

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 1965, 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO and BREMER; ABSENT: PARKER.

65-741 The invocation was given by the Reverend Wil Fred Galbraith, Crestholme Presbyterian Church.

Minutes from the meeting held on July 15, 1965, were approved.

65-742 Mayor McAllister announced the first order of business would be the public hearing on the proposed budget for the 1965-66 fiscal year. He stated the City Council has studied the budget in minute detail with the City Manager and department heads and felt it to be the best, and as accurate a forecast of the City's needs for the next twelve months.

He asked if any citizens wished to make a statement or ask questions concerning the budget.

Mr. Leo Oliver, Attorney representing the Citizens Association of San Antonio, and Past President of the organization, first commended the City Council by stating the United States government in its spending, could take a lesson from San Antonio.

He then spoke of the question of an increase of eight cents (8¢) in the tax rate on which the budget is predicated, which together with the proposed fifteen cent (15¢) increase in the County tax rate for flood control to be voted on next month, the property owner will be called on to pay an increase of twenty-three cents (23¢) on the tax rate.

He asked the Council to publish the audit or a statement of the City's financial condition so that the citizens may be aware of it. On the matter of the tax rate he said the property owners will have an opportunity to vote on it but as to the City budget, they could only come and make their views be known.

He also asked the Council to look into each department to see if economies can be made, and as an example, cited what he called the lack of coordination between the various City departments where often streets are paved and another department comes along and digs up the street to replace its utilities. He also spoke of City-owned utilities which are operated for the benefit of the people.

Mr. Oliver concluded by stating that people are tired of taxation and asked the Council to try to finance the budget without the eight cents increase.

Mayor McAllister remarked that the desertation was enjoyed very much but did take exception to some of his statements. He said the citizens of San Antonio had the opportunity to vote for the bond issue in 1964, at which time the statement was made by him that this would cause an increase in taxes but would endeavor to hold it under \$2.00, and the City has lived up to that promise.

The Mayor assured Mr. Oliver that the Council is not indifferent to his criticism - some of which is sound. In spite of the fact that the City does

have coordination between the various utilities regarding needed improvements and no matter how carefully they are planned, it doesn't always work out that way. A lot of such work is being done in the downtown district in anticipation to the HemisFair.

He commented that prior to Council-Manager government the citizens did not have an opportunity to appear at a hearing on the budget as it was not adopted until the end of the year when the money was spent. Municipal government is difficult to operate on an efficient and economical basis, however, he felt San Antonio's is one of the best. He stated that New York City had a \$140,000,000 deficit and had to sell bonds at 3-3/4 per cent interest rate. He offered this so that it may be compared with the rate that the City will get when it opens bids on August 26th on a total of \$15,000,000 in bonds which are part of those authorized by the voters in January of 1964, and he re-emphasized that the tax rate will stay below \$2.00.

Mayor McAllister reported that the New York City water system lost 65 million dollars in operation of the water system. On the other hand, the City Water Board is operating in the black and is replacing its mains. The new mains will be free of wear caused by electrolysis.

The New York City Transit System suffered a \$250,000,000 loss, whereas, the System in San Antonio is operating at a profit.

The Mayor stated the citizens of San Antonio are now enjoying an efficiency in government which is contrary to what they had before, and rates as one of the better governed cities in the country.

As to future tax increases he said the Council felt the City could live within the \$2.00 tax limit but no one can forecast what requirements will be in ten years. He stated that through planned ammortization of bonds and a little adjustment, there will be no marked increase in taxes.

It was brought out that an audit of the City is made each year and one item on the agenda today makes a contract for an audit of the 1965-66 fiscal year. A copy of the audit is on file with the City Clerk and any citizen has a right to study it. In addition, each year in the annual report to the citizens, a statement of the City's condition is presented.

As to the City Manager's salary, the Mayor stated he felt it is modest for the job he is doing, and as to his expense account, the Manager has expenses just as any other business. He spends this money in complimentary business in connection with his position. If this were not handled in this manner, he would have to report it as additional income and pay additional tax on it.

He personally felt the City Manager is stingy and parsimonious when it comes to spending money. He felt that in business there comes a time that you have to spend money. For example, the International Airport Foreign Passenger facilities are entirely inadequate and he would like to have it enlarged because the City is going to get a lot of new business. On the other hand, City Manager Shelley wants to get the business first and then enlarge the facilities.

