

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1968 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: CALDERON.

68-414 The invocation was given by Reverend Arthur Geeson, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The minutes of December 5, 1968 Council meeting were approved.

68-414 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. James L. Branton, representing Mr. William A. Fowler, requested postponement of Zoning Case 3471 to the third Thursday in January, 1969.

The request was approved and the Staff was asked to notify the property owners of the change in date of the hearing.

Mayor McAllister made the following statement:

"I'd like to say to the members of the Council that yesterday afternoon (Wednesday, December 11, 1968) I made a statement before the Civil Rights Commission which was holding its session at the Auditorium Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake. There were quite a number of people, about 200 and I concluded my statement with this paragraph, which I will read to you because I believe this paragraph expresses the sentiments, your sentiments, and certainly should be the sentiment and objective of the Civil Rights Commission:

'There have been stories circulated that this panel had already drawn its own conclusions prior to the opening of these hearings. I sincerely hope that this is not so. As I stated earlier, I believe the record of positive work in human rights by this City is evidence which refutes the distorted and exaggerated one-sided picture some would have us believe. Inquiry into failures, where they may exist, is healthy and beneficial if it is done in candor. Otherwise, these hearings could degenerate into a platform for propaganda and demagoguery which would serve no purpose other than to cripple the spirit of tolerance in human relations which is of vital concern in the City of San Antonio.'

"As I reached the concluding remarks there was a small portion of the audience, I don't know how many, perhaps about eight or ten, that indulged in 'boo's'. Certainly I speak for myself and the City Council as well, when I say that I should like to apologize to the Chairman and the Members of the Commission for the rudeness that was displayed by the very small segment of the people that were there. I've lived in San Antonio all my life and I want to say that I have always found citizens of Mexican descent to always be exceedingly courteous and never have I seen outbursts of rudeness of this kind. My only conclusion is that that small number of people there who indulged in that, were not citizens of San Antonio. At least that's the hope I express."

68-414 Chief of Police George Bichsel made the following report to the Council:

"I waited until last night to make this up so that it would be the latest statistics. However, it is already obsolete. We had a fatal accident on San Pedro Avenue, in the vicinity of Harmony Hills last night and a 16 year old boy died this morning at 5:00 A.M. So we have 128 fatalities against 94 this same date last year. 7,163 people injured which is about 1,100 increase over last year (6,009 - 1967). 24,516 accidents which is up about 4,500. (20,100 - 1967).

We got in touch with some of the other large cities in Texas and we have a comparison there of six cities in Texas with San Antonio, Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Austin and Corpus Christi. Of these six only two are having a comparable experience to ours - Houston is up with 122 deaths as of October 31 against 106 the previous year and Austin is having a bad experience; they had 24 at the end of October against 13 the previous year. The other cities are about the same or have shown some improvement.

You also see some other comparisons, population and number of police. Now the population figures are as of the end of 1967. We didn't have anything more recent so we used San Antonio's estimated population at that time also.

The report states several obvious causes. Primarily the increase in exposure - more vehicles, more people. Our vehicle registration in San Antonio has been climbing about 20,000 per year for the last two or three years. The population, although it is estimated, goes up about 20,000 to 25,000 per year. But as you are well aware, so far as increasing the Department, we had a dry year in 1966 and again in 1967; it fluxuates, we gained men and we lost men and at the end of the year we were about the same - 700 through two years. This year we have made some gains due to the job being made more attractive and have added 60 men to what we had on January 1 and have at this time 28 in training who will graduate in January. We are not losing men at the rate we did before. We were losing about 4 men a month and that has dropped off to about one man a month.

We have a map, which is a spot map of traffic fatalities just to give you an idea of the pattern and there are some patterns. But the most noticeable of these patterns, the most marked pattern is out Highway 90.

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Mayor McAllister: " These numbers indicate the number of the deaths?

Chief Bichsel: No sir, that is the 97th fatal accident. Here just the fatal accidents are marked, but if there was more than one fatal accident, if two people were killed it would have the little black square by it and if there were more than two people killed it would have the little clover leaf by it - there are several there with clover leaves by them. These actual pins are the fatal accidents rather than actual persons. There is one thing that I think is worth noting. On Highway 90 West, where you see some seven fatal accidents, and on this strip of San Pedro north of Loop 410, where you see five fatal accidents marked, we do not have medians. We do have medians on many of our arteries, but not on all of them. Of course it is impossible to do everything we need. We have improved many of the arteries many ways, signalizing, channelizing and so forth. We need medians. It is obvious we need medians, many of these accidents are head-ons or collisions between a left turn and a straight through.

Mr. Gatti: On that, we have had a number of people down here from the Harmony Hills area requesting traffic lights and all kinds of various safety devices. Is that a state highway responsibility.

Mr. Fischer: It is our responsibility, Mr. Gatti, and with regard to San Pedro we have, at the moment, a project approved and we are working up plans to extend the median from Loop 410 to Sierra which is the end of the or where the North Expressway will come onto the San Pedro right-of-way.

Mr. Gatti: Where is that in relation to this area.

Mr. Fischer: About mid-way up from Harmony Hills. We also have a traffic signal on order for the intersection of Sierra and San Pedro Avenue.

Mr. Gatti: When will that be?

Mr. Fischer: I have no idea. We are having all kinds of problems getting delivery on traffic signal equipment.

Mr. Trevino: Do we have any similar plans on Highway 90?

Mr. Fischer: No immediate plans. But they can be worked up. Now this will, however be the City's sole responsibility. This has been turned over to the City for maintenance by the Highway Department. This is their normal procedure when they build an expressway the parallel street is turned back to the City so this would be our total responsibility.

Mr. Trevino: Do you see any lessening of the traffic or the conditions with the opening up of the new Highway 90?

Mr. Fischer: Not a great deal. I think we should proceed with the median there.

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Mr. Torres: But you say, going back to the Harmony Hills situation, there are immediate plans for a traffic signal at Sierra. That, I believe, is a location where school children have to cross.

Mr. Fischer: Yes they do have to cross there.

Mr. Henckel: How long has this been on order?

Mr. Fischer: This equipment was ordered on the 23rd of August. It was due in here on or about a 60-day delivery and we are still waiting for it.

Rev. James: How many companies make this equipment?

Mr. Fischer: We order from four firms. All four of them are slow. We have met with them, we have factory people down trying to find out what is wrong. They tell us the delay in delivery of signal equipment is primarily caused by two causes. First the industry is in the process of changing from tube-type electronics to solid-state and this is good because we have experienced with it and solid-state electronics is more reliable and the service is far better. The change over has created a delay. Secondly, and this came as a surprise to me, but we are the victims of the Viet Nam situation in that the components that they use for traffic signals are the same components that are used in much of the military electronics and space electronics and they have first call on it. So our suppliers are not getting delivery from their suppliers on the components.

Rev. James: Why are there four companies?

Mr. Fischer: We buy from four because it gives us good competition. They have good equipment and if we buy from more than this we get into a stocking problem on spare parts.

Chief Bichsel: One more item on the map in conjunction with the report is the fingers that we have extending out five miles beyond the City limits. I can't recall the exact number, but I think there are 8 or 9. These fingers have accounted or those locals have accounted for eighteen of these fatalities so far in 1968. Now the problem is that we rely to a great extent on the district patrol officer to cover those fingers going out beyond the City limits. But he does not get out there often enough to have any prevailing effect because it pulls him too far away from his district and when he gets a call he is slow arriving and it is just an awkward arrangement for the district patrolman. We also cover it with our freeway patrol and our motorcycles. We only have an average of ten or eleven of them on at any specific time and none on after about 1 o'clock in the morning, so it still rests with the patrolman to give it the consistent 24-hour coverage. This is one of the problems that is actually, here again, reflecting back on the shortage of man power.

Chief Bichsel: There are a couple of charts here that are very simple, but will give you a very clear picture of our accidents by the day of the week and the hour of the day which I think has some value to you. By the hour of the day, it is broken down into four-hour brackets and on the left margin, vertically, is the number of traffic fatalities during 1968 and during this four-hour period through about the end of October and middle of November. I think there are 91 fatal accidents accounted for on here and I think 31 of them occurred between the hours of 7 P.M. in the evening and 10 P.M. or during the four hours beginning at 7, 8, 9, & 10 and 26 occurred during the hours of 11, 12, 1 and 2. Then it drops off sharply down to five and six fatalities during the next twelve hours and bounces back up in the afternoon.

