

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1976.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: PYNDUS, BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE, NIELSEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

76-6 The invocation was given by The Reverend Claude W. Black.

76-6 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

76-6 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The consideration of the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 29, 1976 was postponed for one week.

76-6 MAYOR OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Mayor Cockrell introduced Mrs. Patience Latting, Mayor of Oklahoma City and her husband, Mr. Latting, and welcomed them to the City.

Mayor Cockrell mentioned that Mrs. Latting was the first woman Mayor elected to a major city.

76-6 TRAIL RIDE WEEK

Mayor Cockrell welcomed Commissioner A. J. Ploch to the meeting and invited him up to the podium. Commissioner Ploch introduced Miss Cathy Wieters, Queen of the Trail Riders Association.

Mayor Cockrell then read the following Proclamation which she presented to Miss Wieters:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Month of February marks the yearly celebration in Bexar County where special events are held in remembrance of those days when our nation was young and its citizens were going about the task of building a country in the frontier of the West, and

WHEREAS, one of the old customs which has been kept alive is that of the "Trail Ride" of the Old West, and

WHEREAS, during the week of February 7 - 13, 1976, nine different trail rides will start from points representing Central and South Texas, and

WHEREAS, these trail rides, with participants who are young and old, travel to Bexar County in an enjoyable effort to keep alive this tradition.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, LILA COCKRELL, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the week of February 7 - 13, 1976, as

"TRAIL RIDE WEEK"

in San Antonio, Texas, and urge our citizens to participate in this observance and celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set
my hand and caused
the Seal of the City
of San Antonio to be
affixed this 5th day
February, 1976.

/s/ LILA COCKRELL

Mayor

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Miss Wieters thanked the Mayor and the Council and invited them to the rodeo and all the activities. She then presented each one of them with a rodeo badge.

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AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN DAYS

Mayor Cockrell read the following Proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the red, white and blue, half-mile-long American Freedom Train began its 18,000 mile cross-country tour on April 1, 1975, in Delaware as part of the Bicentennial observance of American Independence, and

WHEREAS, as part of its twenty-one month historic journey, the American Freedom Train is visiting cities throughout the United States to share the wealth of its displays and artifacts of patriotic significance, and

WHEREAS, the visit of the American Freedom Train to San Antonio, itself a monument to the spirit of liberty and personal freedom, a spirit exemplified by its historic Alamo, marks the half-way point in the train's historic journey across the United States, and

WHEREAS, visitors to the train will be carried by a moving walkway through ten railroad cars of historical memorabilia, including George Washington's copy of the Constitution, a moon rock, and a double-size replica of the Liberty Bell, and

WHEREAS, the American Freedom Train will arrive in San Antonio on February 11, remaining at Lone Star Brewery through February 14, 1976.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LILA COCKRELL, Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in recognition thereof, do hereby proclaim the period of February 11 - 14, 1976, to be

"AMERICAN FREEDOM TRAIN DAYS"

in San Antonio, Texas, and officially welcome the American Freedom Train to San Antonio, and further encourage all San Antonians to visit the train, a symbol of America's 200 years of unexcelled achievements and a fitting reminder of the richness of our heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set
my hand and caused
the Seal of the City
of San Antonio to be
affixed this 5th day
of February, 1976.

/s/ LILA COCKRELL

Mayor

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Mr. Chuck Snyder of the Bicentennial Committee introduced Ms. Jeanette Austin, a member of the American Freedom Train Association.

Mayor Cockrell then presented the Proclamation to Ms. Austin.

Ms. Austin thanked the Mayor and Council and invited them to visit the American Freedom Train during its stay in San Antonio.

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LACKLAND LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell recognized a group of 20 students from the Lackland Language School, together with their teacher, Mr. Woosley, and welcomed them to the meeting.

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MISS BLACK SAN ANTONIO CONTESTANTS

Mayor Cockrell welcomed Mrs. Glenetta Bierria, Pageant Director of the Miss Black San Antonio contest, to the Council meeting.

Mrs. Bierria said that four of the ten contestants in the contest were in the audience and invited them to introduce themselves. They were:

Clare Darlene Appollon
Joyce Byrd
Jeanice Lowe
Donna Smith

Mayor Cockrell welcomed the contestants to the meeting.

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ISSUANCE OF \$60,000,000 ELECTRIC AND
GAS SYSTEMS REVENUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,284

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$60,000,000 "CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ELECTRIC AND GAS SYSTEMS REVENUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, NEW SERIES 1976, : FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING AND IMPROVING THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AND GAS SYSTEMS; PROVIDING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH BONDS; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT AND SECURITY THEREOF; STIPULATING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE BONDS ON A PARITY THEREWITH; ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A DATE FOR THE SALE OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The following discussion took place:

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: These are the two ordinances that carry out the Council's previous authorization and plan. Yes, Dr. Cisneros.

DR. HENRY CISNEROS: A question for Mr. Spruce, I notice that he's here, if I may. Mr. Spruce, just in exact numbers, what portion of the \$60,000,000 is for use of the nuclear plant, I never was able to get that figure.

MR. JACK SPRUCE: I don't recall if we had given a specific figure, but it will probably be, of course, these funds are used for construction and they will be paid out according to the cash flow that comes in during this period of time. I would say that probably about between the time we receive this money and would be expended \$15 to \$18 million would probably be.....

DR. CISNEROS: The reason I ask this question is because of a rather cryptic article in yesterday's paper concerning the Westinghouse contract. It seemed to indicate that Westinghouse had decided because of a court case that they settled out of court, that they are going to go ahead and honor previous contracts for uranium including the Houston Power and Light contract or discussion with them which includes our participation in the nuclear project. Can you say anything about that?

MR. SPRUCE: Yes, sir, we are familiar with that article. What that is, it is encouraging, of course, but it does not settle the whole fuel issue for the power plant. What it does it binds Westinghouse to honor the commitment it has made with the uranium that it does have, and, of course, this was one of the things that we were working toward and trying to seek a settlement of the fuel contract for the plant.

DR. CISNEROS: What's the price settlement? The level of the price settlement here?

MR. SPRUCE: Well, that particular part means that they would have to furnish whatever percentage is appropriate to the plant, out of what they have, at the agreed contract price.

DR. CISNEROS: Which is?

MR. SPRUCE: I think it's about \$8.00 a pound.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: Good morning, Jack. That was a five year contract, I believe, for a very small percentage, however, of the total fuel needs, is that correct?

MR. SPRUCE: Well, it would more than accomplish the first fueling of the reactor.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, but five years, I believe somebody said at one point, right? It's just a short term contract.

MR. SPRUCE: Yes, that's correct.

DR. NIELSEN: It's not a long term.....

MR. SPRUCE: No, it doesn't solve the whole fuel.....

DR. NIELSEN: (Inaudible) ...fuel, or anything like that. But, on the other hand, it is somewhat encouraging. Thank you very much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Reverend Black.

REV. CLAUDE BLACK: Madam Mayor, I would simply like to say that inasmuch as I know that this is to formalize the decision that's already been made by the Council. Because of the decision that I take with reference to nuclear energy, I just abstain from voting.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine. Thank you.

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: I move the adoption.

MR. BILLA: Second.

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On the following roll call vote, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Black.

76-6 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,285

BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE "OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE" AND "OFFICIAL STATEMENT" PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE PROPOSED \$60,000,000 "CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ELECTRIC AND GAS SYSTEMS REVENUE IMPROVEMENT BONDS, NEW SERIES 1976"; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SAID DOCUMENTS AND THE PUBLICATION OF SAID "OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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76-6 Items 3 and 4 on the agenda being proposed changes of airline charges were withdrawn from consideration to allow more time for the Aviation Director to meet with the airlines.

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BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

Mayor Cockrell declared open a Public Hearing on a proposed bicycle master plan.

Mr. Cipriano Guerra, Director of Planning and Community Development, said the Bicycle Master Plan document which was presented to the Council is a proposed guide to be used in making future decisions about San Antonio's bikeways. The plan has been presented and adopted by the Planning Commission. It has also been adopted by the Bexar County Commissioners Court. Mr. Guerra said that the plan was designed to provide the safest possible bicycle facility while keeping the land acquisition costs low.

The following represent policy recommendations:

1. A bicycle corridor network
2. A registration program designed to reduce theft
3. A bicycle safety program
4. A school bicycle program
5. A bicycle parking program
6. An administrative system designed to continually update the master plan

Mr. Guerra then reviewed the different sections of the Bicycle Master Plan, which provides for three phases of development over a 15 year period.

In answer to Mr. Hartman's question, Mr. Guerra said the proposed plan is for Bexar County not just the City of San Antonio, and the funds will not come only from the City but from the federal government and the other incorporated cities that will be participating.

Mr. Pyndus asked Mr. Guerra why no plan for downtown bicycling was included.

Mr. Guerra answered that the basic problem is acquisition of right-of-way and the great expense involved.

In response to Mr. Pyndus' question on the involvement of Centro 21, Mr. Guerra responded that the Bicycle Master Plan was developed long before Centro 21 was formed.

Several Council members suggested that Centro 21 have some input in this plan, especially in the downtown redevelopment area.

Mr. Hartman suggested an annual review of this plan.

Mayor Cockrell then called on the citizens who wanted to speak.

Mrs. Rosetta Kent, 3139 Greencrest, said that the Fifth District PTA has passed a Resolution recommending registration and licensing of bicycles. Most of the surrounding incorporated cities had agreed to a registration plan if San Antonio would also participate. She asked for implementation of a registration program as soon as possible, and for the PTA to have input in the plan.

Mayor Cockrell said that a registration plan is included in the Bicycle Master Plan and if the Council concurs, that the staff take necessary steps to implement this plan.

City Manager Granata said that a member of the City Manager's staff is meeting with the Chief of Police and the Finance Director on this matter and will bring a report to the Council.

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Mrs. Mary White, Chairman of the Fifth District PTA Committee on Bicycle Registration, asked that they be allowed to have more input and get on a mailing list on the possible bicycle registration and licensing program.

Mrs. Barbara Kanard, 10410 Anapolis Drive, said she represents five P.T.A. organizations. She said that safe school bikeways should have a higher priority than recreational bike paths. She said that a lack of communication exists between the Planning Commission and the schools.

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Mr. Terry McGuire, Associate Superintendent of the Northside School District, said that a lack of communication exists between the schools and the Planning Department in regard to this proposed master plan, and they would appreciate getting on the mailing list.

