

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1974.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A. M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Charles L. Becker, with the following members present: COCKRELL, SAN MARTIN, BECKER, BLACK, LACY, O'CONNELL, MENDOZA; Absent: MORTON, PADILLA.

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74-40 The invocation was given by The Reverend Eddie Cunningham, Wheatley Heights Baptist Church.

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74-40 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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74-40 The minutes of the meeting of August 8, 1974, were approved.

74-40 CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD MONTHLY RATE REPORT

Mr. Don Thomas, Rate Analyst for the City Public Service Board, distributed copies of rate tabulation figures to members of the Council. The predicted average bill for the month of August will be \$48.26 which compares to the average bill in July of \$45.25. This is an estimated increase of 6.7 percent. The increase is caused by a predicted increase in usage and by an increase in the cost of fuel.

Mr. Thomas also distributed copies of booklets prepared by City Public Service which show the cost of operating various household appliances and ways of reducing consumption of energy. (Copies of the publications are included with the papers of this meeting.)

74-40 MEETING WITH CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Dr. San Martin stated that he felt the Council should address itself to the Texas Railroad Commission concerning the problem of the interim gas rate being used now. He suggested that the City Council meet with the City Public Service Board to make a policy decision as to whether to simply accept the interim rate or to request the Commission to move expeditiously for a permanent rate. A permanent rate would probably insure a more adequate supply of gas.

In answer to Mrs. Cockrell's question, Assistant City Attorney Louis Garcia said that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Crawford Reeder, and it was agreed that the suggested request of the Railroad Commission would not prejudice the City's lawsuit against Coastal States.

After discussion it was agreed to invite the members of the City Public Service Board to meet with the Council next Thursday, August 22, 1974, at 9:00 A. M.

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The following discussion took place:

MAYOR CHARLES L. BECKER: First we will have the Community Organized for Public Service, COPS, headed by Mrs. Hector Aleman and Mrs. Gilbert Gallegos. If you like, I'd like to announce that you certainly are free to be seated any time you like. You don't have to stand during the whole presentation. So for those of you who'd like to make yourselves comfortable, well, feel free to do so.

MRS. GILBERT GALLEGOS: Thank you. Mayor Becker, Council Members, and the City Manager, we are here this morning with a very important matter regarding drainage and cleaning up of our bushes, junk yards in our neighborhoods. We want the Council to agree to a session with our Steering Committee of the Community Organized for Public Service.

MAYOR BECKER: Now, would you please identify yourself, I don't know what.....

MRS. GALLEGOS: I'm sorry, I'm Mrs. Gilbert Gallegos, and we want to present this matter before the Council. We want an opportunity to sit down in a "B" Session of the Council to discuss our problem and figure out a way to move up the timetables on the drainage projects at an evening meeting, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: On a what please, now?

MRS. GALLEGOS: An evening meeting.

MAYOR BECKER: Oh, I see.

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, I think that a "B" Session would be an ideal time to get all the facts out. I think at this point, Mr. Granata - would you think you can arrange it for the "B" Session for next Thursday because we don't have a "B" Session today. We have.....

MRS. HECTOR ALEMAN: We understand from Mr. Inselmann, by the way, my name is Mrs. Hector Aleman, we understand from Mr. Inselmann that you don't have a "B" Session today, sir, but next Thursday would be fine, and we're here.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: Let me see if Mr. Granata can be ready with all the information that we need for next Thursday - all the background information.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: Sir, I'm ready with that now and was the night I met with the people, and next Thursday is rather a heavy "B" Session, but whatever the will of the Council. I think the lady asked for a night session, if I understand correctly, rather than a "B" Session.

MRS. GALLEGOS: That is right. The reason for the night session is because our men have to work and some of them, if they don't go to work, they don't get paid that day - some of them do. And that's the reason most of our leaders are men. The Steering Committee are the leaders of each section of town in the west and south sides of San Antonio. And it is very important that we have it in the evening for that reason. Every leader will be there; however, during the day like in the morning right now, there's just a few of the Steering Committee

members here. There's some - most members here, but a few of the Steering Committee.