The day of the week is primarily Friday and Saturday. You see there are about 20 fatalities through the year that occurred on Friday and about 20 on Saturday. These are high days. We do peak up our police department to meet these high days. We have known this on the hours and days for a long time, but we can't, we can only reduce the normal coverage so much. We still have and have had many other problems this year. We have had a sharp increase in burglaries, a sharp increase in robbery, about 70%, and a 70% increase in auto thefts this year. So traffic is not our only problem by any means, but it undoubtedly is our most important problem at this moment.

There was a distinct slow down in traffic enforcement especially on the part of the patrol district officers during the pay controversy early in 1968. I know you recall reading of this. The statistics on hazardous moving violations. Now hazardous moving is speeding, driving while intoxicated, stop signs, signal lights and operation on the wrong side and so forth. This does not include arrests for negligent collision, no driver's license and other conditions which don't, in themselves, immediately cause an accident. So you notice the comparison here that during the first six months we were some 8,000 hazardous arrests below last year. (23,491 - 1968 : 31,922 - 1967) The next four months we picked up and exceeded the previous year by 5,000. (26,889 - 1968 : 21,867 - 1967). This came at a time when it was hard to put on a great deal of pressure because we were losing policemen. We were at the gate of HemisFair and we needed every man we had. While you can apply pressure in the department in order to get enforcement up or at least apply persuasion and encouragement, we were reluctant to press too hard with so many other opportunities available to these trained men. It's better now. The whole morale faction in the department is better.

Accidents report indicate that 27% of the drivers in fatal accidents had been drinking. You will notice that statement is a little vague because drivers in fatal accidents are usually injured, but not always. Actually most of them involved in a fatal accident go to a hospital and at that point you are not able to make a test or even a good observation because the way they walk, the way they talk, the way they appear may be the result of an injury as much as the liquor. You can smell the odor of alcohol, but you are not sure of the extent or the effect on a person that has any kind of head injury and sometimes other injuries. So we are guessing somewhat in these figures about intoxication. We are not guessing about the results we are getting in the courts. The deterrent to drunk driving has been diminished. Several years ago they changed the code of criminal procedure to permit probation of jail sentences and suspension of driver's licenses. Up until that time it was automatic that if a person was convicted of driving while intoxicated they would serve three days in jail and their license would be suspended for six months.

Chief Bichsel: This was automatic, the Judge could suspend it longer, he could suspend it a year, but six months was automatic. Now that may be probated. Figures for this year indicate that only one out of five against whom a case is accepted by the District Attorney and taken to court is actually receiving any jail sentence or driver's license suspension. About half of them are getting probation and the balance of this are found not guilty. The arrests on the other hand is a little awkward as you may have read or heard as the person who is arrested that is intoxicated must be taken to jail and this must be done by the arresting officer. There may be a better system. We don't turn them over to the wagon driver, though we do sometimes, and the arresting officer goes along with the case to the jail and actually books the person and fills out a form and then he has to get the car to the pound. We are getting to the point where we have to use our supplemental pound at our service center on Zarzamora Street, so this is a long haul sometimes. Then a detective investigator who has been trained to give this test for blood alcohol content is called in from the field and gives the test if the person desires one and a form is made out on his reactions and so forth. All this is a little bit slow. On the average, I would say that the booking of a DWI takes about two hours from the time of arrest until the officer returns to his district and on a busy Saturday night it could run three hours.

It is our belief that some of the officers are passing up borderline cases because of it being so complicated and because once the case is made there are usually three or four resets from the county court before you go to trial. Here again, while he gets paid for going to court, it falls frequently on his day off or he has worked until 11 o'clock the night before and he has to be up and in court by 9 o'clock the next morning. Even though he is being paid for it, it is not a particularly popular way to earn additional funds.

Although it is the policy of Corporation Court to increase the amount of fines for repeat violators, this policy is not being followed. Most violators continue to pay the minimum fine indicated on the citation for the first offense plea of guilty on second, third and fourth offenses and sometimes more than that. These driver records on each of these drivers up to date are submitted to the court by the electronic data processing once a month. Apparently they are not being utilized. Thousands of warrants are outstanding on repeater violators. I have not checked the records completely, but I would say at this time that there are about 5,000 warrants that are outstanding for hazardous violations on persons who have a previous record. Most of this, almost all of it, has to do with offenses that occurred in the last two years.

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Chief Bichsel: Sixty percent of the fatal accidents involved only one car. Fifty of the total deaths were passengers. At least 40 people and possibly more could have been saved if they had had a seat belt on.

Mr. Torres: How did you make that determination?

Chief Bichsel: Because of the manner in which they were injured. Mostly head injury by hitting the top of the car, windshield, the front of the car. Belts won't save all injuries but they will save the injuries from being so severe by holding them in one place. Many of these fatalities were people who fell from the car.

Mr. Torres: There were a larger number than forty or fifty who were not using seat belts that you cite, is that correct?

Chief Bichsel: We only have a record of one person who had a seat belt on and that was the police officer who was killed on E. Commerce Street when he collided with a pole about four months ago. There was no indication on any of the other fatalities that they were wearing a seat belt. I don't believe there were any others.

The primary causes were very similar to previous rundowns: Speed - 43%, Failure to Yield - 25%, this occurs mostly at intersections, Stop Sign Violation - 10%, Signal Light Violation - 8%, Wrong side - 7%, All Others - 7%. All of these, or at least the first five are hazardous violations. Thank you.

Mayor McAllister: Thank you very much for that interesting study. I want to say that in New Orleans the other day, I cut a clipping from the paper and the title of the article is "Driving Becomes Privilege". I am going to ask Mr. Walker to contact the state and find out just what their new law is. But they have a new severe law in Louisiana. They have also had the same problems we have, a tremendous increase in auto fatalities and they have prepared a law that I think will help the police a great deal and likewise to make it impossible for a lot of these continued DWI violators who continue to drive.

Chief Bichsel: In talking about implied consent, they changed the law controlling your driver's license to a point where when you obtain your license you agree to surrender it or take a test for blood alcohol if you are suspected on approach by a police officer. This is being required by the federal government in connection with the states obtaining their full allotment of highway funds so I am sure Texas will have it.

Mr. Gatti: Mr. Henckel, the Chief said we have 28 cadets in training now and how many more have we budgeted for for the rest of this budget year?

Mr. Henckel: I don't recall the figure offhand.

Chief Bichsel: Well we are authorized about 835 and these 28 will bring us up to about 788 and we will still have 47 vacancies. We are of course building the next class now.

Mr. Henckel: Of course, by the time we have the next class, we will have additional vacancies because of the loss of a few men that we normally have.

Mayor, I would like to make a few comments in regard to this report. I have asked the Greater San Antonio Safety Council to make a study and recommendation to us which is just about complete. There are four items that I think are a primary concern and that I think we should direct our attention to. One, is stricter enforcement. It is unfortunate, and I am speaking for myself as well as the police department, that we can't always foresee the results of our action. The ticket slow down had a result that neither the members of the police department nor the staff could foresee and that is the human element. During this slow down the people acquired the habit of violating the law and weren't arrested so we are on a continuous catch up. The fact that we have increased enforcement still has not reached the element that was violating the law during this period. When you get in the habit of a violation you continue to do so until you are caught. So because of the lack of men we haven't been able to apprehend all these people.

Secondly we need to speed up the acquisition of traffic signals. One way we may do this is in our purchase put a time requirement with a priority purchase, which would mean we would pay more money for the equipment. However, I think this would be justified and I think the San Pedro Avenue is a prime example that it would have certainly been worth our while to pay more for the equipment if we could get earlier delivery and prevent the loss of life.

Next, we need a planned educational program through the news media to the public. This is something we've talked about for years and years. The few courses that I have attended on traffic safety and are always very striking as you see the results of studies that were made all over the country and particularly by the universities showing what happens when you have the inertia when two automobiles collide. There are some very excellent films which all of our City employees see in the course that they take and I think if we could get the news media to emphasize them and run them on their programs that it would make some of our citizens conscience of what can happen to them.

