

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1967 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, and TORRES; Absent: PARKER.

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67-361 The invocation was given by Councilman S. H. James.

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The minutes of the June 8, 1967 meeting were approved.

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67-362 First heard was zoning case 2991 to rezone Lot 84, NCB 11884 from "A" Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family Residence District, located southwest of the intersection of E. Sandalwood and Everest Street; having 444.58' on E. Sandalwood and 274.69' on Everest.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,509

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 84, NCB 11884, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

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67-363 Next heard was case 3001 to rezone the south 40' of Lot 35, Blk. 38, NCB 3697 from "B" Residence District to "B-2" Business District located on the east side of S. W. 19th Street, 87.75' south of Brady Blvd; having 40' on S. W. 19th Street and a depth of 115.55'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Torres, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,510

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE SOUTH 40' OF LOT 35, BLK. 38, NCB 3697 FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-364 Next heard was case 3002 to rezone Lot 21, Blk. 128, NCB 7223, from "B" Residence District to "O-1" Office District located southwest of the intersection of Mariposa Drive and Blanco Road; having 97.8' on Mariposa Dr. and 132.5' on Blanco Road.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Discussion revealed that the applicant, Dr. R. A. Navarro, had requested "B-1" Business District in the original application because the Dental Clinic is a one-man operation and the balance of the property could be utilized with another business, but had agreed to the "O-1" Office District as recommended by the Planning Commission.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,511

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 21, BLK. 128, NCB 7223, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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67-365 Next heard was case 3003 to rezone the west 200' of Lot 435A, Blk. 20, NCB 8728 from "B" Residence District to "B-2" Business District located on the south side of McCauley Blvd. 212.20' west of Pleasanton Road; having 200' on McCauley and a depth of 172.68'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,512

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE WEST 200' OF LOT 435A, BLK. 20, NCB 8728, FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-366 Next heard was case 3021 to rezone Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, NCB 10101 from "D" Apartment District and "B-1" Business District to "B-2" Business District located on the west side of San Pedro Avenue, 107.47' south of Veda Mae Drive, having 467' on San Pedro and a maximum depth of 189.16'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Jones, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,513

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 9, 10, 11 and 12, NCB 10101 from "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT AND "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-367 Next heard was case 2981 to rezone Arb. Tract A, NCB 12060 from Temporary "A" Residence District to "I-2" Heavy Industry District for the sale and outside storage of government surplus materials located on the southeast side of Heimer Road, 1017.1' northeast of Bitters Road; having 316' on Heimer Road, and a maximum depth of 796'.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council. He stated that in addition to the requested zone, special permission by the Council is needed for open storage on the property.

Mr. Bill Robison, attorney representing the applicant, Mr. John W. Chilvers, stated that this is a 5.62 acre tract of land on which a business of small surplus government materials is operating. They hoped to get "I-2" Heavy Industry District zoning, but have reconsidered and they can use the property under "I-1" Light Industry District. He presented sketches showing possible development of the property. He was agreeable to a buffer zone along the Heimer Road frontage to protect the residences across the street and would dedicate property at the rear of the tract for extension of Blue Bell Lane which is not open at the present time, but is dedicated. They could then use Blue Bell Lane for access to the property. In addition, the proposed development showed they would like to open a street from Heimer Road through to Blue Bell Lane. He asked, however, that some provisions be made for open storage which is now being conducted under non-conforming rights.

Mr. Harris, of the Coker Elementary School, and representing the Northeast Independent School District, objected to "I-2" zoning as it was felt it would jeopardize their teaching and training program. He did not object to the present operation, but if rezoned as requested he felt there would be no control on future operations.