MAYOR BECKER: May I ask a question first before we proceed with this any further. I just want to ask a very simple question. Mr. Granata went out to the meeting the other night, and I read the account of the meeting in the newspaper.

MRS. ALEMAN: Yes, sir. Do you believe everything you read in the newspaper, Mr. Becker? Because I read so many things about you in the newspaper, Mr. Becker, and I would not.....

MAYOR BECKER: All I know, all I know is what I saw and what I saw on the television and what I was told about the results of the meeting. Now, what I'd like to say is this - that I would assume that a great percentage of the audience there that night wanted to hear what Mr. Granata was trying to say.

MRS. ALEMAN: Mayor Becker.....

MAYOR BECKER: Let me finish now, please. I am only going to offer this.

MRS. ALEMAN: Yes, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: That it doesn't do any good how often we meet, or where we meet or when we meet or under what circumstances or anything else, that if we cannot present you with the answers to the questions that all of you are asking, and you can't hear the replies that we're attempting to make, it's a waste of everyone's time. Now, that's very, very, simple in my opinion.

MRS. ALEMAN: Mayor Becker, I did specify just now that we would meet, that you would meet only with the Steering Committee; I did specify that the Steering Committee are the leaders of the group. The night that we met with Mayor Becker, I mean Manager Granata, that night the 500 members of the organization were there, plus the Steering Committee. Do you understand now, sir, how we want to meet?

MAYOR BECKER: Well, let me ask this question then.

MRS. ALEMAN: I would like to ask a question too.

MAYOR BECKER: Of the members of the Steering Committee, how many of those were present that night at the meeting that Mr. Granata attended?

MRS. ALEMAN: There was - all of them were present, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: Then, is it fair to assume that they could have controlled the emotions of the group gathered there and permitted Mr. Granata to have answered those questions as they so desired, if they're the leaders?

MRS. ALEMAN: Mayor Becker.

MAYOR BECKER: Yes, I'm waiting for an answer.

MRS. ALEMAN: All right, Mayor Becker. Do you want us to show you a video tape of each question we asked Mr. Granata and of each answer that he gave us, which is contrary to what you read in the newspapers. Do you want us to show you that at the "B" Session?

MAYOR BECKER: Mr. Granata, may I ask you a question?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: In your opinion, did you have an opportunity to answer the questions that the people had asked you?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Not the way I would have liked to. Each time I attempted to answer a question, I was interrupted by someone and never was able to give the purpose - the reason was I wasn't giving the answers that they wanted to hear. We, too, have a tape of what transpired.

MR. W. J. O'CONNELL: Mr. Becker, I was at the meeting, probably the only one, and whether you know it or not, I was there.

MRS. ALEMAN: That's right, sir.

MR. O'CONNELL: And the number of people I watched the questions, I listened to them, and even Father Enriquez would not even allow Sam Granata to answer it. Now, I was there and I was hoping that maybe I could help. But at the - your people and your staff identified him later. I was sitting amongst you. You still did not allow him to answer, even yourself, if you listen to your tape, you can hear your question and no answer allowed. Now, maybe he had something to tell you, I hope he did, but at least he could give you the facts that you're still gonna ask the same questions again, you're yet to hear his answer.

MRS. ALEMAN: Sir, am I listening to your answer right now and are you listening to - that was the way it was done, sir. What we wanted to stop was evading of the questions. We, Mr. Granata started to read out to us the City ordinance, we know the City ordinance to the letter, we stopped him and said, Mr. Granata, will you please go back to the questions and direct yourself to that question and answer the question, do not read out the City ordinance because we know it to the letter. Then the Health Official wanted to read out the procedures that the Health Office goes by in sending out letters. We told the Health Official we know the procedure, we don't have to be told how it's taken care of. What we're asking you is, will you take care of it, we're not asking how. We have - we're well informed - we have just about everything that the City Council has here - projects, maps, money, everything that's going on, we are well aware of.