The next one is always a touchy subject when we start saying that the laws are not sufficient, but we need stricter enforcement of the laws we have, both by Corporation Court and the County Court. It would very definitely have a deterrent affect. One of the problems is the fact that we have so many people driving now that have been arrested who have had their license removed because they did not have the requirements of the financial responsibility act or because of some other violation and they still continue to drive. It is an utter disregard of the law. It is an impossibility to stop every car and check them for a driver's license and check them for how many violations they have. But we need to find some way that we can get the message to the public, to the citizens that these people who have had their license removed, people who have had repeated violations, whether it be DWI or speeding, that they need to be off the road and that they are a hazard to the citizens who are driving.

Mr. Henckel: So what I would like to emphasize, and would like to ask the Council to permit us to proceed in these five points that I just mentioned to see what we could do in that respect. We will just be barely scratching the surface, but we need to do something and immediately.

Mr. Gatti: What about this number 4, Mr. Walker?

Mr. Henckel: That is the repeated violators and this is a very serious thing.

Mr. Trevino: What would be the reason for the size of the number of outstanding warrants?

Mr. Henckel: I'm glad you brought that up. This is part of the law enforcement recommendation. I think it is evident that we need a revision of our Corporation Court and warrant officer section. Three weeks ago I instructed Mr. Bolen and Mr. White to work up a new plan which they are doing and I will be to you very shortly with it. It is very evident that they are not getting the warrants served, it is evident the court is not able to keep up with the tremendous volume because as the Chief stated, by the time the violator gets two or three or four postponements and comes to court he usually gets the minimum fine. And again whatever he was involved in is usually forgotten and has not made an impression on him at that time. If we could get the violators to court and they could be hit with stiffer fines and particularly those that are repeat. We have cases where a man has had four or five violations and he receives a minimum fine on the fifth one. We have many where there are outstanding warrants for five, six and ten cases where the person has never been brought to trial. These people are just a hazard to the rest of the community.

Mr. Gatti: Is not this the fault of the Judges, in other words don't they know these people have these.

Mr. Henckel: No sir. The Judges do know. We furnish a computerized list monthly to the court alphabetically.

Mr. Gatti: The Corporation Court Judges work for the City Council and I would like for the Judges to meet with the Council.

Mayor McAllister: We will do that at a very early date.

Mr. Henckel: This needs to be looked into. In fairness to the Judges though, I think the revision of the court setup is necessary because the reason the cases are handled in this manner is the backlog and volume that has to be handled through the court, so it is a matter of numbers. I think this is the reason many times why they accept a minimum fine just to get the case disposed of rather than have it postponed and have it to continue to stack up.

PRESENTATION REGARDING USE OF HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR STATE UNIVERSITY:

"My name is Ed Harllee. I am a citizen of San Antonio and I appear before you on behalf of Downtown, Inc., a voluntary association of businessmen, property owners and others interested in the problems of the central city.

Our association has participated in the examination of various re-use suggestions for the HemisFair area and the Board of Directors has agreed that the use of the HemisFair area for educational and cultural purposes is the best use. Among the educational and cultural purposes, the use of the HemisFair area for the location of a State University appears to us to be the very best use.

Let me show you on this map the exact area we are discussing. The area colored blue contains the convention area and the Tower of the Americas site. This area is excluded from our consideration. These facilities have been erected for various purposes and should not be considered as a part of the University site.

In red color, there is an area of 69.74 acres which contains a number of permanent buildings including the Institute of Texan Cultures located on 6.5 acres of land and the U. S. Pavilion located on 4.6 acres of land. It is this area which we believe should receive first consideration. If a State University is located in this area, we believe that the institute and the Federal Pavilion should be transferred to the University. As regards the Institute, the University would provide the kind of administration required to make the Institute the kind of living institution which Governor Connally so wisely foresaw. The use of the U. S. Pavilion as a part of a great University certainly is consistent with the purposes of the exhibit itself and the interest of the Federal government in higher education.

We are aware that 70 acres of land will be considered as not fully adequate for a great State University and we have consulted with the Urban Renewal Administration regarding room for expansion. The area colored green contains approximately 128 acres of land whose borders roughly are Durango Blvd. on the north, South Presa on the West, Carolina on the South and Interstate Highway 37 and Victoria Courts on the East. Preliminary estimates, and they are truly both preliminary and estimates, place the approximate acquisition cost of this area at \$6,900,000. The City's one third cost of this would be \$2,300,000 and against this cost there would be a number of credits by virtue of certain improvements which would reduce this amount further. We are informed that under the Neighborhood Development Program authorized in 1968 it would be possible to move such a project forward as fast or faster than was the program which resulted in the HemisFair area.

All in all then, there are 200 acres of land, 70 acres available almost at once and 128 acres available in the reasonably foreseeable future.

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If the City conveys the HemisFair area shown to a State University, it will have succeeded in conveying the property in a single package for a single purpose consistent with the great cultural beginning established by the HemisFair. It will have made available to the University not only a great site, but also 775,000 sq. ft. of buildings in some instances readily convertible for temporary use. This would assure an even earlier beginning of the University than originally contemplated by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. September, 1971, would be a realistic target date.

The location of a State University in the HemisFair area seems to us a self-evident good. This central location would provide for the greatest possible accessibility to all areas of the city, but especially to areas of increasing socio-economic and educational concern - the East Side and the Model Cities area on the West Side.

The stimulation of private enterprise around the University will result in the conversion of additional area and result in increased valuation for tax purposes. An examination of the area around the University of Texas at Austin will give a picture of what can be expected. Off campus housing for students and faculty members, new businesses and expansion of existing businesses all can be anticipated.

The central City area of San Antonio is of increasing concern, not only for those of us who live and work in the area, but for the City and County as well. The decrease in property values with resulting decrease in tax revenues should be of genuine concern to all, not just those in the central city area. The location of a State University adjacent to this central city area will be a much needed stimulus to the backbone of our City life. The location of a University, a great educational institution, next to our cultural center, the Convention Center, Theatre of the Performing Arts, Arena, and Tower are naturally and rightly complementary. Adjacent to the river, a stone's throw from the Alamo in one direction, LaVillita and historic King William Street in another direction also make the site an unusually suitable one.

The Downtown Association has made a number in inquiries of knowledgeable educators, and university architects and is sufficiently convinced that the HemisFair area is a feasible site for a State University; that it has agreed it will raise funds for a land use study by persons acceptable to the University. One need only look at great urban universities such as the University of Pennsylvania, the new Chicago Campus of the University of Illinois, New York University, and the downtown campus of Northwestern University to realize what could be established on as superior a site as we suggest here.

We know that there will be many questions. All of these, properly, should be answered in the planning process. One that is certain to be raised is that of parking. I need not tell you that the Central City Association has been more concerned with that problem over the years than any other group. We know that proper planning of all types of parking, surface, underground, and garages is essential.

Someone will raise the question of a field house, stadium, and practice fields. We are aware of these and believe they can be accommodated in the 198 acres outlined.

Comparisons will be made between this great central location which will cost the city some money and free areas offered by various self-seeking groups hoping to stimulate the demand for their unimproved property by the exploitation of the State University. These comparisons should be made in terms of the greatest benefit for the greatest number - educationally, socially, and economically for the city, the county, the state, and yes, even the United States as a whole.

Do not misunderstand us please, the Downtown Association first and foremost is dedicated to obtaining a State University for San Antonio. At the same time, it will work and provide funds for the location of that University in the HemisFair area.

We have prepared a resolution which we ask that you consider, pass, and implement by appropriate ordinances. It summarizes the statements we have made and the actions we have suggested.

Your Downtown Association appreciates the opportunity to present this great course of action to you."

The following discussion took place:

Mayor McAllister: I want to say, speaking for myself, that I appreciate the interest the Downtowners are showing in this property and its use. It is certainly a matter of great interest and concern to the Council. Immediately comes to mind our tentative commitments with regards to the establishment of a museum there and also our tentative commitment of making certain buildings and land available for the USO. After we get through taking those things into consideration, there isn't anywhere near 69 acres left. There won't be that much land available. But I think perhaps the best thing to do because we couldn't pass a resolution such as you suggest at this time, but we will take your suggestion, study it against the map ourselves and then at an informal conference, call you or your committee and discuss it with you. We obviously are very much interested in seeing the area put to the very best use, as is most of San Antonio.

