

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1970.

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

70-14 The invocation was given by Mr. Jake Rodriguez, Lulac Council No. 2.

The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 1970 were approved.

70-14 Mayor McAllister stated that he has proclaimed the period of April 2 through 9, 1970, "Junior American Citizen Club Week." He presented copies of the Proclamation to Mike St. Clair of Kate Schenck Elementary School and Edward Cerna of David Crockett Elementary School, who made statements, as follows:

MASTER ST. CLAIR: Your Honor, Mayor McAllister, Members of the City Council, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is indeed a singular honor to accept this Proclamation from you on behalf of the Junior American Citizens of the City and the sponsoring Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Since citizens are shaped by the beliefs of their native land, it is the intent of the Junior American Citizenship Clubs to teach young people about democracy, the history of our Country and an awareness of those principles, which have made the United States the great Country it has become.

We are learning how to understand and share the responsibilities of protecting our Country, integrity, freedom and independence and to know that the privileges guaranteed to us by the Bill of Rights should remind us of the duties involved in upholding American ideals. Every American should take part with energy and steadfastness in the challenges of maintaining our way of life, which was set forth in the Mayflower Compact of 1620, which is the first Charter of Government of the people, by the people and for the people known in history. Thus, love of liberty was brought to our shores. This love of liberty has made us great.

Mayor McAllister, your continued encouragement in this Proclamation is a priceless inspiration to every boy and girl in San Antonio. May God bless you and the Members of the City Council and our great Nation.

MASTER CERNA: I, too, Mayor McAllister, wish to thank you and Members of the City Council for your interest in the youth of San Antonio. You're a good Mayor, for you give us encouragement. We feel very strongly that the youth of today do measure up, and can measure up, if we are given the training and opportunity. We will be better equipped to fill the places in leadership, because of you and others like you.

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Several years ago, you gave David Crockett School a Citation for our citizenship record. This has been an inspiration to us. Thank you again for all you do.

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 70-14 Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting temporarily and Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell presided.

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 70-14 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and after due consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 38,425

ESTABLISHING AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTION SUB-STATIONS (H.E.B. FOOD STORES - 21; THRIFTEX DISCOUNT FOOD STORES - 2).

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AN ORDINANCE 38,426

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH M. J. PATTERSON, DBA PATTERSON EQUIPMENT COMPANY, PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF COIN-OPERATED AMUSEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL MACHINES IN THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF 50% OF HIS TOTAL GROSS RECEIPTS PAID MONTHLY.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,427

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MELBA H. AYLESWORTH FOR LEASE OF PREMISES LOCATED AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,428

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE PRESENT LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ROBERT F. BARNES PROVIDING FOR LEASE OF 17,700 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SO AS TO INCREASE INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED, AND REDUCE BUILDING SETBACK REQUIREMENTS.

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Dr. Nielsen inquired of the Aviation Director if he felt that the quality and competency of the Airport Security Force is adequate and above average.

Aviation Director, Tom Raffety, stated the Airport Security Force is in a different category than the Police Department. They are of good quality. They maintain a training program in various aspects in which they study the laws of arrest through the study of first aid. This training is on a continuing basis for the education of these men. Mr. Raffety stated he was proud of the Airport Security Force.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,429

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH ROLLINS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING COMPANY TO RELOCATE A BILLBOARD IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO LOOP 410 FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$2,386.47 AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,430

GRANTING PERMISSION TO ERNEST T. EASTWOOD, JR. TO CONSTRUCT AN 8 FOOT WOODEN PRIVACY FENCE ALONG THE REAR PROPERTY LINE OF 817 FIREFLY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INSPECTIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,431

ACCEPTING THE BID OF HARRY HOOKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MAINTENANCE BUILDING AT SAN JOSE BURIAL PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING \$6,091.00 OUT OF SAN JOSE BURIAL PARK PERMANENT FUND #701 PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTOR AND ESTABLISHING A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300.00.

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70-14 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,432

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY WATER BOARD  
TO SERVICE THE HEMISFAIR AREA WITH  
CHILLED WATER FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD  
BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1970.

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City Manager Henckel stated that this was the formal agreement between the City and the City Water Board for chilled water services, which the Council approved informally at last week's meeting.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

70-14 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ancil Douthit, Assistant City Manager, and after due consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 38,433

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FERNANDO  
V. RODRIGUEZ TO AMEND THE PRESENT LEASE  
AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OF SPACE IN  
HEMISFAIR PLAZA SO AS TO CHANGE THE  
LEASED PREMISES FROM BUILDING 419 TO  
BUILDING 512A AND REVISE THE RENTAL  
SCHEDULE TO CONFORM TO PRESENT RENTAL  
RATES.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,434

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE  
AN AGREEMENT WITH CENTURY SOUVENIR  
COMPANY, INC. FOR LEASE OF BUILDINGS  
619 AND 622 AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA, FOR A  
MONTHLY RENTAL OF \$200.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,435

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH RAUL CORTEZ DBA VILLA FONTANA FOR LEASE OF BUILDING 401 (PEARL PAVILION) AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM, WITH A FIVE YEAR RENEWAL OPTION.