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Mrs. Beatrice Gallego said that the proposed bicycle master plan does not reflect those areas of the City where many children live and poor and unsafe streets exist. She said that bicycle trails should first be proposed in those areas where there are no other recreational facilities, particularly on the south, southwest and west areas of the City.

Rev. Black said that the proposed master plan does address the use of biketrails for recreational activities but does not address the issue of an option for transportation, and that the Planning staff review the plan for transportation use rather than for recreational use alone.

Dr. Nielsen said that the whole question of alternate forms of transportation must be studied, and more work on Item 6, Page 11 of the Bicycle Master Plan be done.

Mr. Rohde said that more inner City riding from the east and the west sides should be encouraged by the City, and bicycle racks be erected at public buildings.

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Mrs. Minnie Aleman said that there is no walking area in her neighborhood, and sidewalks are very badly needed.

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Mayor Cockrell declared the hearing closed.

After further discussion, the Council decided to refer the plan back to the Planning Staff for revision including the use of bicycles as a possible option of transportation and that schools have more of an input in developing a network of home to school bikeways.

76-6 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 46,286

APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX (6) CANOPY SUPPORTS ON CITY PROPERTY TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE REMODELING OF LA FERIA DEPARTMENT STORE AT 406 WEST COMMERCE.

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76-6 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,287

PERMITTING MR. DICK G. THIESON OF 306 BARBARA DRIVE TO ERECT APPROXIMATELY 205 LINEAL FEET OF SEVEN FOOT (7') FENCE AROUND THE REAR YARD OF HIS PROPERTY.

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76-6 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen; ABSTAIN: Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 46,288

PERMITTING A BONFIRE AT THE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY CAMPUS ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1976.

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76-6 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,289

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO AN AREA ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS DESIGNATED AS AN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT BY ORDINANCE 45600 OF AUGUST 20, 1975.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,290

APPROPRIATING \$418,000.00 PAYABLE TO THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND RELOCATION EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE MARTINEZ CREEK DRAINAGE OUTFALL PROJECT.

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76-6 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by City Attorney James Parker, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,291

APPROPRIATING \$266,815.00 OUT OF FUND 41-009-001, INDEX 514323 FOR ACQUISITION OF THREE PARCELS REQUIRED AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR U. S. HIGHWAY 281 NORTH AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ISSUE CHECKS IN APPROPRIATE DISBURSEMENT OF SAID AMOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,292

RETAINING ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT THE CITY AND THE CITY COUNCIL IN CAUSE NO. 76-CI-677, SAN PEDRO NORTH, LTD. VS. THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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76-6 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,293

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF J. C. JONES PAINTS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH RUBBER BASE STREET MARKING PAINT FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,610.00, LESS 1% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,294

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ALAMO IRON WORKS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH FENCING MATERIALS FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,363.20, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,295

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF JAHN DENTAL SUPPLY TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH DENTAL EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,700.00, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,296

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF JAHN DENTAL SUPPLY CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH DENTAL FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,842.80, LESS 2% - 30 DAYS.

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76-6 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,297

ACCEPTING THE HIGH QUALIFIED BID OF AWALT CONCESSIONS FOR THE FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSION AT OLMOS BASIN, WILLOW SPRINGS, AND RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSES FOR 25% OF GROSS RECEIPTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,298

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF HOBBS TRAILERS AND FRUEHAUF CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TRUCK BODIES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$8,521.98.

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76-6 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,299

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF AMERICAN CENTER, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AUTOMOBILES THROUGHOUT THE 1976 MODEL YEAR.

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Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, explained the proposed ordinance and said that these automobiles will be used as administrative sedans for various City departments. These compact automobiles will be used to determine the feasibility of utilizing these types of vehicles in the future.

In response to Dr. Cisneros' question, Mr. Brooks said that a low qualified bid must meet specifications. The maintenance on this brand of car has cost no more nor less than the other brands of cars.

Mr. Hartman said that attention should be given to what the ultimate net cost of different types of automobiles would be and this be considered in the bid.

In response, Mr. Brooks said that vehicles are all put in a computer history list together with any operational and maintenance costs.

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

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The following discussion took place:

MR. CIPRIANO GUERRA: Mayor and Council, the Library Plan, initiated at the request of the City Council, is intended to revise the Library Master Plan adopted by the City Council in 1961. It takes into account the population growth at that time. This plan has been developed as a flexible guide for future decisions regarding library service. It recommends that eleven new branch libraries be constructed and that the San Pedro Branch be closed due to operational difficulty and limited patron support. The eleven new branches are the following: Nogalitos and Park, Valley Hi, San Pedro and North Expressway, Culebra and Santa Maria, Callaghan and Ingram, Wiedner and I. H. 35, Prospect Hill, Fredericksburg and Huebner, Universal City, South Flores and March, Laredo Highway and S. W. Military. These are roughly outlined on the map on page 27 of the Library Master Plan.

This plan is intended to locate new branches as close as practical to the particular criteria listed on page five. This plan continues to...inaudible...in 1961 Library Master Plan of locating new branches near busy activity areas, such as shopping centers, business centers, major traffic and transit routes. It has been our experience that the background of busy human activities is conducive to high library usage.

The additional eleven branch libraries will greatly improve convenient access to library facilities. An index to this improvement is that the number of volumes per capita rises from point nine to one point five, thus approaching the national standard of two volumes per capita. The number of residents to be served by each branch drops from 111,821 to 47,082. The basic cost which covers the eleven new branches in the purchase of the multi-media van is \$5,207,000. The costs of this plan are illustrated on page 24. Three million, two hundred and eighty thousand dollars are needed for the purchase of the necessary number of volumes to reach the standard of two volumes per capita.

We would note that this plan is a component of the master plan for the development of the City. This plan precedes many important land use decisions affecting the City's direction and intensity growth. These decisions can affect the locations of some of the proposed branches. Therefore, periodic update of this master plan is necessary to allow compliance with the goals and policies that are out of the upcoming master plan discussions. We recommend adoption of this plan by the City Council and that upon adoption, further study be continued on the determination of priorities of construction of the new branches.

That's all I have. With us today to answer some of your questions if Mr. Sexton, Director of the Libraries and Mr. Bob Hunter, who did most of the recent work on the Library Plan.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, I do see that in addition to Mr. Sexton, there are a number of the Library Board present. Mr. Sexton, would you like to come forward and be prepared to answer questions and then I will also introduce the members of the Library Board who are here. Mr. Everett Turbon, the Chairman. Is Isabel Onion here, the Vice-Chairman, Dr. Gerald Burns, Secretary, Miss Nabors, Mr. Amaya, Mr. Idrogo, Mr. Jaime, Mr. Lucero, Mrs. Dorothy Pickett, Mrs. Archie Reeves. We thank the members of the Board who are here. Yes, Mr. Hartman.

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MR. HARTMAN: Madam Mayor, I have a question. Well, first of all, just a matter of information with regards to the Library Board purview for areas outside of the City of San Antonio. This is a, I generally understood the fact that it is in conjunction with the County, for example, and covers a broader area than the City. Just for my edification, what is the total purview of the area?

MR. MIKE SEXTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Councilman Hartman, let me go back, Mayor Cockrell, to your introduction of the Library Board members, you did skip Mr. Ramon Sanchez, who is one of our Board members and he is also present today.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Sanchez, that is another omission then in the list that is published here, also I noted...and I see that Mrs. Reeves is listed as just Archie Reeves instead of Mrs. Archie Reeves so that needs to be corrected on this document. Is Mr. Sanchez here? May we ask him to stand. Nice to see you, sir, thank you.

MR. SEXTON: Mr. Hartman, in answer or partial answer to your question, the San Antonio Public Library Board has been unique for many, many years in serving the entire County, all the incorporated areas, all of the City for Library service. This has worked extremely well to the benefit of all parties concerned. It is for this reason that the master plan addressed itself to a broader perspective than ever has before. There have been very careful notes taken that any funding programming outside of the City of San Antonio will be paid for by others.

MR. HARTMAN: So, actually, the Library Board area of concern is contiguous with Bexar County? I had another question with regard to the closure of the San Pedro Branch. The only explanation I see in the master plan is, of course, repeated twice is because the San Pedro Branch Library has been experiencing difficulty. It is recommended that it be closed. Now, I recall a while back there was some question about the parking difficulty of the employees and then I also noted in here the fact that the statement is made that there are enough books in the SAC Library for SAC students to be taken care of and at night the students use the parking lot. I find it extremely difficult to make a decision on closure of a branch that happens to be very dear to my heart since it happens to be the closest to me despite the fact that I live in North Central San Antonio. I can get to San Pedro Branch quicker than I can to either Landa or Westfall. I realize that the programmed expansions will help that to some extent, but I would have to see a great deal more evidence, precise evidence, in terms of usage, in terms of the whole spectrum of use of San Pedro Branch before I can begin to consider closure of that branch.

MR. SEXTON: Well, this is an opinion that is shared by many. Some of the criteria went into this, the overall objective, is to try and put library service on equitable basis. The San Pedro Library, as you indicated, has parking problems. This is because the SAC students do indeed fill up the area. In addition to that the San Pedro Library is just over a mile from the Main Library. It's just about a mile from the Landa Library.

MR. HARTMAN: A mile of intense traffic I might add.

MR. SEXTON: Yes, this is very true.

MR. HARTMAN: And also difficulty in parking.

MR. SEXTON: Yes, use has consistently dropped off on the San Pedro Library. At one time it was the lead branch in the system. Fifteen years ago it was the only branch that was open at night, for example. Today, the San Pedro Library has slipped down to about third from the bottom as far as use is concerned.

MR. HARTMAN: But it's also one of the smallest in terms of square footage.

MR. SEXTON: Yes, this is correct.

MR. HARTMAN: And in terms of volumes.

MR. SEXTON: Here again, we felt that it didn't offer the potential for giving the full value to the citizens from the funds invested for book stock and that kind of thing. Now, the Library Board is certainly prepared to keep that library open should this be the desire of the Library Board, should it be the desire of the City Council.