MAYOR BECKER: Would you like - may I ask you this question?

MRS. ALEMAN: Are we cooperating.....

MAYOR BECKER: Would you like the meeting to be productive, or do you just want to have a meeting?

MRS. ALEMAN: We want it to be productive and fruitful, Mayor Becker.

MAYOR BECKER: Then there's only one way it can be productive, and that's for the members of this staff and this Council who you asked to attend, be given or permitted a chance to answer the questions. That's the only way it can be productive.

MRS. ALEMAN: Wonderful, Mayor Becker, wonderful. That's what you've been given to right now.

MAYOR BECKER: Now, you cannot though, and I repeat, you cannot expect a question as complicated as some of those questions are with respect to drainage or whatever these problems are that you have out there, to be answered with a yes or a no. It's impossible.

MRS. ALEMAN: Not in a "B" Session, sir, not in a "B" Session, we don't expect it to.

MAYOR BECKER: Anywhere for that matter - "B" or otherwise.

MRS. ALEMAN: Well, sir. Mayor Becker, I would like to thank you for meeting with us in your "B" Session for next week, for allowing us to be there, and we will assure you that we are hoping to have a very productive and fruitful meeting.

MAYOR BECKER: All right now.

MRS. ALEMAN: Do you think that today we have conducted ourselves in a proper way?

MAYOR BECKER: I'm not questioning that in the least. All I'm trying to point out is, that if you are really interested in information, and if you're really interested in the facts of the case and trying to assist your areas, then let's have a meeting, that's conducted in such a fashion that everybody will leave there understanding at least what the problems are, you see.

MRS. ALEMAN: That's right. That's all we want, Mayor Becker. Thank you kindly for accepting us at your meeting, Mayor Becker.

MAYOR BECKER: We'll meet with you any time.

MRS. ALEMAN: Fine, thank you very much, Mayor.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Mrs. Aleman, wait just a second, Mrs. Aleman. What time is - will the people be able to attend?

MRS. ALEMAN: Seven-thirty in the evening is when we ordinarily hold our meetings - start them off.

DR. SAN MARTIN: That, of course, presents a problem that sometimes our own meeting here continues late on Thursday. So that means that - could you meet here at 7:00?

MRS. ALEMAN: We would meet here at 7:00, sir, whenever you say sir. We're going to accept whatever terms you want, sir.

DR. SAN MARTIN: How about the other members of the Council, Mayor? 7:00?

MAYOR BECKER: Is 7:00 all right with all of you?

DR. SAN MARTIN: Okay, 7:00.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: May I ask how many people are in the Steering Committee to see if we have enough room here?

DR. SAN MARTIN: Well, the Steering Committee couldn't be more than 15.

MRS. ALEMAN: No, sir, there's 20. There's 20 leaders in the Steering Committee.

DR. SAN MARTIN: There's room here.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Okay, I just wanted to make sure there were 20 and maybe not more so that we would have enough room for chairs. Okay.

MRS. ALEMAN: No, there's enough room here. Thank you very kindly Council members.

MAYOR BECKER: I think Mrs. Cockrell would like to say something, Mrs. Aleman.

MRS. LILA COCKRELL: Mrs. Aleman, I wanted to say a couple of things. I had wanted to address the question of the appearance of Mr. Granata at the meeting. But other than that, I think certainly that in really improving an entire section of the City and working with the neighborhoods is a two-way project. And I recognize that you all are taking the initiative by coming to the City Council with your evaluation of the needs and the problems and I think certainly all of us want to do everything we can within our capability to try to meet you and do as many of these things as we can do as a matter of practicality. And I want to really challenge and urge you all further to do the things and to take the leadership within the neighborhood and do the things that homeowners can do together to help improve their neighborhood. And I know that you are doing this through your neighborhood association where you sponsor the clean-up drives and beautification and if there is any way - I have worked with a number of the neighborhoods in the past on clean-up and beautification drives with the Beautify San Antonio Association and with others, and if there's any way that I can be of help to you, coming into the individual areas, I just wanted to pledge I'll be happy to do it and working, helping, bring in the Beautify San Antonio or any other group to try to help work with that. I know the major project has to be done by the City but there has to be two to a partnership, which I know you all understand.