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Mrs. Cockrell: Mr. Mayor, I think this matter is really very, very important and that the Council needs to set a definite time for our meeting when we will really come to grips with the whole thing. We all need to study the resolution, study the problems and I think we need to really arrive at some decision. As background information, I think we could all go back and study the Staff work that was done by our Director of Education and Human Resources in his recommendation for the State University and that could be good background study for us. I would also like to receive in writing, if it could be made available, a written copy of the proposal for the World Institute of Creativity. I seem not to have been able to get a copy of that report and recommendation. I think we have to evaluate that along with the proposal of the University site. The third area, of course, is alternate proposals that have been made and certainly the Council does have to move ahead with the decision. Could we set, say the first Council meeting in January as a definite time?

Mr. Harlee: May I interject here, Mrs. Cockrell? The Bexar Legislative Group has imposed a deadline for submission of sites for December 15. This is really our problem and this is why we ask you take action as soon as possible.

Mayor McAllister: Who did you say has done that?

Mr. Harlee: The Bexar Legislative Group has asked that all proposals be in their hands by December 15 so they can take this to the Vice Chancellors of the University for advice on the proposal. It is my understanding that at this time they have five or six proposals of land at the present. This is the problem we face of making a decision and recommending to you that you make a decision. We don't want you to make a hasty decision, we want you to think it out.

Mr. Torres: What would a feasibility study cost? You mentioned in your report that you have talked with a number of educators and architects. Do you have any kind of figure? On what a feasibility, main use study would cost so we can determine if it could properly be planned.

Mr. Harlee: This is a little difficult, but I would guess in the neighborhood of \$15,000. What we are talking about is someone who knows the planning of universities.

Mr. Torres: This is what I am talking about. Someone who would come in and would be able to study whether the site can be used for a university or determine some initial plans for use as a university.

Mr. Harlee: We have not made any contacts in this field because, as I stated, we would like whoever was employed to be acceptable to the University and also we have just not had time in the past few weeks to hire somebody to present a plan to you today. We don't propose, number one, to tell them how to build their university.

Mr. Gatti: I don't know about this deadline, but if we were to pass a resolution stating that if the University and City agree that the site is suitable, that would give us an out as this is a critical period and has to be submitted by the 15th as one of the sites. We are either going to have to get this date extended or give some indication that we have an interest pretty darn quick.

Mr. Jones: I can't conceive that we would not consider this a site, or one of several, not knowing at this point whether it can be done or not. But if the 15th is the deadline, we would be derelict in our responsibility not to include this as a potential site.

Mr. Gatti: In other words, if they say it is feasible, we would give it serious consideration.

Mr. Harllee: Let me put it this way, Mr. Gatti. Our investigation says it is feasible, but it is no sign that the University is going to think it is feasible.

Mr. Gatti: What I am saying is, if this is true that we have to have this in the ring, along with the ones that have already been proposed, I think five sites have been proposed, we ought to get our hat in the ring too.

Mayor McAllister: Let me suggest that you get in touch with Mr. Frank Lombardino and find out whether that is his date or why that date was selected and advise us.

Mr. Harllee: It was announced at a meeting with Mr. Lombardino and some Vice Chancellors from the University at a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce several weeks ago that this was the date and we were also quoted it again several days ago in the news release.

Mr. Henckel: I may be able to add a little light to that. I was told, in talking with Mr. Lombardino yesterday, that they have set a deadline because he intends to introduce a bill at the early part of the opening session designating the site for the university. So this is the reason for the haste.

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Later in the meeting, the Mayor announced that a Special Meeting of the City Council would be held on Tuesday, December 17, 1968 at 3:00 P.M. to consider the proposal on use of the HemisFair Plaza.
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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,113

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS AS LISTED TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITH CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES (TRUCKS) FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$367,628.36, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

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Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that nine bids were received, all of which met specifications. Later North Star Dodge Company advised that they had made several errors on their bid and desired that their bid be withdrawn. He recommended that the low qualified bids of Tom Benson Chevrolet Company, Hemphill McCombs Ford, International Harvester, Red McCombs Ford Truck Sales and O. R. Mitchell Trucks, Inc., to furnish eighty-two (82) trucks be accepted.

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

68-414

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,114

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF DAVIS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH 35 REFUSE COLLECTION UNITS FOR A TOTAL OF \$138,415.00, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

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Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, explained that five bids were received, all of which met specifications and recommended that the low qualified bid of Davis Truck and Equipment Company be accepted.

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

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68-414 The following ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Cockrell, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,115

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF TRAFFIC SUPPLIES, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,781.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,116

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION FOR MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE FOR CERTAIN ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS, ETC. FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,030.38.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,117

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF GIRARD MACHINERY & SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ONE BACKHOE/LOADER TRACTOR FOR A TOTAL OF \$8,598.00.

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Purchasing Agent, John Brooks, explained that three bids were received and all met specifications with the exception of Jim Dulaney Machinery Company. The Dulaney bid did not meet specifications with reference to size of engine and type of transmission. He added that Mr. Dulaney has not submitted a protest. He recommended that the low qualified bid of Girard Machinery be accepted.

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

68-414 Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained the following ordinance and after consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, James, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,118

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE
OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TO THE DEE HOWARD COMPANY.

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68-414 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,119

FINDING AND DECLARING FOUR ABANDONED
AIRCRAFT AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AIRPORT HAZARD
AND AUTHORIZING IMPOUNDING AND DISPOSAL.

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Director of Aviation, Tom Raffety, presented pictures of four abandoned airplanes which were abandoned on City property at International Airport. Each plane is not airworthy or in operable condition, having been stripped of its engines and most other parts. He added the owners of the aircrafts are either unknown or cannot be located. These planes will be disposed of in the same manner as the City disposes of abandoned motor vehicles found on public property, the procedure, which is set out in Section 4-1 of the City Code. By adoption of this ordinance, it will allow him to dispose of these four airplanes and any other such airplanes abandoned in the future.

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

68-414 Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, James, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,120

AMENDING A LEASE OF SPACE (LEASE 57),
AS ALREADY AMENDED, AT INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT TO EASTERN AIRLINES, INC., AND
EXTENDING THE TERM OF SAID LEASE FOR
ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.

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68-414 Consideration of Item ten on the agenda, being an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Dixie Decorators, Inc., for lease of Buildings 311 and 312 at HemisFair Plaza was postponed for one week.

68-414 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Jones; ABSENT: Calderon, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 37,121

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF J & F CON-
STRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF CONCRETE WALKS AT PASEO DEL RIO;
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; AUTHORIZING
PAYMENT OF \$2,987.80 TO SAID CONTRACTOR;
AUTHORIZING \$147.20 TO BE USED AS A
CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; AND
AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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68-414 Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained an ordinance granting permission to Milton Clausewitz to erect an eight-foot chain link fence for security purposes at 1301 Summerset Road.

Discussion brought out that this was an auto salvage yard or junk yard and Mr. Vann was asked to contact Mr. Clausewitz to see if he will install a solid screen fence instead of a chain link fence.

Further consideration of the ordinance was then postponed.

68-414

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,122

APPROPRIATING \$250,000.00 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 489-1 AND \$125,000.00 OUT OF STORM DRAINAGE BOND FUND NO. 489-02; AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF SAID SUMS TO NORTH EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND NO. 479-19 AS A TEMPORARY ADVANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF SUCH APPROPRIATED FUNDS BY REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS.

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Mr. Carl White, Budget Director, advised that the North Expressway Bond Fund has a balance of \$771,000.00. There will be two ordinances presented which will total \$900,000.00. The State will reimburse the City in the amount of \$450,000.00 and probably within thirty days and at that time the money will be paid back to the Street Improvement and Drainage Bond Funds.

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

68-414 Action on Item number fifteen on the agenda, being an ordinance appropriating \$22,245.00 in payment of Condemnation Award in cases C-718, C-719 and C-720, was postponed due to illness of Mr. Raymond Weber, Condemnation Attorney.

68-414

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,123

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND THE CITY CLERK TO AFFIX THE CORPORATE SEAL AND ATTEST THE SAME, A CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS FOR THE PURPOSES OF DETERMINING THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE STREET ILLUMINATION SYSTEM ON THE SAN ANTONIO URBAN EXPRESSWAY; FROM INTER-STATE HIGHWAY 410 TO CUPPLES ROAD, THE ROUTE OF U.S. HIGHWAY 90.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, explained that this was the usual contract entered into with the State of Texas for street illumination. The City's share of the cost for this section of U. S. Highway 90 from I.H.410 to Cupples Road amounts to \$138,000.00.