MR. HARTMAN: Well, the point was made in here somewhere that the San Pedro Branch should be closed as soon as the next new branch is opened. I also had difficulty in tracking, there's no program precisely here for any of the new branches in terms of sequence but I find it difficult to follow that we would close this branch the next time a new branch comes open because that does not track with areas of service. Now, I would venture to say that the San Pedro branch has quite a large area of service. I know, for example, again I live some four miles from the branch library. It's the one I can get to the quickest. I would like to see some very precise figures with regard to the whole cost analysis of the San Pedro Branch and its availability for usage. I'm also interested to know what is to be done with this library building if it were to be closed.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, may then the question be answered first.

MR. BILLA: I wanted to make a remark that I thought would be appropriate. I think the determination that Mr. Sexton brings us or made on statistical data that should be easy to provide or satisfy Mr. Hartman's request.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Sexton.

MR. SEXTON: The question that you raised Mr. Hartman has been taken into consideration by the Library Board of Trustees. Efforts are being made to try and solve the parking problem. Mr. Stewart Fischer and Mr. Ron Darner, the Parks Department, actually controls the parking lot because the parking lot is designed to serve the baseball diamond there. Should the library be closed, determination of use of the space in the library would be up to the City Manager and the City Council as you deem desirable, because it is obviously City property and not owned by the Library. Use of materials shows that the San Pedro Library had a total usage rating 1,707 during 1975. This is down from 83,639 in 1974.

MR. HARTMAN: Now, Mr. Sexton, that's in terms of usage, now what does that equate to with regard to population coverage?

MR. SEXTON: The population figures are...I will have to defer to...

MR. HARTMAN: Well, you see, I looked in my chart and I saw San Pedro Branch had an asterisk in it and said population coverage was not applicable. So, I had real difficulty judging that without knowing what the population coverage has been. It's on page 29.

MR. SEXTON: This is a matter of duplication of service, Mr. Hartman, because the total program if you will look at the map on 26, you'll see how very close in San Pedro is in relationship to the other libraries. But here again, the Library Board will be more than happy to keep that Library open. It was only proposed as an expediency.

MR. HARTMAN: No, Mr. Sexton, I think you missed my point. I'm not saying that we just want to keep it on a whim. I want some data on which to make a reasonably logical judgment and I have nothing here before me. In other words, I really have no substantive justification that shows me why San Pedro should be closed, except one, the fact that somebody seems to be having parking problems, which I think should be fairly easy to correct. Number two, the fact that it is so close to the Main Library Downtown, which I submit is through intense traffic and there is also a parking problem for the patrons and thirdly, the fact that it's close to Landa, which is a much smaller library or that that whole area, North San Antonio, is served by Westfall and Landa, which I also have difficulty in tracking because that is not the case. As I said, I live just south of 410 and yet I can get to the San Pedro Branch more quickly than I can either of those two branches that I should be using.

MR. SEXTON: Mr. Hartman, let me give you the figures in round numbers, I think you'll get a better picture. The Main Library has roughly, 467,000 loans annually. The Carver Library is the smallest and it's just over 50,000. The Landa Library, which actually is substantially larger than the San Pedro Library square footwise and book stockwise has a 115,000 use. The Las Palmas Library has 91,000, McCreless is 210,000, Oakwell is 346,000, Pan American is 151,000 and Westfall has six times as much with 474,000.

MR. HARTMAN: Sir, are you getting it out of this master plan?

MR. SEXTON: No, sir, this is out of the annual report.

MR. HARTMAN: But, you see, in terms of evaluating this master plan, I'm trying to get it to stand on its own and the chart that's on page 29 of the master plan when it comes to San Pedro I see an asterisk and it has either non-applicable or none with relating to what I consider it to be pertinent information.

MAYOR COCKRELL: The none refers to a van.

MR. HARTMAN: Yes, I see that. I'm sorry, it's the non-applicable that bothers me because I think it is applicable. For example, the population coverage and the branch circulation per population and the volumes per capita. You see, these are all three critical items statistically that I don't have to make an evaluation.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Mr. Rohde, while you're looking that up, Mr. Rohde, would you like to go ahead.

MR. ROHDE: Yes, Mr. Sexton, I'm very concerned about San Pedro Library, too, because this morning I brought up to the Council in way about Revenue Sharing, and I had that little jewel in my mind. Why can't we go to SAC and ask them to take this library over, sort of as a study room and a library that it would apply to that particular area and not close it. In other words, I came here to open libraries, I don't want to close any because I realize how important they are to the people of this area to, some of these homes are not conducive to study and they've got to go to libraries and this is very important to me. Why couldn't we think of something like this?

MR. SEXTON: Well, as you may know, the San Antonio College has the Moody Learning Center which has four levels devoted to libraries and they have additional growth space as they become larger. The parking problem at San Pedro is very, very real.

MR. ROHDE: Then, why don't we try to correct that parking problem.

I keep hearing about the problem. There's a lot of room there, we can start and correct it. This is what I'd like to see done. What does it take?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: It's a public park too.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Granata, did you wish to comment on that?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes Madam, in my time we've had a difficult time and the kids get in and I know that he's been trying for years and years. He writes a letter to the Police Chief everyday.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Getting back to Mr. Hartman.

MR. HARTMAN: Well, you see, I keep hearing of parking problems in some sort of a vague abstract context and I have never, you know, as a library patron, I have never had any trouble. I get right in, get right out. I can leave the books off their in that metal receptacle, no problem. I'd like to know who has the parking problem. If it's employees, then surely we can do something about that. I don't see where we need to throw the baby out with the bath water. I think we can take care of these problems rather than closing a branch because somebody vaguely has a parking problem.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Dr. Cisneros.

DR. CISNEROS: Why don't we get his concerned answer, then I'll ask my question. Is anyone going to be able to answer Glen's point?

MR. HARTMAN: Who has the parking problem?

MR. SEXTON: The staff arrives at 7:30 in the morning. The library doesn't open until 9, in order to get a parking space but they're willing to live with this. This is really not the problem. If you go by there and try to park any time during a regular SAC school day from 8 o'clock until 12 o'clock, it's virtually impossible to find a place to park in that lot except from the student who happens to be leaving at that time and before someone else moves into the location. It's alleviated generally from after lunch until 5 o'clock. At 5 o'clock when the night students start coming in it's one of the most popular areas. It's close to the campus; it's readily accessible; it doesn't require a parking permit and it is filled up. My office receives regular calls of complaints from people who cannot park there.

MR. HARTMAN: Well, it would seem that Traffic and Transportation has a problem that I would assume that they can solve.

MR. SEXTON: As Mr. Granata has indicated, we have brought this to the Traffic and Transportation's attention on a number of occasions. We've brought it to the Police Department, and we've brought it to Parks and Recreation. Mr. Ron Darner has just recently worked again with Traffic and Transportation and has come up with the proposal to put a curb through there to divide the parking lot and put in parking meters. We're apprehensive of what the parking meters might do because they're going to be 30 minute meters, the idea being to try and control it for people who want to use the library facilities.

MR. HARTMAN: I think these are all reasonable solutions. My point is I don't see where the parking problem is all that great in relation to the decision to closing the library. In other words, I get the impression from reading this, or I come up with the conclusion that the only reason we want to close San Pedro Branch Library is because the employees have difficulty finding parking, and I just can't accept that.

MR. SEXTON: No, I'm sorry, Mr. Hartman, that report is apparently misleading because that is not the case. It's the public that we're concerned about having access to it, the dropping and use, the potential of duplication of service, the discrepancy as indicated in the circulation figures, that kind of thing, and I certainly feel that you do have a point that it was not adequately represented in the Library Master Plan presentation.

MR. HARTMAN: All I'm saying Mr. Sexton, is that based on the information that was provided in this master plan, which I think it has to be, you know, it has to stand on its own, there is just absolutely a great...inaudible... of information that I would have to use before I could say in good conscience that that branch, that I would conclude with your conclusion that the branch needs to be closed. I just have to have a lot of more information to go on. I realize that there may be other statistics somewhere, but I would like to see them presented to the Council so we can make a reasonably intelligent decision and now I can't.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, may I advise the Council we do have at least five citizens registered to be heard. I think there were a couple of more Councilmen. Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PYNDUS: Mr. Sexton, the performance on page 29 gives the San Pedro Park a 1.9 circulation per volume. In some of the other branches do not have that high a circulation per volume, they run 1.4, 1.5, 1.2. Now, saying that, following Mr. Hartman's reluctance to close the branch with all the difficulty, and it had this kind of performance with the difficulty if that difficulty which primarily seems centered around the parking. If the parking situation can be alleviated their performance looks fairly stable here or is this performance not too good on page 29 for the San Pedro branch, looking at the 1.9 circulation per volume?

MR. SEXTON: Yes, it's all right and here again we're not determined that that library will be closed. We made the presentation simply on the basis that we felt that it was not producing, that it did not have a high enough productivity to really justify the continuation with the possible duplication of service which shows up in the other two libraries, the Main Library and the Landa Library.

MR. PYNDUS: I would also like to get more information on that particular...inaudible...

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, there seems to be several questions thus far all relating to San Pedro. Dr. Cisneros.

DR. CISNEROS: My question is not related all to San Pedro, but I want to direct the Council's attention, if possible, to pages 28 and 29 of the report here. On page 28, it's readily apparent that our numbers of volume in particularly expenditures per capita in San Antonio is behind that of other cities and not only major cities like Houston and Dallas but our per capita expenditure is significantly behind, for example, Corpus Christi and El Paso which we know are not wealthy cities. So, I think that what that shows us that we have a low priority of libraries in San Antonio over the years. In our earlier discussions where you've come before this Council, there was some indication that the Library Master Plan would not only include geographic locations but also some emphasis upon per capita expenditure. Now, I note that in your discussions about per capita expenditure you plan or proposed about a 400,000 increase in the number of volumes. I think that's a good idea and I think it will soon reflect the difference in per capita expenditures, and it will get us in terms of number of volumes more in the range of where we ought to be. But, I'd simply like to raise a caution, if I could, and that is that I

think that a good part of our problem in San Antonio may not be associated with numbers of volumes, whether we have a few small numbers or large numbers. Looking at the data in that column cited, Circulation per Year, what we see is that San Antonio at this point in time, anyway, is not a reading City which you note for example is that in Austin, a city significantly about one-fourth our size, or one-third our size, they read more. There's a greater circulation per year from the public library system that's not to mention whatever might exist in the university system in Austin than here.