MRS. ALEMAN: Right. That's true, Mrs. Cockrell. You don't know how much I appreciate your words this morning. These are the first

words that have been directed to us in such a courteous and dignified way, that I can't help but say that I appreciate your words very much and I very courteously will say that when we do meet, we're looking forward to meeting and most of all, because you're going to be there. Thank you very much.

REV. CLAUDE BLACK: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to ask a question. Would it be possible to get some material from your group, in terms of the questions that you are going to be raising, in terms of the areas that you want because this would give me an opportunity to go into and see firsthand what you're talking about so that when you come before us on next Thursday, I won't be just hearing it or appealing it for the first time. So could you prepare whatever materials or questions that you have, that you'd like to address in whatever way you want to prepare it, I'm not trying to designate how you - but what I'm saying is, I need to be able to relate to what you're talking about when you come. Can you help me this way?

MRS. ALEMAN: Yes, yes, Rev. Black. We will be able to go ahead and give you a letter, send you a letter from our office and the letter will state just exactly what the problems we have and the solutions, and how we want to discuss them and how we want the meeting to turn out to be productive and fruitful. And we thank you for your concern, Rev. Black.

MR. O'CONNELL: Would this be a guide of the same questions you had the other night? Would this be a guide of the questions you want?

MRS. ALEMAN: No, well.....

MR. O'CONNELL: These demands you had the other night - are they the same ones?

MRS. ALEMAN: Since the Monday meeting, there has been a few changes made, so there would have - we would have to send you a letter and we would have to write it up. This is before the Monday meeting. It will have to be a little different.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, I have just one question. Can you have a committee of two or three people say sometime Saturday afternoon, give me a short tour of some of these things?

MRS. ALEMAN: Oh, I'd be more than glad to, Dr. Jose San Martin. I'd be more than glad to show you the most - the disaster area that we have in the City, which in 1973 was by Sam Granata, Jr., City Manager given to the Mayor and City Council of August 16, 1973, where it said that definitely Inez and 36th took top priority, we should not lose any time in taking care of this project and that's why it's become a disaster area.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'll meet with you Saturday.

MRS. ALEMAN: Will you meet? At what time, sir?

DR. SAN MARTIN: Five o'clock.

MRS. ALEMAN: At five o'clock. Where, sir?

DR. SAN MARTIN: It's up to you.

MRS. ALEMAN: Well, will you meet at Loma Park Elementary School, Dr. San Martin? Loma Park Elementary School and we'll have five members of the Steering Committee. All right. Well, thank you kindly, Mayor Becker.

MAYOR BECKER: We appreciate your being here.

MRS. ALEMAN: Mr. Granata, Mrs. Cockrell, thank you very much for your kind words and again, I must say that those are the courteous words that have ever been said to me.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Would you be kind enough to send me copies of the letter that you send to Rev. Black so that we can get the answers ahead of time, so we won't have to say to you, let us investigate. Please, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: Fine, thank you so much.

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74-40 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and after consideration, on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 44,208

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF DIAMOND FENCE COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHAIN LINK FENCE AND BOARD FENCE-RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE, PHASE III PROJECT, FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$35,019.00; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A STANDARD PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT FOR THIS PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$36,719.00, WITH \$35,019.00 PAYABLE TO DIAMOND FENCE COMPANY AND \$1,700.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY FUND.