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

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, presented the Council with a report on traffic light and street light improvements.

This report is submitted in response to Mayor McAllister's inquiry regarding the status of the work done to improve street lighting and to install traffic signals. It will cover the work done during the 1967-68 fiscal year and until 1 December of this year plus the work scheduled for the remainder of this year.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

During the fiscal year 1967-68 new traffic signals were installed at 20 intersections shown on the list attached to this report. From August to December of this year new signals have been installed at 11 intersections.

The signal program also includes major improvements to previously installed signals. This would consist of erecting additional signal indications for better visibility or providing better control equipment for improved efficiency. Improvements were made to 14 intersections during 1967-68 and at three intersections during this current year.

The materials cost for the new intersections installed in 1967-68 was \$35,500 and for the improvements was \$19,560.00. The new intersections installed this year cost \$12,160 and the improvements \$2,000.

Our ability to meet the demand for signal improvements is limited by the availability of men, vehicles, and materials. We have previously been limited by a shortage of men and vehicles which was overcome by recently approved budget increases. Just as we were getting ready to increase our output we were subjected to delays in the delivery of materials. At the present time we have approximately \$53,400 worth of purchase orders pending that provide materials for 57 intersections. The delivery date for all but two of these purchase orders is overdue and these two had 22 and 30 week deliveries respectively. These orders are divided between four major manufacturers and all have delivery problems.

I have checked with other Texas cities and found that they are all having the same problem. On 21 November a meeting was held between representative of the manufacturers and

of about 12 cities. At this meeting we were told that there were two main reasons for the delays

1. All of the control equipment is being converted to solid state electronics and the change over was slower than was anticipated. This conversion is being done to take advantage of the increase in reliability that solid state provides.
2. The components needed to build traffic control equipment are the same as needed for space and military requirements, and these agencies have been absorbing almost all of the output. As a result the signal manufacturers have not been able to obtain their requirements and cannot complete building their equipment.

At this meeting the manufacturers indicated that the situation was improving and that they expected deliveries to improve.

STREET LIGHTING

The City has budgeted \$500,000 per year for street light installation each year for more than 15 years. This money is divided into three programs for expressway, arterial, and residential street lighting.

During the last fiscal year 763 lights were installed on sections of I. H. 10, I. H. 35, I. H. 37 and U.S. 90 Expressways. During the present year we plan to install lights on U.S. 90 Expressway from Cupples Road and Loop 410 at a City cost of \$138,000.

The arterial street light program installed 413 lights on nine arterial streets, the Medical Center area, and the Northeast Preserve in 1967-68. During the current year we propose to install arterial lighting on 19 major streets.

During the last fiscal year street lights were placed at 324 residential locations. It is anticipated that the same number will be installed this year. This program enables us to meet the demand for lights spaced approximately 500 feet apart. It would be desirable to place lights closer together in residential areas, but they would all be mid-block locations which are full of problems of providing electrical service and light shining into houses. It is believed that the street lighting program is in good shape and should not be altered.

FISCAL YEAR 1967-68

New Signals Installed

San Pedro - Rampart
McCullough - Rector
W. W. White - Southcross

Signals Improved

Wilson - Woodlawn
Wilson - Cincinnati
General McMullen - Cincinnati

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New Signals Installed

Pleasanton - Formosa
 Southcross - Gevers
 Hoefgen - Carolina
 Fredericksburg - Williamsburg
 McCullough - Woodlawn
 San Pedro - North Towne Plaza
 East Commerce - Hoefgen
 East Commerce - Elm
 Hoefgen - Santa Clara
 Hoefgen - Victoria - Durango
 General McMullen - Ceralvo
 Roland - Rigsby
 Durango - Alamo
 Durango - St. Mary's
 Durango - Main
 Durango - Dwyer
 Durango - Flores

Signals Improved

Bandera - Cheryl
 Woodlawn - St. Cloud
 Colorado - Culebra
 Colorado - Martin
 Hildebrand - Shook
 Fredericksburg - Five Points
 San Pedro - Rector
 Gevers - Porter
 New Braunfels - Southcross
 Zarzamora - Frio City Road
 Durango - Santa Rosa
 Brooks Field - Loop 13
 (Both entrances)

FISCAL YEAR 1968-69

New Signals Installed

Buena Vista - 19th
 Nebraska - Clark
 Blanco - Lovera
 East Houston - Sam Houston High
 Ruiz - 24th
 Pleasanton - Pyron
 Highway 90 - Acme Road
 Coliseum - Gembler
 Bandera - Hillcrest
 Woodlawn - 36th
 Culebra - 36th

Signals Improved

Broadview - Bandera
 New Braunfels - Burr
 New Braunfels - Hildebrand

Signals to be Improved

Flores - Southcross
 Flores - Huff (Pyron)
 Flores - Sayer
 Pleasanton - Southcross
 Fair - New Braunfels
 St. Mary's - Pereida
 St. Mary's - Alamo
 St. Mary's - Presa
 St. Mary's - Lotus
 Castroville Hwy. - 36th
 W. W. White - Houston
 Probandt - Steves - Banks
 Steves - Roosevelt
 Broadway - Hildebrand
 Jackson Keller - San Pedro
 Southcross - Zarzamora
 Basse - McCullough
 Oblate - San Pedro
 Loop 310 - Hildebrand
 Probandt - Lone Star
 Probandt - Cevallos
 San Pedro - Rector
 Roland - Rigsby
 Culebra - McMullen
 Thompson - McMullen

New Signals to be Installed

Spriggsdale - Commerce
 Nevada - New Braunfels
 Funston - New Braunfels
 Pershing - New Braunfels
 Pecan Valley - Rigsby
 Commerce 36th
 St. Cloud - Sunshine
 New Braunfels - Utopia
 Spriggsdale - Nebraska
 Blanco - West Avenue
 San Pedro - Isom
 Babcock - Callaghan
 Blanco - Ramsey
 Hutchins - Commercial
 Blanco - Rector
 McCullough - North Star Mall
 Acme Road - Highway 90
 Roosevelt - Southcross
 San Pedro - Sahara

PURCHASE ORDERS PENDING

1. Twelve controllers ordered 29 September 1967. Partial delivery on 8 December 1968.
2. One controller ordered 7 May 1968, due 3 October 1968.
3. One master controller ordered 7 August 1968. Due 15 October 1968.
4. Six controllers ordered 23 August 1968. Due April 1969.
5. Twelve detectors ordered 23 August 1968. Due 1 October 1968.
6. Five controllers ordered 23 August 1968. Due 21 November 1968.
7. Thirty controllers ordered 23 August 1968. Due 7 October 1968.
8. Signal cable ordered 23 August 1968. Due 23 January 1969.

68-414 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded, each ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 37,124

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF MARTINEZ STREET AS A PUBLIC STREET BETWEEN NEW CITY BLOCK 902 AND NEW CITY BLOCK 904, BETWEEN SOUTH PRESA STREET AND SOUTH SAINT MARY'S STREET AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR SAME TO ADJACENT OWNER, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$5,400.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO ADJACENT OWNER, HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY BY SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED OF A SMALL TRACT OF CITY-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY OUT OF NEW CITY BLOCK 904 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$3,600.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,125

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, PLAYLAND PARK PROPERTIES CORPORATION, JAMES E. JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY, AND HEMISFAIR AMUSEMENTS, INC. FOR THE EXCHANGE OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES; CLOSING, ABANDONING AND VACATING A PORTION OF NIKA STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED PURSUANT TO SUCH AGREEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,126

CLOSING AND ABANDONING VALLOMBROSA DRIVE WITH ITS ENTIRE CUL-DE-SAC AND RELEASING A TEN FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19 AND 20, NEW CITY BLOCK 11624, IN VALLOMBROSA SUBDIVISION, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING THREE QUIT-CLAIM DEEDS TO FRANK M. LASSITER AND E. C. SCHWOPE, JR., FRANK M. LASSITER, AND HENRY A. REED, ET AL, FOR THE TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF \$3,052.00.