If you'll turn to page 29, I think there are some very, very telling statistics in the column cited Branch Circulation per Population, not the one Branch Circulation per Volume because that really doesn't mean very much. It depends on what the volume is and that's the base you're using. The real factor is Branch circulation per Population and if look at that, look at the distribution of where the reading occurred and where it doesn't. At Landa 2.9, at Westfall 2.7 circulation per capita, at Oakwell 2.1 per population, at McCreless 2.4. Then if you look at Pan American, that's .9, if you look at Las Palmas, that's .4, if you look at Carver, that's .9. Those statistics are to jump right out at us and tell us that we have a long way to go not just in providing more volumes but in developing reading habits and reading skills and those kind of programs that facilitate movement from school work to reading and so my whole point for going through all of that and is simply to say as much as bricks and mortar, as much as volumes of books and reams of ink, we've got to focus on programs that develop people's reading habits and reading skills in San Antonio because that seems to me is our major problem.

MR. PYNDUS: Within a budget.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, any further comments before we go into the citizens. All right. Thank you, Mr. Sexton. In terms of the, let me ask one final question, Mr. Sexton.

MR. ROHDE: I do want him to come back Mayor.

MAYOR COCKRELL: In terms of the final decision and when it will be made on the San Pedro Branch, in view of the Council's concern, could we have some sort of a pledge or commitment that would not be made without at least advising the Council and letting them have one more review of that decision.

MR. SEXTON: Certainly.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you.

MR. ROHDE: Mayor...

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, yes, Mr. Rohde.

MR. ROHDE: At my request here today, we got about the Sunday opening, can you tell me what's being done on that, Mr. Sexton?

MR. SEXTON: Yes, Mrs. Le Fevre, the Assistant Director at the Library, has prepared a letter to go to all the schools and the letter has gone out to the schools urging the members of the schools, the administrators of the schools to try and ascertain from their student body how they feel about having the Main Library opened on Sunday.

MR. ROHDE: How are you going to poll the public?

MR. SEXTON: This will be done through the library and through again news releases to the paper advising them that while paper and the news media...

MR. ROHDE: I think you're going to get a changed poll this year than you did last year just because of what Mr. Cisneros brought out about more people wanting the library opened.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you. All right, the first person registered to speak on this subject is Wanda Clark.

MS. WANDA CLARK: Good morning, Mayor Cockrell and City Council. My name is Wanda Clark. I live at 15114 Heimer Road, north of International Airport. I am a member of that citizenry north of Loop 410 who are extremely concerned about the lack of library facilities in our area. Specifically, I am President of San Pedro Hills Womens Club, an organization that has followed closely the progress of the Library Master Plan since its publication in September. We expressed our interest and concern at a Library Board meeting on November 19th of 1975 with a site suggestion that combined park property, school property and a branch library by means of a possible lease agreement between the parties concerned. Copies of our letter and research were mailed to the City offices of Mr. Guerra, Mr. Darner, and Honorable Mayor Cockrell. Today, we bring our need to the City Council and ask again to be recognized as earnest citizens concerned about the availability and the accessibility of library services to our community.

According to these latest figures released by the master plan, the highest branch usage occurred at the Oakwell and Westfall branches which currently serve the norther sector. In addition, the 1974 circulation from the mobile van unit at Valleyview far surpasses any other van usage in San Antonio. Some of the proposed sites are within two or three miles of existing branches, whereas proposed Site C in San Pedro and North Express is over seven miles from an existing branch. With the need for a library in this area so urgent, we are asking that this proposed branch be foremost on your agenda.

We realize that it is not the duty of the City Council at this time to be concerned with site selections, but we wish to go on record before the plan is approved in its present form as suggesting a relocation of this Site C farther to the north to better serve the area, to serve the present and the future. Two or three miles north would be away from the noise of the airport, would be away from the San Pedro, North Expressway interchange traffic and away from the very expensive, commercial and industrial strip that now exists between Loop 410 and Bitters Road. Two or three miles north would make this site accessible from all directions be it the North Expressway, San Pedro, West Avenue, Bitters Road, and Thousand Oaks Drive and yet it would be within a one mile radius of several thousand residents who could actually walk to the library.

When site selection is on the agenda of the Library Board, we plan to suggest our previously presented site which was the corner of Brook Hollow and Heimer Road and one other site on the corner of San Pedro and Oak Shadows. This two acre lot south of San Pedro Presbyterian Church on Oak Shadows was a rezoning issue, Case No. 6274, before City Council on December 18. When asked to consider suitable use for this land, the Barkley Square residents who were directly involved have agreed that a library would be most suitable. We have letters to you from these residents and some of them are here today to emphasize their interest. Also, the Church has asked us to deliver a resolution voicing their support of a branch library at this location. Would you like to give these to someone. These are the letters and the resolution, there are copies of this for each of the members. We mention this site to the City Council today because the property values in this area are continuously spiraling and delay will be costly.

Even though we do not agree with some of the reasons for the placement of the 11 proposed branches, we do feel that approval of this master plan is desperately needed so the expansion of the library system can go forward. We trust that this approval will be as an interim guide as stated in the purpose of the plan and will be subject to review and modification to "keep abreast with the City's changing demographic pattern", which is also stated in the purpose. If it is within the jurisdiction of the City Council to place priorities, we are appealing to you to place Site C wherever it's final location may be first on your list for construction. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you very much. Mrs. Clark, I might say to you that the matter of priorities of the various sites will undoubtedly be addressed at the time of a comprehensive bond program and in that section dealing with libraries, the citizens' committees will be recommending the priorities to be included for funding. So at that time the item needs to be readdressed on a matter of priorities. Mr. Hartman.

MR. HARTMAN: I would just like to commend Mrs. Clark. I think she's identified an area that I'm quite familiar with also.

MS. CLARK: I, too, use San Pedro Branch Library.

MR. HARTMAN: That's the nearest one we can get to. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you very much. The next speaker, Mrs. Beatrice Gallego.

MRS. BEATRICE GALLEGO: My name is Beatrice Gallego, the Executive Vice President of the C.O.P.S. organization. In order for any community to grow and to be active, it needs to have an environment that is safe and healthy. That is why COPS has always demanded on streets, curbs, parks, drainage and needs. Any community that wishes to give a better quality of life to its people has to include libraries, not golf courses.

Mr. Rohde, we know that you're not a rubber stamp. COPS knows that. We don't know if you are a rubber stamp for the developers, but we don't want to give our CDA money, we want our CDA money to be used for the CDA areas, the target areas. Money spent on libraries is a sound investment in the community.

After a number of hearings with people in the community and working with the City Planning since February and doing research work along with them COPS endorses seven proposed library structures which will serve the areas of the City which have long been neglected. One, Nogalitos and Park; two, Ingram and Callagahn; three, South Flores and March; four, Culebra and Santa Maria; fifth, Laredo and S. W. Military; sixth, Prospect Hill; and seventh, Valley Hi. The library plan should be consistent with the growth policy of the redirecting residential areas so that these areas are fully developed. The Library Master Plan should not be based on how close it is to the express and major thoroughfares. The library should first be built in those areas that have the highest density of people and should be built in the center of those areas. Our neighborhoods have been long neglected and we've been waiting for over 20 or 30 years for libraries. These areas of the City which have been deteriorating need new buildings and books and a place where children are able to study in quiet. Certainly, the schools in our area are not provided the space nor the books for children to learn. Many of our homes are small and the atmosphere for studying is not the best. These seven libraries are desperately needed if we expect our children to have a future, an opportunity to get ahead. There are no other sources for learning in our neighborhoods.

So, at this time we have speakers for the following libraries.
So may I please call on Brother Fred.

BROTHER FRED GALHART: Madam Mayor and Council.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Brother Fred, will you give your full name and address.

BROTHER FRED GALHART: I am Brother Fred Galhart and I work at Holy Rosary Parish, which is on the corner of Culebra and Santa Maria. So, this library is close to our heart. In this area there is a very large concentration of schools. There is the Truman Middle School, Memorial High School, H. K. Williams, Gus Garcia, the Holy Rosary Parish School and St. Mary's University. All these institutions are within easy walking distance of this corner. The nearest library to this location is the Las Palmas Branch which is on McMullen and Castroville and that is far beyond the reach of our children in this area. There is a book mobile that comes to the Loma Park Shopping Center once a week so the library does recognize the need for books in this area. But, I would like to speak strongly in favor of the library marked D on your map because it will serve a large number of school children. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you. Mrs. Galan.

MRS. MINERVA GALAN: Mayor Cockrell, Councilmen, my name is Minerva Galan. I am an area Vice President for C.O.P.S. The area which I represent is in great need of many facilities, mainly library, drainage and parks. We do not feel as the existing libraries serve the present needs of our community. We need a library on March and South Flores. As it is, we have to travel miles to the library on Pyron and Pan Am. We urge the City Council to support the seven libraries recommended by our organization. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you.

MRS. JESUS RAMIREZ: I am Mrs. Jesus Ramirez from the Southside. I represent the Somerset C.O.P.S. and, Madam Mayor, and Councilmen, we just want to emphasize the needs of a library on the Southside, in the deep Southside. We don't have a library. Our children do have to travel all the way to Pan Am, which is rather far away. We don't have a bicycle path and we, and even if we do have the bicycles, we don't have a bicycle path and not even sidewalks that we can walk safely on, you know. And it is rather far away. We, the parents, do not have the cars to take our children to the Pan Am. Well, they just have to do without the information they have to care for their projects. This library on Laredo Highway and Military Drive and I know Mr. Rohde is very much for libraries, he is even looking forward to having them open on Sundays, I know he is very much for things that do educate the children, so I hope that you Councilmen support our seven libraries that we are asking for. Thank you very much.

DR. CISNEROS: Would you mind repeating all seven of which you have an interest, please?

MR. ROHDE: Go slow.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Do you have the initial numbers there, all right fine. I was looking at the map. All right, thank you.

MR. PYNDUS: Which seven out of the eleven?

MRS. GALLEGO: Seven out of eleven. Number one, Nogalitos and Park; which is in our area, my area; and Ingram and Callghan; South Flores and March; Culebra and Santa Maria; Laredo and Southwest Military; Prospect Hill and Valley Hi. Thank you.

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MR. PYNDUS: May I have a question, Please?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PYNDUS: I find that the other areas that have been left out, also have few or no facilities and I'm wondering how you can determine the priority of these seven over the eleven that are suggested here.

MRS. GALLEGO: The priority?

MR. PYNDUS: Yes, of being first. How did you get them?