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74-40 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,209

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR SECOND YEAR COSTS OF METRO SAN ANTONIO COMPREHENSIVE NUTRITION PROJECT.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Bill Donohue, Director of Human Resources, who said that there are a few slight changes in Comprehensive Nutrition Project but the main thrust of the program which is to provide social activities around a nutritious noon meal will remain and extended. He outlined certain procedural changes being made which will reduce costs and allow for the program to be extended to provide more meals. He recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

Mrs. Cockrell expressed appreciation for the way this program has been carried out by the Human Resources Department. She spoke of the many ways the program has proved helpful to senior citizens and the good it has done.

Rev. Black said that he would like to see some consideration given to fringe benefits for the site managers working in this program. If savings are made which provide additional funds, this should certainly be a consideration.

Mr. Donohue concurred with Rev. Black's suggestion. In this connection, salaries for site managers are being increased and provisions are being made for holidays, insurance, etc.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Morton, Padilla.

74-40 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton, Padilla.

AN ORDINANCE 44,210

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$18,673.00 FROM VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO AND EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN LANDS, AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF TWO AGREEMENTS CONCERNING SAID EASEMENTS; AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF A PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT; ALL IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS RIGHT OF WAY PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,211

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF UTILITY DEVELOPERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,241.00 TO CONSTRUCT THE LA QUINTA NO. 4 SUBDIVISION OFF-SITE SEWER MAIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A STANDARD CITY PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT COVERING SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$76,903.00 OUT OF FUND 820-03, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$73,241.00 TO UTILITY DEVELOPERS, INC. AND \$3,662.00 TO BE USED FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENT EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH SAID PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,212

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,213

AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$36,692.99, SAID PAYMENTS REPRESENTING REFUND OF DOUBLE PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES ON 5 PARCELS OF LAND FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,214

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT IH 10 AND CALLAGHAN ROAD.

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74-40FREDERICKSBURG ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. Cockrell asked Mr. Stewart Fischer how long Fredericksburg Road in the vicinity of the Medical School would be torn up.

Mr. Fischer said that he was not sure but thought it should be completed in another 60 days. He said he would get a more accurate answer.

74-40 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton, Padilla.

AN ORDINANCE 44,215

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR REPAIR OF CITY VEHICLES AT SERVICE SHOPS OF THE SYSTEM, INCREASING THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE CITY FOR EACH HOUR OF LABOR.

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POLICE VEHICLES

Mrs. Cockrell said that she continues to get reports that the police cars in use now require too much maintenance and asked for some figures.

Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, said that there is a daily check on down time of police vehicles. He said the average down time is about the same regardless of the make of vehicle being used.

Mr. Brooks said that he has a 20-minute film proposed by the Los Angeles Police Department of pre-qualification tests made by that department prior to taking bids. The film has been shown to the police officers who complain and the complaints have been reduced. He offered to show the film to the Council at its convenience.

After discussion of the matter, it was agreed that the film would be shown at a "B" session in the near future.

74-40 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, O'Connell, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Morton, Padilla.

AN ORDINANCE 44,216

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF PRINCE PET FOODS TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH DRY DOG FOOD ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,217

ACCEPTING THE LOW BIDS OF AUTOMATIC SIGNAL DIVISION; EAGLE SIGNAL, A G+W MANUFACTURING CO.; SIGNAL ENGINEERING CO.; TECHLINE, INC. AND TRANS-TRONICS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$66,658.94.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,218

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SOUTHERN CLAY PRODUCTS, INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH NATURAL CLAY LAKE SEALER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,435.05; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,219

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF
K. C. ERECTION CO., INC. TO FURNISH
THE CITY WITH A COOLING TOWER SAND
FILTER FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,395.00;
AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID
COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,220

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5,556.59 TO
THE LACKLAND CITY WATER COMPANY FOR
WATER AND SEWER SERVICE TO FIRE
STATION NO. 36.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARDMRS. RUTH WOODARD

Mrs. Ruth Woodard said she wished to thank the City of San Antonio for the Summer Recreation Program. She said that the program was very good and will be even better next year.

Mrs. Cockrell expressed appreciation to Mrs. Woodard for the service she has rendered to the City. Her interest in the youth in her area has been extremely beneficial.