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68-414 Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, explained the following ordinances and after consideration on motion made and duly were each passed and approved by the following vote:
 AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill;
 NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,127

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A TRACT OF LAND 33.44 SQUARE FEET OF PUBLIC ALLEY LOCATED ADJACENT TO LOT 14, BLOCK 41, NEW CITY BLOCK 12330 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM DEED OF THE SAME TO GILBERT E. KINDER FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$150.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,128

CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF LADON ROAD AND ALL OF LAUREL DRIVE, BALSAM DRIVE AND MOCKINGBIRD ROAD AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO H. B. ZACHRY PROPERTIES, INC. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE DEDICATION BY SUBDIVISION PLAT OF HIDDEN CREEK SUBDIVISION UNIT I OF CERTAIN NEW STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,129

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$879,930.00 OUT OF 1961 NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS FOR PURCHASE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY; APPROPRIATING \$1,355.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND #404

TO ACQUIRE EASEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SALADO CREEK SEWER PROJECT ALSO ACCEPTING EASEMENTS AND TWO (2) PIPE LINE LICENSES PERTAINING TO TENNESSEE-PACIFIC PAVING PROJECT AND EL DORADO SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER APPROACH MAIN PROJECT.

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68-414 The following ordinance was explained by Public Works Director, Sam Granata, and after consideration on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,130

ADOPTING PREVAILING WAGE RATES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH ALL CITY PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS OTHER THAN THOSE INVOLVING HEAVY CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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68-414 The following ordinance was read by the City Clerk and on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE 37,131

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REFUNDS TO VARIOUS CONCERNS AND INDIVIDUALS DUE TO THE OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES. (\$1,443.36 TO BEXAR COUNTY ASSESSOR COLLECTOR FOR TAXES DUE THE STATE STATE AND COUNTY RE: SUIT #14342. CHECK TENDERED CITY INCLUDED THESE TAXES.)

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68-414

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,132

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF A PORTION OF LOT 5, NEW CITY BLOCK 13420 LOCATED WITHIN CENTRAL WEST PROJECT I, TEX. R-39 TO SOUTH-WEST CRYOGENICS, INCORPORATED FOR THE SUM OF \$28,881.68.

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Mr. Bill Toudouze, representing the Urban Renewal Agency, stated that the Southwest Cryogenics proposed to build an office building and warehouse facility. The building will be of masonry construction and contain four thousand square feet. The sale price is \$1.45 per square foot. He stated that the Urban Renewal Staff and the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Governors have approved the sale.

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

68-414

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,133

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FOR THE NORTH PART OF LOT 2, NEW CITY BLOCK 13608, LOCATED WITHIN CENTRAL WEST PROJECT I, TEX. R-39 TO ALBERT LEWIS.

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Mr. Bill Toudouze, representing the Urban Renewal Agency, advised the Council that Mr. Albert Lewis submitted the best bid in the amount of \$98,517.17 for the purchase of 43,785.65 square feet of land. The price per square foot is \$2.25. He stated that the Urban Renewal Staff and the Urban Renewal Agency Board of Commissioners recommended acceptance of the bid.

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

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A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING AND NAMING THE CENTRAL THEME STRUCTURE OF HEMISFAIR PLAZA THE "TOWER OF THE AMERICAS" AS A PERMANENT MONUMENT AND ARTISTIC REPRESENTATION OF THE CONFLUENCE OF CIVILIZATIONS IN THE AMERICAS AS EXEMPLIFIED IN THE HERITAGE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DURING THE PAST 250 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDING.

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has just celebrated its 250th Anniversary by holding an International Exposition known as "HemisFair '68", which reflected the achievements of ancient and modern civilizations of the Americas and the profound influences upon these civilizations of other peoples from other regions of the earth; and

WHEREAS, in connection with such International Exposition, a permanent monument commemorating the confluence of the civilizations in America, the tallest tower in the Western hemisphere was erected by the City of San Antonio as the central theme structure of a public area known as the Civic Center Urban Renewal Project and recently named "HemisFair Plaza" was designated "Tower of the Americas"; and

WHEREAS, said Tower was erected, constructed and opened during 1968, and financed by the people of San Antonio through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of commemorating the important theme of its International Exposition and as a permanent monument symbolic of the continuing confluence of civilizations found in the City of San Antonio and to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, this City Council wishes to permanently designate and commemorate the permanent benefits to be derived from construction and appreciation of this living symbol in the future for the citizens of San Antonio, of Texas, of the United States and of the world, as they visit the City of San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, said theme structure is the central symbol of the City's heritage located within and surrounded by an area owned by the public and should permanently stand as a symbol of the promise for the future of the continued confluence of the civilizations of the Americas as exemplified by the citizenry and culture of the City of San Antonio; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

Section 1. The central theme structure erected by the City of San Antonio in the Civic Center Project Area now known as HemisFair Plaza is hereby permanently designated and named "Tower of the Americas" to stand as an artistic symbol of the

confluence of civilizations and cultures exemplified by the citizenry of the City of San Antonio and as a monument to the 250th Anniversary of the founding of San Antonio.

Section 2. Said structure is hereby dedicated for the enhancement of the cultural, educational and civic development of the area known as HemisFair Plaza, as an example of the City of San Antonio's commitment to the highest design criteria for its Civic Center Project and in conformance with the objectives established by the City for the development of this area for the benefit of all of the citizens and peoples of the world.

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Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell advised the Council that the Urban Renewal Agency in submitting its reports to Washington, need to have a legal document designating the Tower at HemisFair Plaza as "Tower of the Americas". This resolution will officially designate it as such.

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

68-414 The Clerk read the following Resolution and on motion of Mr Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

A RESOLUTION

APPOINTING ROBERT BARRETT AS A
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS TO FILL THE VACANCY CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JUVENTINO GUERRA.

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Councilman Pete Torres, Jr. submitted the following letter for incorporation in the minutes of the City Council:

RE: AACOG APPLICATION OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL FUNDS

Dear Mayor McAllister & Fellow Council Members:

I understand that the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) has submitted an application for federal funds under Public Law 90-351. I would convey to the Mayor and Council some misgivings that I have about the application.

While I am a proponent of regional planning and consolidation of services, I am not certain that the AACOG application in this instance accomplishes the desired objective. On the contrary, it may be leading to further duplication and overlapping.

The act itself in Title I dealing with law enforcement assistance provides in its preamble on declarations and purposes that "crime is essentially a local problem that must be dealt with by state and local governments in strengthening and improving law enforcement at every level by national assistance." It is the purpose of this title," the act continues, "to (1) encourage states and units of general local government to prepare and adopt comprehensive plans... (2) authorize grants to states and units of local government in order to improve and strengthen law enforcement..." The act at Section 203 provides for the creation of a state planning agency under the governor to be represented by law enforcement agencies and the units of local government. (The emphasis on local government is mine.)

In his special message to Congress of February 6, 1967 on the Crime Commission Report, President Johnson called for enactment of this type of legislation and he cited then that "our system of law enforcement is essentially local: based upon local initiative, generated by local energies, and controlled by local officials."

The bill in its entirety and all authoritative references that I have studied rely heavily and almost exclusively on grants to local law enforcement agencies. Joint planning is encouraged for smaller communities that do not meet the requisite population standards.

Thus, the City of San Antonio which is already engaged in considerable planning and which bears the brunt of the investigative workload for this metropolitan area is being preempted for planning dollars intended for a local police department in a duplicitous maneuver by an agency organized to coordinate rather than initiate and direct functions. Further the problems that the Safe Streets Act seeks to resolve are the problems of a population center like San Antonio.

Ultimately, should AACOG acquire the funds, the resources of the San Antonio Police Department would be the prime source of data and in any event, we would be the ultimate users since we are the principal law enforcement agency and certainly the only one with the force and resources of sufficient strength to implement any major project.

I think we would be derelict in not questioning this application and in not seeking direct funding for our police department for this planning grant. There are problems of dope traffic, violent killings and robberies and even traffic fatalities that are problems not of the Alamo Area region but of the City of San Antonio itself. Thus, the grant should be not to an overlapping jurisdiction but to our local jurisdiction.

I may add that in addition to the State Planning Director contemplated by the act, there already exists a component review committee on crime in our Model Cities program with a full time analyst on the payroll. Thus, the AACOG proposal would not merely be a duplication--it would amount to four

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jurisdictions: the State Planning Director, AACOG, the San Antonio Police, and Model Cities Component Review Committee---accomplishing substantially the same function.