MRS. GALLEGO: Yes, sir, I believe that we have gone through that in several of our other meetings in determining the density, the population, the books, the volume per capita and most important all the members from these areas that have brought up these libraries and projects.

MR. PYNDUS: In discussing the Las Palmas Library, we find that we have difficulty getting people to take books out. Now, if we are going to put additional facilities without getting them to use the books in that area, we are not accomplishing anything.

MRS. GALLEGO: Okay, we, the problem with the Las Palmas, is not with the students, it is with the library itself. Now they don't, it is not adequately serving, you know, the children's needs. Now, we will follow up with Mrs. Aleman, will speak in that area because she belongs there and she will be the next speaker.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mrs. Aleman will speak next. All right, thank you, Mrs. Gallego.

MRS. ALEMAN: Councilman Pyndus, I am glad you asked about the Edgewood area because we don't have not even one book per person in the Edgewood area. It is the most populated school district in the City of San Antonio. The Las Palmas Library has outdated books. We don't have what we need for our children. The Edgewood School District have students in all levels of education, elementary, junior high, high school, college students and I have taken my children, and I have children in all levels starting from kindergarten to Las Palmas and I have not been able to find not even sometimes what the child in kindergarten is looking for. Maybe its because of too few books in there and somebody else gets there before we do, therefore, we don't have enough for everybody. The Edgewood School District has been suffering from lack of books because of this. We don't have books in the schools, in the Edgewood School District because like your City Planning Department knows and has told us, so many times when we have met before or with them during the summer that it is the most deteriorated school district in the City of San Antonio. Believe me, it is true. It is also true with books. I am glad you asked that question. Do you have any more sir?

MR. PYNDUS: Yes Madam, I would like for Mr. Sexton to reply.

MRS. ALEMAN: I didn't hear you sir.

MR. PYNDUS: I would like for Mr. Sexton to reply to that, please.

MR. ROHDE: And qualify an outdated book.

MR. PYNDUS: I understand, Mr. Sexton, that Las Palmas has been open since 1966, and according to the chart on page 29, it has a fairly good record.

MR. SEXTON: Well, Mr. Pynuds, this is a quantitative matter really, we do have relatively a large number of books there. The collection for example has grown from 55,000 in 1974 to 62,000 in 1975. We do have a relatively high loss rate out there, and this has created additional problems and they are right that sometimes there is not material for the youngsters. This relates back though to the per capita support. Our book budget, our expenditure for books is not at the level that it really needs to be to meet the requirements of the community and I think

this is what they are addressing themselves to. To the outdated material, here again, I think it's a quantitative thing. As far as we are concerned, virtually every book out there is reasonably current within our ability to provide funding.

MR. PYNDUS: Mr. Sexton, as we are listening to these requests for the different locations and the priorities, I am wondering, sir, if you will be prepared to submit your list of priorities in order of construction.

MR. SEXTON: Mr. Pyndus, this is dependent, the reason the priorities were not included is dependent upon so many things. As Mayor Cockrell has pointed out, part of it would depend on General Obligation Bonds that might be sold in the future. There is also Community Development Act money that could come into play and Revenue Sharing money. So, we are not at all sure as to exactly how the priorities will stack up because the Community Development Act money could change priorities as against General Obligation Bond money. It is for this reason that they haven't been listed. In summary, what we tried to do is to hit some part of the total community. In other words, you wouldn't go four branches in one segment and then ignore the rest of the City. We tried to put one so that all of the City is reflected in the building program.

MR. PYNDUS: May I finish please. With relation to priorities, if we could have the priorities without having a waiting fund, let's say, now the need in this area, I feel that the Council needs guidance from someone who is an expert in the Library business, and I put you in that category. Now, if we received X number of dollars and you tell me which priority is the highest, I know the option to take. If I receive another of additional amount of X dollars, and you have priorities listed, I know what option to take and this is what I am asking for.

MR. SEXTON: Yes, we could do this if this is your desire.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Dr. Cisneros.

DR. CISNEROS: I would just like to comment with respect to Mr. Pyndus' point on Las Palmas. One of the problems with Las Palmas and the low usage problem is a matter of accessibility. Las Palmas Library is located at the corner of Cupples and South General McMullen. What that means is the following. Children who are coming, oh, that's right, Castroville and South General McMullen. Children who are coming from the south have to somehow get around about 20 square blocks of cemetery on the south. Children who are coming from the northeast have to come either through the shopping center or somehow manage to get around the shopping center. Kids who are coming from the west, either southwest or northwest of the site are going to have to cross General McMullen. I know for a fact that if I had a child who could walk to a library, she would not walk to that library if I lived in any direction around from that shopping center or that library. So one of the problems is accessibility. Just to bear that out, if you'll use the same table that you were using on page 29, and look at the figures under 1974 circulation, that which is branch circulation and that which is van circulation you will find that at Las Palmas there were 79,000 people who - 79,000 book checkouts from the branch and 78,000 checkouts from the van. About at 50 - 50 relationship. That's the only relationship in any branch in any of the City, the whole City that even approaches that relationship between kids who are taking books from vans as opposed to kids who are taking books from the branch, which says that it's an accessibility problem and that if you take books out of the library and put them near where the children can get to them that the same volume of usage will occur there as well.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Let's get back. May I ask the Council if we can permit the citizens to complete their presentation because we have several others registered. Mrs., will you go ahead then. Does that conclude your.....

MRS. GALAN: This is all, unless you have a question, fine.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you very much. Mrs. Gallego, did you have other speakers?

MRS. GALLEGO: Yes. Now, the library on Nogalitos and Park and Prospect Hill. My two speakers got sick and one had an emergency, her father is in the hospital but those (inaudible)..... and our great need and the one on Nogalitos and Park would be benefiting three communities and in turn we have a high school, Burbank High School, the junior highs and the elementary which would be the high density to all of these children that are in great need of these libraries. At this time now, we'll call Mr. Ted Huth. He will speak on the southeast side, and Mrs. Williams.

MR. TED HUTH: My name is Ted Huth, and I live on South W. W. White Road. I feel we not only need a library, we also deserve some capital expenditures from the City. We were annexed in 1953 and you will find it difficult to see any capital improvements in our district. We still pay taxes, though, and like we had all of them. We would like to see some consideration given to a library in the area. It would help the area. There is land for it available right on Loop 13, there. There is - and at prices that would be more interesting than some other parts of town. If they are unable to purchase there, let them shift it to our area like they do - like they did when they built us a fire house because we got them the land for a very reasonable sum. The seller was satisfied and the City spent far less than it would have spent just a little later. We feel it would help the improvement of the area. In addition to children, there are adults who use the library. My mother, who died the end of last month, was a regular user of the book-mobile. In taking her and getting her books, I always picked up at least one or two every week. So the use by all ages of libraries is a fact especially if it is available. The one problem with the book-mobile is its limitation as to volume. The nearest library to us is McCreless which is a considerable distance and undoubtedly there are many, particularly with families, who find it difficult because the only transportation that would be possible would be in cars because there is no public transportation in our area.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, Mr. Huth.

MR. HUTH: We would like your consideration of adding this to your list because of a justified community need that has been long-standing.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, sir. You would be asking for the addition of another branch site in the southeast area near Loop 13, is that correct?

MR. HUTH: Yes, madam.

MAYOR COCKRELL: In what general cross street or area?

MR. HUTH: Actually, probably the middle of it would be Rigsby. I live between Rigsby and Southcross. It is a heavily developed area all along Loop 13 residential wise, but we do need to have some

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, Mr. Huth, I think we have that pinpointed now, so we will register that you are requesting additional library.

MR. HUTH: I would also be glad to assist in location of the site.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine, thank you sir.

MRS. WILLIAMS: I am Henrietta Williams, eastside C.O.P.S. and I'm backing Mr. Huth with his problem because they are actually considered within the eastside area. The closest library to them would be the Carver Library, as well as the McCreless, but the Carver Library is small and that is a high density area. For them to have access to the Carver Library, Mr. Rohde, if Rice Road bridge would be taken care then they would have two accesses to get to this library and utilize it. There are several schools which feed into this area and are needed. A new library within that area or something could be done, one way or the other. We're asking for your consideration. Thank you.

MR. ROHDE: Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, are there any others, Mrs. Gallego?

MR. PYNDUS: May I comment there, please. Mayor Cockrell, I did not - I did not get the mileage between this request for Loop 13 and Rigsby approximately and the Carver Library. How far apart are they? The reason I'm asking this is the Carver Library has smaller use or smaller turnover.

MRS. GALLEGO: I don't have the distance here with me, but I'm sure that Mr. Sexton would give you that information. I would just like to close this with my saying that the present libraries are not adequately serving the present needs of the entire City of San Antonio and, specifically, especially the west and southwest and the eastside. Our research reveals that the average volume per capita rating for the City is less than 1.0. The National average is recommended to be 2.0. These areas which represent the lowest volume per capita rating are those portions of the City our organization is most concerned about. Now, the present library services of areas do not, you know, supplement a balanced portion of the schools, the high schools, the junior high, the elementary. So, in order to alleviate this problem and serve an adequate number of children and students in our most desperate areas of our town. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: The next speaker is Helen Dutmer.

MRS. HELEN DUTMER: For the record, I'm Mrs. John F. (Helen) Dutmer. I reside at 739 McKinley Avenue. First, I'd like to ask if we're going to start setting a precedence on these public hearings. Now, is it going to be admissible for us to come in the morning one person and mark out the rest of that page for the people that we would like to have heard on our one subject. If this is going to be the precedence, I can guarantee you I can take advantage of it also. I can sign up and I'll mark out four or five pages, I'll guarantee you no other citizen will

be able to be heard on that one subject before a recess has to be called. If we're going to have rules for the Council, then let's stick to the rules and those persons who want to speak shall be here in person to sign up on that sheet out there when they want to be heard in their own terms.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Mrs. Dutmer, I think that is a point well taken. We have permitted persons who were in a group who spoke on separate parts of a plan and I do think the point is well taken. I certainly will adhere to that in the future.

