, 706 Everest Drive, requesting that a survey be made of the general conditions of streets in the vicinity of Ridgecrest and Everest Streets and that needed street and curbing improvements be made.

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Petition of Mr. D. J. Ulbrich, 1331 W. Mulberry,
requesting permission to maintain an easement gate
across the alley at the rear of 1331 W. Mulberry.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the
Council, the meeting adjourned.
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A P P R O V E D:

J. W. McAllister
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ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
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