After consideration, Dr. Calderon made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be overruled and the property be rezoned as follows:

1. That a strip of land approximately 155 feet in depth fronting on Heimer Road be rezoned to "R-2" Residence District.
2. That the balance of the land be rezoned "I-1" Light Industry District with the exception of a strip of land 200' X 150' located on the southwest corner of the property abutting Blue Bell Lane which is to remain Temporary "A" Residence District.
3. That the applicant agree to dedicate land for the extension of Blue Bell Lane and the Planning Commission will review with the applicant the proposed dedication for a 50' street running from Heimer Road to Blue Bell Lane.

The motion was seconded by Councilman James.

The proposed rezoning was accepted by the applicant and was agreeable to Mr. Harris of the Northeast Independent School District.

On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

An ordinance will be prepared in accordance with the foregoing motion and will be presented to the Council for passage at a subsequent Council meeting.

Ordinance 35,514 is Void.

67-368 Next heard was case 2997 to rezone 0.57 acres out of NCB 10932 from "B" Residence District to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the west side of U.S. Hwy 181 South approximately 4124.5' south of the cutoff to S.W. Military Drive; having 149.83' on U.S. Hwy 181 and a depth of 182.42', being described by field notes.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

The applicant, Mr. Leon Peoples, advised the Council that he wanted to conduct a welding shop and garage business on the property and needed "I-1" Light Industry zoning for this purpose.

Mr. Lawrence advised the Council that the Planning Commission denied this request because it felt it is not part of the zoning plan agreed on by the City and the military authorities at Brooks AFB to protect the appearance of the property leading to the new entrance to the base. Under this plan, the City is to provide right of way and the military will make the improvements.

After a lengthy discussion of the matter, Mr. Jones made a motion that the request for "I-1" Light Industry be denied and the property rezoned to "B-3" Business District. Seconded by Mr. Torres, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,515

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS 0.57 ACRES OUT OF NCB 10932 AND DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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67-369 Next heard was case 3008 to rezone Lots 4 thru 10, Blk. C, NCB 1349 from "C" Residence and "E" Office Districts to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the west side of Charles Street between Logan and Arthur Streets; having 297' on Logan and Arthur Streets and 105' on Charles Street.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council. He advised the Council that Mr. Pat Maloney, attorney in the case, who was not present, had been contacted and Mr. Maloney advised he wished to withdraw the request for rezoning.

This was agreeable to the Council and no further action was taken on this case.

67-370 Last case heard was case 3012 to rezone 0.846 acres out of NCB 11604 from "A" Residence District to "R-3" Multiple-Family Residence District located west of the intersection of Babcock Road and Sunshine Ranch Road; having 573.90' on Babcock Rd. and 132.80' on Sunshine Ranch Road, and being described by field notes.

Mr. Burt Lawrence, Assistant Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

Mr. Stewart Alexander, attorney representing the applicant, Mr. Simon Alexander, explained that this is a triangular shaped piece of land of which only 130.82' is at its base on Sunshine Ranch Road. There is a drainage ditch on one side of the property separating the residences on Crossette Drive and there are no residences next to the tract except the Jamaican Apartments on Babcock Road to the north. He stated the Planning Commission, on a substitute motion, recommended "R-2" residence district, but felt that "R-3" is the best use for this property due to its shape. If zoned for duplexes it would require several curb-cuts into busy Babcock Road. While he had no definite plans prepared, he advised the Council that he would like to construct an eight or ten unit apartment building at the corner of Sunshine Ranch Road and Babcock Road. Parking and the swimming pool would be placed at the angle part of the property and the entrance would be from Sunshine Ranch Road with possibly one curb-cut on Babcock.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, stated that he did not see where there would be a major problem if apartments were built. One driveway into Babcock Road would possibly be desirable; however, he could make no recommendation until plans were developed and presented to him for approval.

Mrs. W. C. Hudson, 454 Concord, opposed the change to apartment zoning as she felt it would decrease property value and felt it could be developed as a park.

Also expressing opposition, was Mr. Carranza, 3615 Crossette.