MRS. DUTMER: Thank you so much. My second thing is that I'd like to speak for the San Pedro Branch of the library not to be closed. Not for my own selfish reasons, but for the handicapped people who do attend SAC school. They have gone to great lengths to make the San Antonio College accessible to these handicapped people. There are a number, a great number, of handicapped ex-service people who have gone to SAC because of their injuries that they have received in the service, and because they have been trained, perhaps prior to their service for one career and now they have to return to school in a higher education to gain some other skills. Now having a first hand knowledge because of the personal family person who is handicapped, who does attend San Antonio College I know that the library at SAC, although it is a fine library facility, is sometimes inaccessible to this girl. The library on the street floor directly across the street from San Pedro is her only out. Others then having to board a bus and perhaps to one of these other libraries. Since we do have an institution of higher learning there, since the classes are a great number studying one specific subject and since those who are able, shall we say, the first with the most, they can get to these library facilities and the books are so often checked out or are inaccessible to those who have to take a little bit longer to get to the library facilities. So, therefore, I would say that the San Pedro Library serves a great service to these handicapped persons.

The only other thing I would like to say is I don't see how we can compare Austin with San Antonio since it has an institution of such great magnitude there that naturally they are going to use the library facilities a lot more than San Antonio who has good educational services but still are not commensurate with the numbers that attend school at the UT.

Now, it is my understanding that the Library System is a joint system of City and Council and I do know that the County helps with the operating expenses but I would say that if we are going to start concerning ourselves with the people outside of our City limits that the County should also contribute to the funds of the capital improvements as well as the operating funds and then, believe you me, we'll see some action for the people on the outlying perimeter of the City.

Now, that's about all that I have to say, as far as the parking over there I feel for these people who park but just remember there's a lot of people who do not have automobiles to travel in, they're traveling in wheelchairs and crutches.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Dr. Nielsen.

DR. NIELSEN: There is a parking problem and an accessibility problem at the San Pedro Library, I think part of which can be corrected. We'll never correct it all. There is just a serious parking problem around San Antonio College to begin with but for your information there were 50,000 students in San Antonio who are enrolled in various colleges, 2 and 4 year colleges in this community. That's even more than there are in Austin.

MRS. DUTMER: Sure there is, but we have more libraries, too.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you very much, Mrs. Dutmer. The next speaker is Don Green.

MR. DON GREEN: Madam Mayor, City Council members, my name is Don Green. I live at 6019 Lark Valley, San Antonio, in the Valley Hi district. I represent VOICE as a member of the Steering Committee. I'm here today to concur with the master library plan as it is now hoping that we can get it off the paper and into the dirt and start building it real quick. We have our needs also. I'm sure that everybody has heard our needs here before. We have one high school, two junior highs and six elementary schools within a very short area. Many of the people in our area, in the Valley Hi area go to SAC, they also attend two stories of a school out on Lackland Base which consists of students from Southwest Texas University, SAC, St. Phillips, and certain various other schools who live in our area and need libraries in order to study their lessons.

Now, there is really only one point that I would like to make insofar as VOICE is concerned and that is that the alternate tentative site is the Valley Hi shopping center for our library. Since the Council has already committed itself to a park only two miles from that area we would like to recommend to the Council that they recommend to the Board of Trustees the park as an alternate site since the City is expected to own the land and we won't have to invest any more money in area. It will also put it much closer to the high school and the other schools also.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, that seems like a good suggestion for consideration and so we will take that under consideration. There is just one further person registered and that is Mr. Juan Patlan.

MAYOR PRO-TEM TENIENTE: May I say something before he comes up, Madam Mayor? It seems to me that there are several areas that have been attacked and I think that in order for us to have a clear picture at least in the San Antonio School district. I know that Dr. Hitt under the leadership of the president of the Board of Trustees, Grace Ann Durr, has had a long range program in the libraries in the schools themselves. In the elementary schools they have eight volumes per youngster, in the middle school they have eight volumes and in the high school they have ten. I think that this shows that the figures that we have here and using our public libraries are certainly correct figures as to what we have but we cannot ignore the fact that in the San Antonio School District there is a strong drive and attempt and a successful one at that to bring the libraries to the kids while they are in school. I think it's important to point out because we are not addressing ourselves to this and when the - some people attack the schools as not being adequate I think that we should not include San Antonio School District. I've heard that mentioned.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Mr. Patlan.

MR. JUAN PATLAN: Mayor Cockrell, members of the Council, my name is Juan Patlan of the Mexican-American Unity Council. I'm here today to support the master plan, the library master plan that has been presented to you. I'm here particularly to urge you that as you start thinking about priorities, that you start thinking about that section of the City that has been ignored for so long a time. I think it's been very clearly and very well presented how bad the need is but I'd like to just graphically illustrate to you what the need really is. The Mexican-American Unity Council thinks that the priority for libraries ought to be in that half of the City which is on the western part, northwest, west and southwest. To illustrate, if you come in from Laredo on Interstate 35 South and you come in north and you swing into the downtown area and you go northwest on IH 10 and you go all the way out to the loop - that immense area which is almost one-half of the City has one branch at the present time.

MAYOR COCKRELL: It has three. It has the Pan American, it has the Las Palmas and it has the Westfall.

MR. PATLAN: The Pan American is on the eastside.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Just east of there? Right on the expressway.

MR. PATLAN: Anyway, I'm trying to illustrate one, one-half, two, okay, I think the point is clear that is a very, very huge area and the need is tremendous so I'd like to urge you to start thinking about the priorities that you really set the priorities in that part of the City. Thank you very much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, very much, Mr. Patlan. Is it the pleasure of the Council to move at this time on the adoption of the plan? What is your desire? Mr. Hartman.

MR. HARTMAN: Of course, I recognize that any plan is always a guide and not a precise order to proceed in that fashion and I so view this plan in that manner as I would any plan, however, I'm wondering about the - there are a couple of precise points that I am concerned about that does provide a guide that I'm not comfortable with and

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, on the point of the San Pedro Branch closing we have had a commitment from the Library Director that that action would not be taken without prior consultation with the Council.

MR. HARTMAN: The second point that was raised by the lady with regard to the other location, the site location at Loop 410 and San Pedro, which I think she made a very good point, I think Ms. Clark. There's several other points with regard to precise site location that I think we're still a little bit soft. If we have the understanding that the basic thrust for library expansion in the general realm that the master plan delineate I would have no difficulty with that but I do have some difficulty with regard to specific site locations and priorities.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Guerra, would you speak to how specific the specific locations are. In other words, for example, in that north central one, the north central one if there were to be a desire to change that location slightly is that - or in the Valley Hi area has been suggested?

MR. GUERRA: We intended it to be in the vicinity of the area cited not as a specific site location because obviously we can't make that identification without knowing whether we can or can't buy land in that exact location, so they are generally in that vicinity. However, the ones you seemed interested in moving, I think, we would have to amend the plan to reflect that thinking. For example, the points I picked up so far is one, keep San Pedro Park, you seem to - if that's the general consensus we might solve the parking problem.

MAYOR COCKRELL: At this point I would not say that it is a final consensus, I would say the consensus was at least that they desire a little bit more information and supporting data prior to the final decision being made.

MR. GUERRA: All right, the second point I had was to try to identify priorities in what order we build these and the third one was to include the updated information that was lacking. I checked with Mr. Sexton as to why we didn't have it. That was just prepared as of yesterday, so that's why it wasn't in our plan. Then the site location as IH 10 to take a look at that one again and see if we can't

MR. HARTMAN: You mean 410?

MR. GUERRA: 410, I'm sorry, 410 and move it further north. The Valley Hi site again is in the vicinity of - we didn't try to pick a particular site.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Dr. Nielsen.

DR. NIELSEN: I would move adoption with the one, I think, clarification not only of site selection but the policy decision that I'm not sure is the City Council's necessarily but further consideration. Mike, at least your methodology in terms of policy of locating the libraries on, I don't think you said in the paper, I think expressways, but you were intending to indicate heavy traffic arteries. There may be some serious reconsideration for that primarily because other than terms of an automobile is sometimes difficult to get to. I know they should be on major thoroughfare in terms of bus transportation, maybe not necessarily expressways.

MAYOR COCKRELL: There has been a motion made for approval, is there a second?

MAYOR PRO-TEM TENIENTE: I second the motion.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, with the considerations that, number one, it is agreed by all that the locations that they are approximate as indicating a neighborhood or general proximity and that we will have the data on the San Pedro site prior to any final decision and that will be with the consultation of the Council on that item. Any other point there? The priority question may be addressed.

MR. ROHDE: Mayor, I have a very important question.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Mr. Rohde.

MR. ROHDE: Mike, I notice that these are all 9,000 foot buildings and I notice the last libraries that were built were in the 5 and 6,000. Why are they all - what's happened in this square footage and what is the approximate cost of these libraries?

MR. SEXTON: Mr. Rohde, when we initially started doing master planning back in 1961, we were proposing 12,000 square foot libraries which is what was being built at that time. The energy crisis has affected the decision to drop back to 9,000 square feet. The increase has resulted from the fact that five and six thousand square feet were just not adequate.

MR. ROHDE: Too small? I see, but this is pretty standard throughout the country in many ways for a mini-library or what do we call this?

MR. SEXTON: It varies dramatically according to the amount of money that is available within the area.

MR. ROHDE: These cost about \$40,000 a piece? Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PYNDUS: Mayor Cockrell, I wondered how this - we received this letter of February 2nd, from the San Antonio Public Library from the President Everett L. Turbon and he brought to our attention the fact that we had provided the Mexican-American Unity Council with lease money for 9,000 square feet of space and he asked this Council that we - he pointed out to us that we had not provided \$247,000, a quarter of a million dollars, for the first year's operation. He makes the statement, "we trust that you are in position to provide these monies and that you do want us to proceed with the idea of opening the library in the Crockett School when the building is completed on or about September 15, 1976." In lieu of funding and in lieu of priorities and in lieu of sites and in lieu of some unknowns regarding closing libraries, I am not comfortable with regard to approving this plan this morning.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. We have a motion and a second, is there any further discussion?

DR. NIELSEN: I call for the question.

AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus; ABSENT: None.

MAYOR COCKRELL: The motion is carried. The master plan is approved. We are now.....

DR. NIELSEN: It won't be 15 years again to update it, will it, Cip?

MR. GUERRA: No, sir.

MR. HARTMAN: I am assuming this is an annual update.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We will now be in recess for the noon hour.

76-6 The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:25 P. M. and reconvened at 1:50 P. M.

76-6

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MRS. GERTRUDE MIKA

Mrs. Gertrude Mika, 4412 Theis Drive, spoke of the drainage problems in her area and the need for street improvement and curbs. She spoke against the acquisition of Pecan Valley Golf Course saying that the money should be spent on more urgent problems.