JULIAN F. RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Julian F. Rodriguez, Executive Director of the San Antonio Neighborhood Youth Organization, expressed his personal appreciation and that of his organization for the Council's commitment to the Summer Programs. He reviewed some of the projects undertaken by SANYO and the results that were obtained.

Following his discussion, Mr. Rodriguez presented each Councilman with a gift which had been made by children in the summer program.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, spoke concerning the pollution of air by cigarette smokers. He said that non-smokers have the right to breathe clean air. He asked that the Council remind the public that smokers might seriously harm a person who does not smoke.

MR. LUIS REYNA

Mr. Luis Reyna, 3242 Pitluk, complained again to the Council about the loud noise in his neighborhood. He said that every Friday and Saturday night there is a mariachi party which goes on all night. Police, when called, say that the party is on private property and they can do nothing. He asked the Council to please do something to get him some relief.

City Manager Granata said that he would send police officers into the area to speak to the neighbors and try to get them to cooperate.

CHARTER REVISION ELECTION

Mrs. Stanley Davies, President of the League of Women Voters, said that the League has set aside funds to be used for voter education in connection with the Charter Revision election if one is ever held. She asked the Council for an expression regarding its feeling for such an election.

Mayor Becker said that time is getting short for having an election this year. He said that the Council will meet within the next week or two to discuss Charter Revision.

Mrs. Davies offered to assist the Council in any way she could.

BICYCLE NETWORK

Mr. Ralph Bender read a resolution which had been adopted by the San Antonio Chapter of the American Institute of Runners urging that the City of San Antonio develop a bicycle trail network. (A copy of the resolution is included with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Cipriano Guerra, speaking in answer to Mrs. Cockrell's inquiry, said that members of the staff along with representatives from AACOG and the county have set out an outline for the development of a master plan for a bicycle network. There have been some meetings to discuss the matter and ultimately there will be a plan.

Mrs. Cockrell said that there may be funds for this project under the Urban Systems Transportation Program which the Council might want to apply for.

CYRIL MANNING

Mr. Cyril Manning read a petition signed by residents in the St. Hedwig Park subdivision located off of East Houston Street protesting the construction of a church in that neighborhood. He said that all of the streets are short and nearly all of them are dead-end. While the residents do not object to a church per se, they do object in this instance because of the narrow streets, lack of parking, and increased traffic congestion. He asked that the building permit for this church be denied.

Mayor Becker advised Mr. Manning to consult with Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration. Mr. Vann

Mr. Vann said that he would discuss the matter with Mr. Manning and review the situation.

MRS. MARY C. KENDALL

Mrs. Mary C. Kendall spoke in support of a previous speaker's stand against cigarette smoking. She asked the City Council to start a campaign against smoking in public places.

MR. LOUIS M. RAINBORN

Mr. Louis M. Rainborn said that he had many suggestions to make to conserve energy. One suggestion he made was to turn off some of the street lights on a selective basis. He suggested that as many as 5300 lights could be eliminated at an annual savings of \$394,956.00.

Mayor Becker thanked Mr. Rainborn for his suggestion and pointed out that street lights are needed as a deterrent to crime. He asked Mr. Rainborn to discuss this and other suggestions with Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation.

74-40 The Clerk read the following letter:

August 9, 1974

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

August 7, 1974

Petition of Mr. Israel Fogiel of Great America Investment Company, 4204 Gardendale, Suite 303, San Antonio, Texas, requesting permission to erect a six foot fence around the perimeter of the Park Forest subdivision with a variance to allow for brick columns 7 ft. 4 inches tall and approximately 34 feet apart, to which the fence will be attached.

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Petition of Mr. Richard A. Wilson, Attorney at Law, 301 West Market Street, San Antonio, Texas, requesting an amendment to Section 5-23 of the City Code pertaining to the issuance of beer licenses.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 A. M.

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Charles L. Becker

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

August 15, 1974

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