I would urge, therefore, that the City withdraw its approval of the AACOG proposal and submit its own proposal to Governor Connally's Planning Division studying this matter.

Councilman Torres: I want to add to the minutes of the Council, and incorporate the letter sent to the Members of the Council on December 9, 1968 concerning the AACOG Application under the Omnibus Crime Control Act. I know the money was turned down last Monday, but I would like us to proceed in any event with our own application for that money. I refer to the comments that were made by Chief Bichsel this morning about the sharp increase in robberies, burglaries, and auto theft, and I cite President Johnson's message to Congress, February 6, 1967, when he called for the enactment of this type of legislation and commenting on the Crime Commission's Report. I am citing the fact that this is the very type of problem that this Crime Control Act money was supposed to resolve. The idea was that this money was to go to local communities, like the City of San Antonio, having the type of problems we are now having and the very thing we discussed this morning. I would like to see us go through with an application, Mr. Mayor.

Mrs. Cockrell: May I comment on that as your official representative to the Alamo Area Council of Governments? The Council Members have, I am sure, all read the recommendation of Mr. Torres. Let me say as your designated delegate to the Alamo Area Council of Governments I certainly welcome the interest of Council Members in the work of the Alamo Area Council of Governments because it is a most important organization.

The Omnibus Crime Bill to which Mr. Torres refers, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, hereinafter referred to as the Safe Streets Act, provides 1% of the federal funds granted to the State Planning Agency will be available to units of general local government or combinations of such units to participate in the comprehensive state plan. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration Tentative Application Guide states that planning efforts on a regional, metropolitan or other combined interest basis are encouraged and should receive priority. For information for Members of the Council, there are now twenty of these regional Councils of Government within the state and the State Planning Agency made the determination that it would request that such Planning Grants would be granted and dealt with through the regional Councils of Government. So the Alamo Area Council of Governments wished to respond positively to the request that came to the Council from the state. The proposal to seek a Planning Grant was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee at its meeting of November 26, 1968. The report was passed by the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of AACOG Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Committee.

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These two Committees are composed of a wide range of both professionals and community representatives. Our Chief Bichsel represented the City, as well as others and concurred. I just chatted with him this morning, and he concurred with the planning that has gone into these requests. Now following the planning study that will be done through the regional Council, there will be opportunities for individual local governments to request funds for implementation or action programs that are in accord with the planning that has been done by the regional Council of Governments and also by the state agency. So I feel sure there will be specific areas where the City of San Antonio may be asked to implement certain other programs that have been studied and approved by the Council of Governments and through the state agency.

As I understand the grant situation, the Councils of Government were automatically assured of certain amounts of money and the Alamo Area Council of Governments was simply asking for an increase in its prorated share of the State's planning money available because it had done its homework first and was ready with its procedure and application. All of the money at the state level available to local Councils of Government has not yet been appropriated. So because of the unusual needs of our area, the Alamo Area Council of Governments thought that perhaps it might be eligible for additional funds. We are very fortunate in this area that we are represented on the State Planning Committee by Sheriff Hauck and through his very able participation we know that our area Council application will certainly receive very careful attention.

I do have information which I will ask the Staff to duplicate and get to every member of the Council. I will repeat an earlier invitation to the Members of the Council - the AACOG Meetings are certainly open to the public and if any of the Members of the Council would like to come to the Executive Meeting you would be most welcome to be there as an observer. Furthermore, Mr. Douthit and I, who are your designated representatives, are most happy to discuss this individually with the Members of the Council or collectively any time that you have questions or wish to give us guidance as to the Council's wishes in these matters. I certainly welcome this inquiry and I hope that perhaps the information I have given has helped clear up why AACOG has got into the planning situation and if Mr. Torres would like further information we would be happy to make it available to him. Mr. Roucher is a staff member of the AACOG Staff who has dealt particularly with this Planning Grant in the field of law enforcement and he also represented AACOG and tried to coordinate with the Model Cities Agency to be sure that the need for close coordination is met. If there are any further questions, either I will try to answer them or get the answers to you or put you in touch with the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Mr. Torres: I have a question right now. How many votes does the City of San Antonio have on AACOG?

Mrs. Cockrell: We have two on the Executive Committee.

Mr. Torres: We have an equal number of votes as other smaller municipalities have, is that correct?

Mrs. Cockrell: We have two and the County has two votes and the County is represented by Judge Reeves and Commissioner Pena, and then the other representatives are designated primarily from groups of representation. I have a folder that can give you the exact distribution.

Mr. Torres: Although this money that AACOG applied for, the additional funds, the fact that they were turned down to AACOG, does that preclude the City, on its own, filing an application?

Mrs. Cockrell: I would think that as a practical matter, it would. We are participating with the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the state has designated that it wants the Council to do this and it seems to me if the City applied for a planning grant it would certainly be duplicating the efforts which have already been approved to be done by the regional planning group.

Mr. Torres: What I was driving at in the comments in the letter to you of December 9, was that as I see the act and references to units of local government making these applications, the Safe Streets Act draws the line between your smaller units of government consolidating for the purpose of joint planning. Of course when you look at the enabling areas of legislation establishing these Councils of government, the act provides that the Council won't serve a function of coordination. Now, you are getting beyond coordination when you have an agency like the Alamo Area Council of Governments that goes in and files an application for something we are already doing or to do something which we already have an agency and which is carrying the brunt of the burden. I am talking about their application in this instance under the Safe Streets Act for money where they would necessarily have to look to our own police department for guidance and where we would do the principal amount of work. The reason, too, that I call attention to the application, my own misgivings about it was that, Mr. Tom Roacher, whom you mentioned, ---what is his function over there?

Mrs. Cockrell: He is assigned to planning in the field of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Mr. Torres: Alright, and we have a man on our own payroll under the Model Cities Program who is also a staff man on law enforcement; we have our police department over here; under the Safe Streets Act we have a Planning Director recently established. So what I am trying to point out is that instead of eliminating duplication here, we are actually creating more agencies, this is the warning or the reason why I come to the Council asking that we take a little bit of caution in these applications so we don't wind up having another agency making an application for money that should necessarily come to the City and then we are the ones that are going to do the work anyway.

Mrs. Cockrell: In order to evaluate further, the Planning Grant that is set up, of the 100% that is available to the State of Texas, let's say, 60% of that is available for the state agency in making the overall state plan. The state has designated that it chooses as a matter of policy to request that the 40% that is available to local agencies be directed primarily to these twenty Councils of Government that are established in the State. So just where one individual local community would get in trying to bypass the agency which the state has designated, I just feel would be viewed as a lack of cooperation by the state agency. However, once the planning stage has been done, has been consummated, then certainly we will be in the picture on the implementation.

Mayor McAllister: Do we know, Mrs. Cockrell, why AACOG was turned down?

Mrs. Cockrell: It was just that I think they had not made any additional allocation. I think everyone got the same amount and then AACOG thought they might be eligible for a little extra amount because we thought our problems had more priority.

Mr. Torres: Did any individual city file an application?

Mrs. Cockrell: That I don't know. When the Councils of Government were designated, they are the ones.

Mr. Torres: Wasn't AACOG, of the twenty Councils of Government in the State, the only one that filed an application for these additional funds?

Mrs. Cockrell: They were the only ones to file an application for additional funds, yes. But our planning studies are fortunately ahead of all the others.

Mr. Torres: I'd like to ask how this type of thing is developing historically and we have one experience on this, municipal court. Wasn't there a study Mr. Walker initiated by AACOG under one of the programs they pursued where they studied the municipal courts system, the judicial system? How much help did the City give them on that? How much did you do out of your office, for example?

Mr. Walker: I'd have to just guess at it. They requested that I assign the services of an assistant for the purpose of assisting them in researching and reporting on the functions and activities of law enforcement at the corporation court level and up through certain appellate procedures. I assigned Mr. Bruce Aycock to this task. I don't know how many times he met with them, but he met with them a number of times. I do know that he went to the Corporation Court and made a survey of its activities from its very inception of filing a complaint through the service of process, the trial, the required appellate procedures and so forth and proceeded to reduce his findings to a written form and furnished to this group a complete report on the results of his surveys and his findings. I think it was rather detailed. I can not tell you the man-hours he devoted to it, Mr. Torres, but he spent considerable time on it.