Mayor Cockrell said that the CDA budget had been voted on and the final decision has been made. In regard to the target areas, Mayor Cockrell suggested that Mrs. Mika meet with staff members and some Council members.

MRS. GERALDINE CARNAHAN

Mrs. Geraldine Carnahan stated that they were under the impression that the Jupe Addition was not part of the target area for CDA funds. Because of this, she was questioning the purchase of the Pecan Valley Golf Course.

Mayor Cockrell said that specific projects such as individual street or drainage improvements have to be within the target area. Any other project outside of the target area must be of a general nature that will serve the target area.

Councilman Cisneros said that the City Manager should investigate the possibility of extending the target area where drainage improvements are badly needed.

MR. STEPHEN HARVESTY

Mr. Stephen Harvesty mentioned the resignations of three General Electric Engineers in California because of the chance of accidents in nuclear power plants. Mr. Harvesty said that the people should be allowed to decide if they want nuclear plants or not.

Mr. Harvesty said the Nuclear Power Symposium that is to be held at the La Villita Assembly Hall on a work day should be re-scheduled on a Sunday to give more people the opportunity to attend.

Mayor Cockrell stated that the Public Session of the Symposium is scheduled for the evening. Citizens will be given an opportunity to ask questions at this meeting.

Councilman Cisneros said that efforts should be made to assure that both sides of the nuclear issue will be covered.

Mayor Cockrell said that the City Public Service Board is trying to get someone to present a middle of the road fact position.

Mr. Raul Rodriguez spoke of a press release issued by Councilman Rohde concerning the Police Department. He said that the City Manager had previously evaluated the Police Department. He referred to recommendations made by former Assitant City Attorney Nordhaus for changes in the Police Department and he again asked for the resignation of Mr. Frank Manupelli as Chairman of the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission.

Mayor Cockrell asked Mr. Granata to give the Council an update on the report which had been prepared under the previous City Council.

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The following discussion took place:

MR. AL ROHDE: Let me address his remarks, Mayor. What you said can be taken out of context, and I don't wish it to be done, and you sort of surprise me, Raul, of what you said because I didn't expect you to bring this to the Council today.

But, let me say this, that I have no argument about the way the Police Department is being run in this City. I do feel that the Table of Organization that we're operating under the functions and the priorities of the Police Department are in question in my mind.

When I was elected to Council, I said that I would not be soft on crime. I've not seen one move made by the administration of this City in the last eight months. Since I've been on Council is to fight the criminal aspect of this City, and the paper that I'm working on has been, in fact, I was working on it very early this morning. I've been working on it six weeks, and when I come out with that, Raul, I want to be right because I've got to be responsible. But I am directing my remarks to the City Manager because under the City Charter it's not any Councilman that's the Chief Conserver of the Peace or the Chief Administer Officer, it's the City Manager and through him I will direct my remarks and ask him to do this, and I'm addressing my remarks to him about what you're talking about. But it will be a public statement because I'm waiting to be sure that I'm looking at things right.

I do find that I quarrel with myself when the priority of this Police Department. As an example, yesterday at 5:20 in the Parking lot, janitors were getting parking tickets after this place was closed down, and when I see things like this or our police being misused, this disturbs Councilman Rohde. When I see the ASAP program where there's 22 police officers used three or four nights a week on overtime catching the drunks and the boozers in 12 patrol cars, and there's people being shot in this City and criminals running around here robbing the City blind, these are the areas that I'm concerned about in this City, and this is the area that I'm going to stand here as long as I'm a Councilman and going to come to the City Manager and ask him to do something about it. What way it's going to be done I don't know myself, but I didn't come to this Council here to be soft on crime and see people shot in the street, and it's a crime the City's number one worry of this City and not do something about it. I'm going to do something about it as long as I'm alive on this Council. How am I going to do it, I haven't answered that yet. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Rodriguez, also I believe that the report that had been made previously is a public type document that's available to the press, and

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: It's on file with the City Clerk too.

MAYOR COCKRELL: It's on file. It would be available in the City Clerk's Office.

MR. RODRIGUEZ: I'll try to get it from the City Clerk. If you will excuse me Mr. Rohde, I

MR. RODHE: I appreciate your remarks and I realize it, but this, I don't want to get emotional on this Council anymore after the Aquifer, I said I won't do it. But the problem of it is this problem has worried me and to see nobody in this City do something about it. Al Rohde is going to try to do something about it, and I'm going to try and I'm going to work through that man right over there who's responsible. He is the Chief Administrative Officer of this City, and I want to see more done in the area of crime in this City because our people are being shot, innocent victims. People are afraid to come out of their homes, and this hasn't been addressed in this City, and when I give you a program it's going to be, and I hope it will be an answer to the problem. That's just one layman's answer, and I hope this Council will support me when it comes time to ask for this from the budget and a support to give us a new redirection and priorities of our Police Department. My idea, Mr. Raul, is that we need more police presence. This is the reason I was concerned this morning about who is suppose to use cars in this City. I want my policemen being using cars, and things of this sort. I want the greatest police presence this City has ever had because I want to run the burglars and thieves, the crooks and the thugs out of this City and let them go somewhere else. But I'm going to fight like hell for the City of San Antonio that we have a safe City.

MRS. HELEN DUTMER

Mrs. Helen Dutmer, 739 McKinley, said that she is opposed to the purchase of the Pecan Valley Golf Course because there are so many problems in the southeast area and CDA funds should be used to alleviate these problems. She also stated that she is not a member of the C.O.P.S. organization but represents herself and other citizens of the area.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz made the following statement:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

"LETTER TO THE FUTURE"

"It's been said that poverty breeds poverty and riches breeds riches. Last week there was a marriage of poverty and riches which bred, in my opinion, greed. Earlier in the morning there was a hearing on obscenity but in my opinion the real obscenity or the real offense to modesty or decency occurred at the Community Development Program Hearing where various organizations who have special interests appeared before this Council to cut up a \$16 million pie.

Out of that hearing an odious controversy arose which is still raging. As you well know the loudest squawk expressed then and now has been by the group known as Communities Organized for Public Service.

It does not matter to them nor do they seem to appreciate the fact that out of the \$16 million in projects which they recommended a fantastic total was granted to them by this Council. Better than 50 percent of C.O.P.S.'s recommended projects were approved for example.

That fantastic total is in the millions not counting the millions which will be needed to complete the projects next year or the years there after. This does not even begin to take into consideration future costs such as employee wages, maintenance, utility costs, etc. for services. Future costs in construction alone could be nearly \$14 million if I am correct in my research. Approved C.O.P.S. projects total is over \$8 million dollars. The combined total is over \$22 million.

The controversy C.O.P.S. is screaming about is the proposal to purchase the Pecan Valley Golf Course for the amount of \$1.3 million. They oppose it while having promoted the purchase of the Van Dale Park Site (the Vexler land) at whatever cost to the public. The original price estimate on the land was \$339,900. Later it came down to about \$250,000, for nine acres of unimproved land.

Compared to the Van Dale Park Site the 182 acre Pecan Valley County Club or Golf Course is a "basement bargain after Christmas sale" when you consider it is twenty times the size of the Van Dale Park Site. Twenty times (X) \$250,000 equals \$5 million. Acre for acre the cost of purchasing the Country Club is dirt cheap. If the golf course were to be converted into a multi-recreational park I, myself, would be 100 percent for it. In my opinion a miniture golf course should be substituted for the present one should the purchase go through. I believe that recreation areas and parks should serve the greatest number of people that is possible. Regular golf limits the number of persons who can benefit and participate.

C.O.P.S. may appear inconsistant in its demands. However, a clear picture has emerged of its wants and don't wants. The statement is clear. Don't spend it on them. Spend it on us. C.O.P.S.'s hunger it seems is incapable of being satisfied. The more it gets, the more it wants.

Their game plan and theme has been spend, spend, spend. This is the so-called philosophy which has gotten New York and other cities into deep trouble.

C.O.P.S. has often asked the question "Who Pays?". The question of who will pay has not been addressed. The ship of this City I believe is in harms way. The present danger arises out of C.O.P.S.'s excessive demands. Should the City Council keep meeting their excessive demands, it is possible that it together with C.O.P.S. is pushing the self destruct button.

I request that this statement appear in its entirety in the typewritten minutes of the record." Thank you.

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MRS. FRANK GOMEZ

Mrs. Frank Gomez, representing the St. John Berchman area, said that sidewalks are badly needed in this area. Also, she would like to see a park built in this area.

Mayor Cockrell said that Mrs. Gomez should apply through the school district to request sidewalks in her area. The Planning Department of the City works with the school districts in this matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Teniente said that he is already working with the Parks and Recreation Department in trying to establish a park in her area.

Mayor Pro Tem Teniente said that he is also working with the people of South San because this is an area where improvements are badly needed, and did not qualify in the CDA target area.

KAREN SPRAGUE

Mrs. Karen Sprague, Coordinator for V.O.I.C.E., said that the Lone Star Livestock Company has changed their sale date from Monday at 1:00 P. M. to Wednesday at 1:00 P. M. The sign advertising the stockyard has been raised higher than their storage building and added a flashing light. In the nine months this company has been operating no health inspection reports have been made and asked that the Council instruct the proper authorities.

Mrs. Sprague said that the school sidewalk at Indian Creek School is now about 80% complete but the auto traffic is still 50 miles per hour in front of the school on Pearsall Road.

City Attorney Jim Parker said he would have the flashing light at the stockyard investigated to see if it is violating any law.

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PUBLIC HEARINGROBERT E. LEE HOTEL

Mayor Cockrell opened a public hearing to consider whether the Robert E. Lee Hotel constitutes a public nuisance.

Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration, said that his department has been working with Mr. Marvin Miller, owner of the Robert E. Lee Hotel, since 1974 in an effort to get the hotel brought up to the City's standards. There are deficiencies in plumbing and wiring and several health hazards and building violations. He said that Mr. Miller has done some work but not enough.

Several fires have occurred in the hotel but they have been blamed on arsonists.

Mr. Marvin Miller, owner of the hotel, said that the hotel is completely fireproof. He also said that he is trying to bring the hotel into compliance and would have it in compliance if the Council would allow him two weeks additional time.

It was noted by Mayor Cockrell that, since the condition of the hotel has been brought to the attention of the City Council, if someone should be injured or damaged, the Council might be held liable for failure to take some action.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,300

DECLARING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT
111 W. TRAVIS IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND A
HAZARD TO THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC; AUTHOR-
IZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INSTITUTE LEGAL
ACTION TO ABATE THE NUISANCE.