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MAP OF HEMISFAIR PLAZA

Councilman Torres asked that the City Manager furnish Members of the Council with a map of HemisFair Plaza showing buildings, which are presently not leased.

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Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

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REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR  
DISCRETIONARY FUNDS FROM

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

City Manager Henckel stated that the Council had asked Police Chief Bichsel to determine priorities on funding under the Safe Streets Act. The Staff has reviewed the various programs and he asked Chief Bichsel to present recommendations for priorities.

Chief Bichsel stated that the first priority would be an application for \$150,000.00 under the Large City Special Grants. This will provide a Task Force of 27 men with 3 Supervisors, who will be trained to work as a team or several teams to surpress critical increases in any major crime, particularly: Robbery, Burglaries, Auto Thefts, Narcotic Activity, Muggings or possession of unlawful weapons. The Task Force will provide means of saturating any given area and expediting a solution to a problem of major crime or "panic creating" crime wave. Since the San Antonio Police Department is critically undermanned, it cannot now mount such an offensive without seriously affecting the normal policing of the city. A roster of 180 patrolmen and 20 supervisors would be created by selection and each would work two 7 hour shifts per month. After six months, this program would be phased by 50%, replacing the overtime personnel by on-duty men; hopefully, by the end of the second 6 months, additional manpower would enable the department to continue with all regular duty men.

The Crime Task Force training will include special training under the direction of the District Attorney in the Laws of Evidence and Presentation of Evidence in Court.

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He explained that the total project will cost \$289,000.00. \$150,000.00 will be Federal funds. \$108,000.00 will be in kind contributions for police services, which are already budgeted. There will be an actual additional cost to the City of approximately \$30,000.00 in cash.

Chief Bichsel stated that the second priority, also under the Large City Special Grants, would be for Organized Crime, Undercover Operation. The goal of this project is to infiltrate the most successful organized crime known in San Antonio, namely that involving "Unlawfully Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property" and the sale of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. Undercover agents would be employed, possibly by employing agents from other cities on leave.

"Back-up" detectives would be working parallel hours, in a position to support undercover agents. These would be trained to carry on undercover assignments in other cities in the future and after 6 months, mutual exchange agreements could be worked out with other cities. Officers assigned on exchange would remain on "Home City" payroll to retain pension and other job security and benefits. Some special electronic listening, recording devices and photo equipment would be needed. Agents would remain undercover about two months each after which time cases would be filed on the evidence acquired and the agent would appear as the state witness.

A "listening Post" in the nature of a small business, Service station, tavern, or liquor store would be operated by a civilian agent. This agent would remain undercover for the duration buying stolen merchandise (which would be returned to the owners later under the guise of having been recovered in other cities) and developing sources of information contacts for the regular undercover agents.

The Chief asked approval of these two items. He added that he will submit additional items for Council approval next week.

After discussion, Councilman Torres made a motion that the two items for Discretionary Funds being (1) Crime Task Force, and (2) Organized Crime, Undercover Operation, be approved for submission to the Justice Department's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon, and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

70-14 MERIDA STREET - SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD CROSSING

City Manager Henckel stated that he has received a letter from the Southern Pacific Railroad advising they will participate in the signalization of this railroad crossing in the amount of \$18,821.00, out of a total of \$27,000.00. Cost to the City will be \$8,691.00. The City Manager felt this was good participation by the Railroad and asked the Council for authority to proceed with this installation.

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Dr. Calderon made a motion that the City participate with the Southern Pacific Railroad in the signalization of the Merida Street Crossing on the basis recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino, and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, explained that the City is working on all crossings in the City under the TOPICS Program. TOPICS will take care of 70 crossings. This will include upgrading some and there will be 15 or 16 new installations. This will be at no cost to the City. When this work is completed, all but 30 crossings in the City will have first class protective equipment. The 30 are very minor crossings in nature.

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CITATION - MR. LYNN H. SPEARS

Mayor McAllister presented a Citation to Mr. Lynn H. Spears, as follows:

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION OF EIGHT YEARS OF DEDICATED AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM, TWO OF WHICH WERE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN, (JANUARY 1, 1962 - DECEMBER 31, 1969) TO THIS SINCERE TRIBUTE WE ADD OUR DEEP APPRECIATION AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS.

70-14 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,329

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 3.334 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that the property is located on Perrin-Beitel Road, North of Loop 410. The property is known as Park North Commercial Subdivision, owned by Mr. Lloyd Denton, who requested the annexation. It will be developed primarily for commercial purposes.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

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Mayor McAllister again suggested that the Council review its present Annexation Policy, after which they may wish to make an adjustment in it.

It was brought out that this is an item for discussion at the informal session of the Council. It was decided that the Council would discuss it at the earliest possible time.

The City Manager stated that he was prepared to make a presentation on annexation.

Rev. James asked the City Manager for a status report on the application for a grant under Hill-Burton Funds for the Eastside Health Center.

Mr. Henckel said that he was not prepared at this time to give a report, but that he would confer with Dr. Ross and he will report back to the Council as soon as possible.