Mrs. Cockrell: One other point is the role of SABCORP as a planning agency, which is really one of its primary roles. Going back through some organizational material, the process of comprehensive planning decision making on regional affairs begins with a carefully conceived and developed working program. The material summarizes the fact that, what was then called the San Antonio - Bexar County Organization for Regional Planning, will undertake the preparation of a comprehensive plan for the region which will eventually cover all needed areas, where cooperation is needed. Certainly in the field of law enforcement and crime reduction this is an area where a municipality can not do it alone. For an example, the policemen of the city have to work very closely with the Sheriff's office, they certainly have to work closely with the District Attorney, they have to know what the District Attorney's requirements are for the acceptance of cases on such things as dope, many things that involve area wide problems.

Mrs. Cockrell: So the Alamo Area Council of Governments primarily was designated by the state to do this job.

Mr. Torres: I appreciate all of that and I appreciate the fact that you need regional planning and consolidation of some of these functions. I have gone along with all of that. All I am saying is we are doing all that already and working on a lot of this planning already and we are going to be the users of a lot of the materials that emanate and all we are doing is creating second agencies in some instances. When there is a program that is going to the City of San Antonio directly and then we have to go through a subsidiary agency to become entitled to some funds, I don't go along with that.

Mrs. Cockrell: If the Council wishes to direct me to change the position of the City as it voted, you could instruct me to move for reconsideration, but if the Council concurs with the action taken, I would like to know about it.

Mayor McAllister: In brief, it comes down to the proposition that the federal government does not want to deal directly with all the small individual units, it prefers to deal through an area Council.

Mr. Torres: Well we are not a small individual unit, we are not a small unit at all. We are a unit of one million people which comprises most of this county.

Mrs. Cockrell: In this particular instance the federal government chose to deal with the State.

Mr. Torres: If we yield, if we sublimate ourselves and yield to their superior position, of course we are going to be in a weakened condition; in a lessened condition and this is the very comment that I have been making for the last two or three weeks. We don't have to yield, we have to assert ourselves and we have to make certain demands sometimes and we don't have to go along with a lot of these requisites that are being imposed on us. Especially if it is going to create more overlapping, and more duplication.

Mr. Gatti: I think Mr. Torres has some merit to what he says, but it appears to me the reason we got into this Council of Governments from the beginning was that everybody, or most people that we have discussed this with, were in favor of trying to coordinate and to avoid the multiplicity of activity. It seems to me that ultimately this area of governments would be the first step into the complete consolidation of all various units. The fact that we are the largest there is no reason we should say we don't want to become a part of it because the county and the metropolitan area is growing larger each year. Either we are going to be for consolidation, or we are not. We just appointed a citizen's committee to study this thing and it appears to me that the things that AACOG are doing are attempts to consolidate, at least to get people working together rather than going off into a number of different directions. I, for one, would like to give my full support to AACOG and what it is doing. I think it is a step in the right direction. I think it is something that is desperately needed, not only here, but all over the country.

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Mr. Torres: Well, I'd be provincial if I didn't agree with you. Regional planning is necessary. I certainly would not want my remarks to be interpreted to mean I am opposing regional planning and consolidation or in cooperating with other agencies of government. I want to go along with that. My remarks were directed just to the application for these funds, in this instance for money under the Safe Streets Act. I felt in this instance a direct application to the state agency was in order and that in going about this in a 'round about way through AACOG that we are defeating the primary purpose in this thing. We are not avoiding duplication. We are actually having more overlapping and more duplication.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Don Saunders, representing Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Freymann, advised the Council that on September 5, 1968 a City sewer line was blocked. As a result, sewage backed up into the home of Mr. & Mrs. Freymann at 8303 Dudley.

He reviewed the damages done to the furnishings which he estimated to be in the amount of \$1,755. In addition he felt that the structure had been damaged at least \$500.00 and that through inconvenience, suffering of the children, finding another place to stay, that an additional \$250.00 damages had occurred.

He presented the Council with photographs of the house showing alleged damage. He then petitioned the Council to entertain an ordinance in the sum of \$2,500.00 payable to Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Freymann.

Mr. Saunders then advised that the Legal Department had stated that its authority to settle such cases is limited to \$1,000.00.

City Attorney Howard Walker stated there is no question about the damage and he was not questioning the amount. He advised that the operation of a sewer system is a governmental function. However, a precedent was established a couple of years ago by the City Council when it authorized payment of such a claim. The Legal Department tries to compromise claims, however its authority is limited to \$1,000.00. He said the Council can reverse the precedent set several years ago or can authorize payment of this claim.

He reviewed a court case in El Paso about a year ago in which the operation of a sewer system was declared to be a governmental function. He felt that any award would be in the nature of a gift.

Mr. Saunders stated that there are facts of law as well as equity. The City established a procedure for paying sewer claims and this one is brought to the Council as a claim of equity. He added the City does not carry insurance for this type of claim. The only insurance an individual can carry is through the sewer service charge and he felt that equity should be done in this case.

Action on the claim of Mr. & Mrs. Freymann was postponed pending study of the matter by the Council.

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Mayor McAllister stated he would like to read a letter that compliments our Fire Department written by Fleming & Sons who recently had a fire. The letter, addressed to Chief Mulhern, reads as follows:

"I wish to express our very sincere appreciation of the valiant services of the San Antonio Fire Department during our recent fire at our Mission Plant on Peden Street. There is no doubt in my mind that the concerted effort of your personal leadership and that of Chief R. P. Scott and the other division departmental chiefs who were responsible for containing the blaze so that our machinery was not totally destroyed and the fire was prevented from spreading to adjacent buildings. We are proud to be a small part of the San Antonio business community where we enjoy the deep personal loyalty of our own employees. We want to not only stay in San Antonio, but to grow with the community. It goes without saying that we hope we never have another fire, but it is a great satisfaction to know that our plant is located where the Fire Department Personnel are so dedicated and well trained." Signed: Walter Fleming, President of Fleming & Sons.

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Rev. R. A. Callies, Sr., Chairman of the Project Committee of the James Whitcomb Riley Parent-Teacher Association, stated he had heard Police Chief George Bichsel's report on Crime in the City and that the people on the Eastside are trying to do their share to help in this problem.

He stated that much had been said about traffic lights and would only state that traffic signals are still needed at the following intersections:

1. At the intersection of Nebraska and Spriggsdale Street.
2. At the intersection of East Commerce and Spriggsdale Street.
3. At the intersection of Nebraska and South Gevers Street.
4. Provide signal lights at the intersection of Expressway IH 10, Artesia and Nebraska for both cars and pedestrians.

He said that the bridge on Salado Creek is a capital outlay improvement and asked that this bridge be included in the next bond issue.

Other improvements needed in the area are sidewalks between the six hundred and ten hundred block of Artesia Street; extension of Nebraska Street from 3500 block due east to W. W. White Road via Lord Road; drainage in the Wheatley Heights area: Ferris, Badger, Bellinger and Artesia Streets near Rigsby Avenue.

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Reverend Edward Duncan asked that stop signs be installed at Ferris and Aransas; Ferris and Cotton and Aransas at Cotton.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic & Transportation, stated that he has recommended that some of these lights be included in next year's budget.

Mr. George Rufin spoke concerning the need of a traffic signal at the intersection of Nebraska and South Gevers Street.

Mayor McAllister thanked Reverend Callies and the other citizens and stated that their needs would not go unnoticed.

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The Clerk read the following letter.

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

12-6-68

Petition of San Juan Homes Resident Association containing 174 signatures requesting improvements in the San Juan Homes Housing Project as follows:

1. That the traffic flow on certain streets in the project be changed to one-way and a 10 mile speed limit be imposed throughout the project.
2. More Street lights in the area to minimize burglaries.
3. More effective police protection at night.
4. Clamp down on ice houses in the area and take action to bar one store from selling beer.
5. Side walks be installed on Ceralvo Street.

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Petition Letter continued....

12-6-68

Petition of Charlotte Garson, owner of sixteen (16) apartment units at the southwest corner of E. Rosewood and Shook Avenues, requesting a reclassification in the sewer service charge rating of these units from commercial to residential.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

M McCarter
M A Y O R

ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
City Clerk