After lengthy consideration of the matter, the Council felt it could not act on the request until a definite plan for the use of the property is presented to the Council for consideration. On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gatti, case 3012 was continued for two weeks to June 29, 1967. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, and Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker and Torres.

67-318 At this time, Mr. Gatti stated that as everyone knows, there is going to be a tremendous shortage of sleeping facilities, hotels, motels, etc., during HemisFair, and had been discussing ways to alleviate some of the problems and felt San Antonio is going to have to do as other cities have done in this kind of emergency. He suggested that the Council consider ordinances that will allow apartment houses to act as motels on a temporary basis during HemisFair. This could be done by granting a temporary certificant of occupancy to operate as a motel. Also the City will need to increase the number of rooms over three in private homes which can be legally rented in all residential districts to help solve the problem.

The Clerk read two ordinances to the Council regarding this matter.

The Mayor suggested that since HemisFair has formed the Lodging Corporation and is preparing its' studies and requests that the Council take no action at this time for the reason that a measure of control over rates, if possible and legal to do so, can be tied in with the ordinances. The Mayor then asked the City Attorney to look into such a possibility.

The Mayor stated that we are going to have more people come to San Antonio than we can be reasonably expected to take care of and the only way to take care of them is by having private homes and other facilities available. He hoped that all facilities that cater to tourists who come for HemisFair will be reasonable and conscientious in their charges because nothing will hurt the City more than for visitors to come and not find lodging; and if they do find lodging discover the meals and lodging prices jacked up unreasonably. He expressed the hope that the business interests in San Antonio recognize that if they do not treat visitors with courtesy when they come, it would unquestionably give San Antonio a blackeye in the eyes of traveling people in this country that will take several years to eradicate. He hoped the citizens of this City and the business elements will recognize their moral obligations to hold rates to reasonable limits during the period of HemisFair.

67-218 The Clerk read the following ordinance for the second and final time.

AN ORDINANCE 35,423

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 18.862 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. (KNOWN AS COLONIAL VILLAGE SUBDIVISION)

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Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the property is known as Colonial Village Subdivision and contains 18.862 acres of land and the action is being taken at the request of the owner of the property, Kinder Properties, Inc.

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

67-371 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: McAllister; ABSENT: Jones, James, and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 35,516

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR PROJECT NO. 9-41-080-C719 AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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67-371 Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation explained the following ordinance which would make improvements to the Airport. Fifty percent of the costs are to be shared by the Federal Government with the exception of utilities which will run about \$45,000.

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

AN ORDINANCE 35,517

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF MEADER CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1967 F.A.A.P. PROJECT 9-41-080-C719 AND NORTH SATELLITE UTILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING PAYMENT OF \$713,381.81 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVENUE BOND FUND 806, SERIES 1966 TO SAID CONTRACTOR; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, \$15,000.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$19,924.54 PAYABLE TO LODAL & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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The following ordinances were explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

67-344

AN ORDINANCE 35,518

GRANTING THE MISSION FENCE COMPANY PERMISSION TO ADD THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE TO AN EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5411 SAN PEDRO AVENUE.

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67-372

AN ORDINANCE 35,519

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR THE TAX YEAR 1967. (ROBERT P. CLINE, C. RAY DAVIS, RICHARD J. WOODS)

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67-361

Mr. Jack Shelley, City Manager, read a letter from Mr. Bill Holchak, Public Relations Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, regarding the utilization of some type of certificate to award to children such as "An Honorary Elephant Trainer".

Since there was no recommendation or comment by the Zoological Society which operates the Zoo, no action was taken by the Council.

67-361

City Manager Shelley brought up the matter of the memorandum from the Director of Parks and Recreation giving a back ground on the LaVillita Management operation. He asked the Council to consider whether they wanted to separate the operation, that is have a Manager and a Concessionaire, or continue as operated during the past several years. The Concession is being presently operated on a temporary basis.

After discussion, Councilman Torres stated that he had several questions about the operation and asked that no action be taken at this time.