The Mayor stated that he and City Manager Henckel were in Austin last week and presented the Resolution adopted by the Council to the Texas Highway Commission. They accepted the statement requesting that they proceed with the construction of the North Expressway, but they made no decision with regard to it. He has been advised that the Commission has discussed the Resolution. They have not come to any conclusion, but have agreed that by April 8 they would come to a definite decision with regard to the North Expressway.

Councilman Torres asked if there was any discussion as to how they would seek to get around Mr. Volpe's request for a study of an alternate route.

Mayor McAllister stated that he has urged the State Highway Department to make the study even though it will cost \$15 to \$20,000.00. Mr. Volpe wants something in hand to have in case someone will challenge his hand in making a decision.

Discussion then brought out that if the State built the expressway on its own, it would cost them an additional ten (10) million dollars.

Mr. Torres stated that whether the highway was built on the existing route at the expense of the State or on an alternate route, it is going to take more money. He felt they should seek to determine how much more money it will cost, so that the Council can urge, through an appropriate Resolution to the State Legislators, to act on it in order to assure the necessary funding during the next legislative session. He asked that the Staff prepare the necessary Resolution.

Mayor McAllister asked the City Attorney to look into the legal situation, as it relates to the suggestion made by Mr. Torres and advise the Council next week. The Mayor added that he felt that any action prior to a decision by the Texas Highway Commission might be one that would be unnecessary and one they might want to change later.

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ANNUAL PASS - HEMISFAIR PLAZA

Mrs. Cockrell made a motion that the Council concur in the recommendation of the HemisFair Plaza Advisory Committee and approve the Five Dollar (\$5.00) Annual Pass. The motion was seconded by Mr. James, and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

70-14 Councilman Hill stated that the material he had received on the St. Louis Detoxification Center was very good and the Council should give it consideration.

Mr. Hill also recommended that the Council Members and the City Manager read an article in the April issue of "Reader's Digest" on the "Best Traffic Court in the Nation," which tells what Chicago has done with moving traffic violations in the last three years. Also, in the same issue, he recommended an article titled "The Coming Revolution in Transportation."

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EASTSIDE PARK - "J" STREET

Rev. James stated that he had been advised by the Administrative Staff that they hope to have an ordinance prepared to consummate the purchase of land at the end of "J" Street for a park site. Mr. James expressed the hope that by summer there will be some activity going for the benefit of the 2,000 families who live in that area.

Rev. R. A. Callies, President of the Youth Leadership Conference for Community Progress, read a letter to the City Council expressing appreciation for the interest taken in the recreational growth and development of the Eastside. He asked that the Council consider naming the proposed new park at the end of "J" Street after former world's heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Alfred Brady, Jr., President of the Wheatley High School Student Council, appeared before the City Council in protest to the closing of Phillis Wheatley High School at the end of this semester. He said that he felt that if integration had occurred in San Antonio several years ago that it would not be necessary now to close Wheatley High School and the loss of the name of Phillis T. Wheatley, which is a forty-year tradition. He asked the Council to express their feelings about this.

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Mayor McAllister informed Mr. Brady that while he was in sympathy with the problem facing the Wheatley High School students, that the City Council had absolutely no authority to act in the matter and that the best thing for the delegation from Wheatley High School would be to take the matter up before the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Independent School District.

In answer to a question from Mayor McAllister, Mr. Brady said that they had not appeared before the School Board, as yet.

Members of the Council, in turn, spoke and in essence all agreed that they were sympathetic toward the Wheatley problem and expressed hope that something could be done.

Mr. Torres also said that he agreed with the Mayor and other Members of the Council and urged that the students make their presentation before the School Board. He also asked that a committee from the City Council be appointed to work with the San Antonio Independent School District in the selection of a site for a new Wheatley High School and to consider the possibility of locating the school in the HemisFair Plaza area, as proposed by the Education Sub-Committee of the Community Relations Commission.

Dr. Calderon stated that he was opposed to the appointment of such a committee and was also opposed to any school on the HemisFair grounds, as this was not the intended use for development of HemisFair Plaza.

Mayor McAllister referred the entire matter to the City Manager and asked the Manager to instruct the City Attorney to study the legal ramifications of the proposal to use HemisFair property for a high school and report back to the Council.

Mr. James L. Smith, a teacher at Wheatley High School, spoke supporting the presentation made by the Wheatley students.

70-14 The Clerk read the following letter:

March 27, 1970

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

3/25/70

Petition of Welch Construction Co. requesting the City Council to grant approval for the construction, establishment, and operation of a small animal hospital on Lot 1, Blk. 4, NCB 13722 located at 5603 Kenwick Drive in Beacon Circle, West Industrial Subdivision to be known as Kenwick Veterinary Hospital.

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Petition of William W. Beuhler requesting that the Council consider amending the City Code to require an appropriate cash or surety bond from those who desire to wreck improvements unless they can prove by some satisfactory means that they have the written authority of the owner or that they are the owner of the improvements.

3/27/70

Petition of Samuel Jimenez, et al requesting the City to repair the alley which runs in back of the even numbered residences in the 500 block of Delgado St.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN,  
City Clerk

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

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