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Mayor Cockrell suggested that the Council could pass the ordinance today which would initiate legal proceedings. If the hotel is brought into compliance before court action is taken, the matter could be dropped by the City without any further action.

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

Mr. Hartman asked that the Council instruct the staff to inspect all hotels of a similar nature and to force them to comply with the code.

A report on this matter is to be made to the Council in two weeks.

76-6 The meeting recessed at 3:00 P. M. to go into executive session and reconvened at 3:40 P. M.

76-6 MISS TEXAS

Mayor Cockrell welcomed Candace Gray who is Miss Texas. She was accompanied by Mrs. Rita Allen, Bill Burnett and Carolyn Pipes.

Mayor Cockrell read a proclamation appointing Miss Gray an alcalde of La Villita and awarded it to her.

Miss Gray thanked the Council for the award.

76-6 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,301

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD.

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Representing Hotel Industry:

Mr. Art Abbott and Mr. James Delaney for terms expiring on November 30, 1978. (reappointments)

Representing Motel Industry

Mr. John Boswell for a term ending November 30, 1978. (reappointment)

Mr. Vincent Kersey, La Quinta Downtown, to replace Mr. Ralph Ehrlich for a term ending november 30, 1978.

Paseo Del Rio Association

Mr. Arthur Veltman, Jr., for a term ending November 30, 1976. (reappointment)

Downtown, Inc.

Mr. James L. Hayne for a term ending November 30, 1976. (reappointment)

San Antonio Restaurant Association

Mr. Arne Klendoshoj for a term ending November 30, 1976. (reappointment)

Representing Airlines

Mr. Raul Jimenez (new appointment)

Mr. Alfred Beckmann, Mrs. Pam Wilkinson, and Mr. Aloyce Scott for terms ending November 30, 1976. (reappointments)

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AN ORDINANCE 46,302

APPOINTING MR. FELIX TREVINO TO THE
MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.
(TERM ENDING APRIL 30, 1976)

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Mr. Trevino is replacing Mr. Raul Valdez.

76-6 Mayor Cockrell asked the Council to approve the contents of a resolution expressing the Council's concern and regrets over the earthquake which struck Guatemala City on February 4th.

After discussion, Mr. Pyndus moved that Mayor Cockrell be authorized to transmit such a resolution to the people of Guatemala. The motion was seconded by Mr. Billa and was passed and approved on the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell.

Mr. Hartman said he thought it would be well to instruct the Legal Department to begin to identify and define areas where legislative action would be to the best interest of the City of San Antonio. These should be items which could be endorsed to the Bexar County delegation in the legislature.

Mayor Cockrell said that with the consensus of the Council members she would ask the City Manager to initiate this matter with the Legal Department. She pointed out that any positions that might be developed by the Legal Department would only be presented for action after review and formal approval by the Council. She asked the members of the Council to give consideration to areas of potential legislative activity and give these over to the staff for consideration.

76-6 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Teniente, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 46,303

APPOINTING COUNCILMEN BLACK, NIELSEN, AND
BILLA AS CITY APPOINTEES TO THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH AGENCY
COUNCIL. (FOR TERMS EXPIRING APRIL 30, 1977)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The following conversation took place:

MR. AL ROHDE: Mayor, I would like to reopen the minutes of last week's meeting because there is a point here that Mr. Pyndus and I and some other members of the Council may..I was under the impression we did a certain act and I later found out it was not clear that we didn't do the act. That was in regards to the community act fund - the revolving fund.

When we left here, I felt that we had approved \$200,000 in that fund. Well, I agree with your thinking but it was clear to me when I voted that I was voting in that area because of the semantics of the motion and things of this sort and that's the reason we haven't asked the minutes be approved.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: Well, they haven't been.

MR. ROHDE: I realize that they have not but I think this is the time to discuss it while we've got some time.

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: We agreed that we would hold the minutes until next week because they were rather lengthy and detailed.

MR. ROHDE: We've got the time. I was just thinking about why don't we take it on now while it's much fresher in our mind. That's the only thing I'm thinking about.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, I don't know exactly what you are driving at, Al. Granted, we didn't pick up the \$200,000 that we needed in addition to the \$300,000 but that doesn't make it impossible that either out of the \$1.5 million we'd pick up \$200,000 or even a little more remote but still a possibility that in some CDA reprogramming if we think it's that important we could pick up that \$200,000. In a few weeks, it's going to be.....

MR. ROHDE: I think once we approve the minutes that will lay it in concrete.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Actually, it was laid in concrete when we passed the ordinance on the Community Development.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: That's correct.

MAYOR COCKRELL: So it was set at that time. That was the revolving fund on the historic... That was not included and it would not have been in that ordinance that was approved.

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: I would like to speak to that, Mayor Cockrell. I would say that I seriously question the accuracy of Ford's statement. If we would review the minutes on pages 14 and 15. It was placed into the complete budget and package and was voted on and I will challenge anybody to say that that \$200,000 is not in that package and you can just take a look at the minutes.

I don't care who left it off typographically it is in the minutes and the minutes read and it's taken off of the tape and it's there. Let's go to page 14. I'll start with my statement and this is the fourth paragraph down.

"MR. PYNDUS: All right. There was an item that was suggested for downtown revolving fund of \$500,000. I would like to add that one to the potential project. I would like to add, in addition to that, \$50,000 for the study on the renovation of the Municipal Auditorium. I would like to strike Item 17 off of the list that says tennis courts, \$340,000. That item is included in Projects 31, 32, 33 and 34. That is \$500,000 for the revolving fund plus \$50,000 that would...inaudible."

Now let's go to Ford's remarks on page 15. And he said,

"DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: Well, not so much added since Phil brought up the revolving funds. Realistically, Phil, we can accomplish this with \$200,000. There is a \$300,000 item in last year's appropriations that have gone unprogrammed. I talked to Winston and others and this is relative to the conversations Mrs. Blount has had with us in the housing committee. We can reprogram that to match an additional \$200,000. We don't have to come up with \$500,000 right now, just \$200,000 will accomplish this. I would suggest to the Council that we do it. It would be very beneficial because of not only economic development or the tourist industry but probably as much as anything to improve some very, very unsightly areas in the downtown which I think along with housing and everything else has got to be done.

MR. PYNDUS: May I respond? I know we're not debating the item. Inasmuch as the newspaper article today says that from private financial sources locally, we will receive in the area of \$20 million I want to go all the way in the downtown area. I would like to stay with the \$500,000 for sure if it's possible.

DR. NIELSEN: We will have that. I talked to Winston. The \$300 is there and we add \$200 to it and we've got it.

MR. PYNDUS: Okay, permit me, Mayor, we're going to cut this to \$200 because we have the three. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: So the downtown revolving fund would be cut to \$200,000 additional for consideration.

MR. PYNDUS: With the understanding that it's being taken care of from another area."

And that is what I voted on.

MAYOR COCKRELL: No, sir. Let me tell you...may I. This list was the list where we were getting all of the items that every member wished to have on our list for consideration and from the list for consideration, we later selected those items which were placed on the list for funding. This item was on the list for consideration but it was not on the list that was approved finally for funding and that is the problem from your point of view that it was not ever voted for funding.

MR. PYNDUS: That is not my understanding.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We had a list when we went around and each person added the things they wanted to consider. This was one that you had brought up for consideration.

MR. PYNDUS: I never realized until this moment, Mayor Cockrell, that it was not put into the package.

MAYOR COCKRELL: No, sir. It was not.

DR. HENRY CISNEROS: That exchange between myself and Mayor Cockrell, I said, "Mayor, are you attempting now to get suggestions to move projects that are listed as potential into this status?"

The answer was "No, not yet. The first thing, these things that are not potential"...inaudible.

MR. PYNDUS: This was not potential. This was included in the original.

(ALL TALKING AT ONCE)

MAYOR COCKRELL: May I clarify that. In the list that we had in, the early list it was one that was included. Then it was one, though, that when we went through with the first cut, we pulled it out for further consideration. It was not in the first approved cut. It was pulled out for consideration. Then on a separate sheet what I said was...on page 14 if you will look at my comment there I said,

"All right, but I thought first we would get all of the list complete as to what was even being considered. All right, this is for consideration at this point not for adoption, so we're trying to get any other items added to the list for consideration."

Then I called on you and then on page 15 next to the bottom I said "So the revolving fund will be cut down to \$200,000 additional for consideration." So that was the list for consideration but there was never any subsequent action adopting that.

DR. NIELSEN: Now, Phil, in this next several weeks there will be some CDA reprogramming. We've got a problem, however, in that we may not be able to use it that quickly. It's got to be used before the end of June. Is that correct?

MAYOR COCKRELL: It has to be committed.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: We plan reprogramming for you in CDA the first "B" session in March or the last one in February.

MR. PYNDUS: Is it possible to request that these minutes be gleaned to see if there are other funds that are not included as well as this \$200,000?

(ALL TALKING AT ONCE)

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: You remember Avenida Guadalupe for \$50,000? We didn't include that.

MR. PYNDUS: I know there were some we obviously left out. I want to see that every item that is in that package was included in the list or if any of them were in this category and included I'd like to see it. We had this up for consideration and no vote was taken.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, there was quite a list that was not included.

MR. PYNDUS: And all of a sudden they found themselves in a package without being.....?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, it has. In fact, we can give you the first. We can pull out the list for consideration and about half were funded and about half were not.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: It was at that point, Phil, you may recall we had the breakout sheets that actually had the projects listed individually.

MR. PYNDUS: I recall, Glen.

MR. ROHDE: In view of this discussion, do you feel....will you accept a motion to accept the minutes?

MAYOR COCKRELL: No, there was another question in regard to Fairchild Park. We are going to consider the minutes at the next meeting.

76-6 The Clerk read the following letter:

January 30, 1976

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

January 26, 1976

Petition of Mrs. John Canty,
Battle of Flowers Association,
requesting permission to conduct
a fireworks display on the evening
of Thursday, April 22, 1976, in
connection with the 39th Annual
Band Festival observance at Alamo
Stadium.

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

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There being no further business to come before the Council,
the meeting adjourned at 4:00 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

Lila Cockrell
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

G. V. Jackson, Jr.
C i t y C l e r k

February 5, 1976

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