Mr. Shelley asked the Council to consider the disposition of the Schultze House which is restricting operations in the HemisFair area.

After consideration, the Council determined that the Schultze House must be removed. The City Clerk was instructed to advise the President of the San Antonio Conservation Society to this effect and that if the Society cares to remove the house or the tin part, it is privileged to do so, but must be removed no later than June 25, 1967.

65-1014

Mayor McAllister announced that the Council had asked that he appoint a Committee to look into charges of alleged police brutality and felt that it was so important that he had appointed the entire Council as a Committee.

He felt at first that this should be investigated by the Grand Jury, however, the present Grand Jury is to be terminated on June 16 and the next one will not convene until July 15. If a special Grand Jury would be requested, statements would be privy, but conclusions would be public. He added that a suggestion had been made that a Court of Inquiry investigate the charges. In such a case witnesses may be subpoenaed and the whole matter aired under oath and the proceedings would be public.

City Attorney Sam Wolf explained that the Court would be under a District Judge assigned to handle the matter and explained the procedure for obtaining a Court of Inquiry.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the City Attorney was instructed to prepare the necessary letter to District Judge Archie Brown, expressing the City's interest and requesting that he take the necessary steps to hold a Court of Inquiry in regards to the charges made as to alleged police brutality. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Parker; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

67-334

Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell, Chairman of the Northwest Town Hall Committee composed of Mr. Pete Torres and Mr. Dick Balmos, made a report to the Council on the Committee's recommendations on arrangements for the Northwest Town Hall Meeting which are as follows:

(1) The Committee recommends that the Northwest Town Hall Meeting be held at Agudas Achim, 1201 Donaldson Avenue.

(2) The Committee suggests the following format for the Meeting:

7:30 to 8:15 P.M. - Open House

During the Open House period citizens could view exhibits which would include maps, charts, architectural drawings of the Convention Center, Downtown Main Library, and any area facilities in the planning or construction stage.

City Department Heads would be stationed next to the appropriate exhibit to answer questions informally about any of the projects or plans being shown.

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City Council Members, wearing name tags, would serve in the role of hosts and would circulate among those present, welcoming them and inviting them to see the various exhibits.

Also during this informal period, there would be a question box prominently displayed with paper and pencils available for citizens to put questions in the box.

8:15 P.M. - Formal Meeting Begins

8:15 to 9:00 P.M. - Question Box

During this period of the Formal Meeting, the City Council Members would be seated on stage in the same arrangement or order at which they sit at the Council table with name plates and microphones available.

There would be a separate table for a panel of three representatives of the Press, possibly the City Editor of the Express, News, and Light (or the political writer which each paper would designate),

The questions which were dropped in the question box would be delivered to the panel of news experts. They would select the most interesting questions and direct them to Members of the City Council for comment.

The City Manager would also be seated on stage and questions relating to management could be referred to him. The City Department Heads could be seated in the first row, so if the City Manager desired, he could call on one of his Department Heads to expand on any answers.

9:00 to 9:30 P.M. - Citizens to be Heard

This would differ from the question box in that individuals could make presentations for suggested projects, offer suggestions or simply comment about an area of City Government in which they have a particular interest.

Each individual desiring to speak would be limited to three minutes in which to make his presentation. Citizens would be asked not to repeat a proposal or a suggestion made by a previous speaker in order to have opportunity for presentation of a number of different topics.

At the conclusion of the meeting, if there are citizens desiring to speak who did not have an opportunity to be heard, they could be invited to either appear personally at the next City Council meeting in the Citizens to be Heard portion, or to submit their suggestions in writing to the City Clerk.

(3) We recommend that the formal meeting be taped so that all suggestions would be a part of the record available to the Council.

The Council approved the Committee's recommendations.

The Mayor commended the Committee for working up the program, which format can be used for the meetings in other sections of the City. He then appointed arrangement committees as follows: Southeast Town Hall Meeting - Mr. Jones and Mr. Parker; Southwest Town Hall Meeting - Dr. Calderon and Mr. Trevino; and the Northeast Town Hall Meeting - Rev. James and Mr. Gatti.

The City Clerk read the following resolution and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino and Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti and Parker.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THANKS TO MRS. MARGARET BATTS TOBIN FOR THE DEDICATION OF A 1.50 ACRE TRACT OF LAND TO BE USED AS THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED NORTHEAST BRANCH LIBRARY.

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67-361 City Manager Shelley presented each member of the Council with historical budget data on population growth, area growth, financial demands on greater accounts of the City, expenditures of each department for the last five years, etc, which the Council had requested.

He advised that he hoped to have a tentative budget for review by the Council by next week.

Councilman Trevino stated that since May the Council has had no representative to attend the Urban Renewal Agency Meetings and act as liason. He advised there were several items in which he was interested such as the Avenida Guadalupe project.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Bremer had previously been appointed and that he will appoint a member of the Council to attend the meetings of the Urban Renewal Agency.

67-361 Mayor McAllister recognized Mr. Barr McClellen of Austin, Texas, attorney for the San Antonio Conservation Society.

Mr. McClellen presented a Motion for Reconsideration in the matter of the proposed "North Expressway" in which an alternate route is proposed. (A copy of the Motion is on file with the original of these minutes)

After discussion, Mayor McAllister stated that he felt the proposal presented was indefinite, they have no agreement with property owners or the City of Olmos Park through which the alternate proposed route will pass. On the other hand the City of San Antonio is committed to the present route; the City has already spent two million dollars and could subject the City to legal liability if it was changed.

City Attorney Sam Wolf, in answer to a question, stated there are serious legal questions in making a change and could possibly jeopardize the bonds issued for this purpose. As to meeting requirements of the Texas Highway Department for participation; this would have to be checked out with that agency.

After everyone was given an opportunity to speak, Dr. Calderon made a motion that the Council reject the request for reconsideration of the route of the North Expressway. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gatti. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: Parker.

Mr. Torres explained that he abstained because he was not on the Council when the original decision was made and did not feel he could adequately make a decision on the present proposal.

67-361 Mrs. Jack Forbes of the Houston Terrace Area in the outer east part of the City asked the Council to consider development of a recreation center with swimming pool, provisions for outdoor movies and year-round activities. She added that there is a one-half block of land on Green Valley Street in Skyline Park which can be utilized by installing playground equipment.

State Senator V.E. "Red" Berry also spoke and endorsed the need for recreation facilities in this area.

City Manager Shelley advised that he would make a report to the Council on the Parks Master Plan for this area.

67-361 Mr. Charles Franz, Jr. representing owners of buildings and businesses on Brooklyn Avenue, protested the installation of the "No Parking Any Time" signs and restrictions on the east side of the street and asked the Council to grant a hearing on the matter.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, advised the Council the situation on this street is similar to many others. It is a 30 foot street carrying a lot of traffic. A survey was made and it was determined the least inconvenience would be caused by removing parking on the east side and allowing parking on the west side. He said he has received a copy of the petition filed and will make a report to the Council on it.

67-361

The Clerk read the following letter.

June 12, 1967

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 6-8-67 Petition of Mr. Charles Franz, Jr. in behalf of owners and operators of small businesses along Brooklyn Avenue in which they protest the plan to place "No Parking Any Time" signs on the east side of Brooklyn Ave., between North St. Mary's and McCollough Avenue and requesting a hearing on the matter before such action is taken.
- 6-12-67 Petition of Mr. Anthony P. Barra, et al, in the 1000 block of Sutton Drive and 200 and 300 blocks of Quill again protesting the keeping of horses at the rear of 1055 Sutton Drive and requesting the horses be removed for violations listed in the peitition.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:

W. W. McAllister
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
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