Mr. C. L. Hasbrouck, 119 Bretonwood, stated that in the last four years \$240,000,000 in taxable property has been built in San Antonio, which brings in new tax money, and asked why it is that the City needs a \$1.8 million dollar increase in taxes.

Mayor McAllister informed him that when new construction is built you cannot say that additional revenue is all profit as the building is not assessed on its cost but on the basis of 60% of the City's appraisal, which

has been determined to be about 44% of its fair market value. Then the cost of services provided must be considered. In cases where property is annexed to the city the revenue derived does not pay for services provided to the area.

Mr. Curly Johnson brought up the matter of personal property where a person owns taxable property such as an automobile, and is allowed to vote in bond elections but does not pay taxes. He said there is a sizable number of these persons who use our city street but do not pay taxes.

The Mayor informed him this was a state law and they are entitled to vote if they own personal property which has been rendered for taxation even though the tax is not paid. Some years ago the City of San Antonio attempted to collect on automobiles, and in the course of time the City abandoned the collection of this tax on individual automobiles as it was not practical.

A recent bill would have provided that a tax receipt be produced by the owner of the vehicle before getting a license, but the bill was defeated by the Legislature.

Mr. Johnson then said he felt the Tall Texas Tower for the HemisFair would not be a practical matter and the City might find that it has a white elephant.

The Mayor stated this has not been presented to the City Council, but if a sound plan is presented they would consider it.

The Mayor asked if any other citizen desired to speak on the budget, and no one requesting to do so, the City Clerk was instructed to read the following ordinance.

65-742

AN ORDINANCE 33,507

ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1965-66, APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID BUDGET; AND FIXING THE AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE.

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

The following ordinance was read by the City Clerk:

65-743

AN ORDINANCE 33,508

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND SAN ANTONIO GARDEN CENTER, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A GARDEN CENTER AT MAHNCKE PARK.

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Assistant City Manager Dave Harner explained the proposed contract and brought to the attention of the Council that three (3) changes had been made to the draft previously presented to the Council for study, being the following; on Page 3, the wording "experimental gardens and perennial gardens" was changed to "experimental gardens and display gardens"; on the last page, titled Rental Rates, the wording "chartered Garden Clubs" was changed to read "affiliated Garden Clubs" and admission price per adult to an event at the Garden Center was changed from "shall not exceed \$1.00" to "shall not exceed \$1.50."

Mr. Harner stated the agreement covered the entire area of Mahncke Park. On the east side of New Braunfels a headquarters building will be constructed

for displays and club meetings, and in the same area the City will build a 144 car parking lot. This area will also contain experimental gardens. Across the street to the west, the Director of Parks and Recreation will prepare a plan for the gardens to be approved by the City Council and the Garden Center will accept responsibility for its maintenance.

The City will maintain the building and furnish janitorial services.

Mrs. Lewis C. Turner, former President of the Garden Center, thanked the City Council for entering into the agreement which is the culmination of many years work on this project, which will cost between \$85,000 and \$90,000, and which they hope to complete in time for the HemisFair.

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

Purchasing Agent Al Tripp briefed the Council on the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved, the vote being as follows: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

65-744

AN ORDINANCE 33,509

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH CITY ARMORED SERVICE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF ARMORED CAR SERVICE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1965 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1966.

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Purchasing Agent Al Tripp briefed the Council on the following ordinances. On motion made and duly seconded each ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell and Parker.

65-745

AN ORDINANCE 33,510

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH THE CLEGG COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF A. B. DICK OFFSET SUPPLIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1965 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1966.

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65-746

AN ORDINANCE 33,511

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH ADDRESSO-GRAPH-MULTIGRAPH CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF MULTIGRAPH OFFSET SUPPLIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1965 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1966.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,512

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH KIMCO, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS OFFSET SUPPLIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1965 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1966.

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The following ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell,

Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

65-748 AN ORDINANCE 33,513

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF DON WITTIG OFFICE FURNITURE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH CERTAIN CARD CATALOG CASES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,630.52.

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65-749 AN ORDINANCE 33,514

CORRECTING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE #33,451 PASSED JULY 8, 1965.

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65-750 AN ORDINANCE 33,515

CHANGING THE NAME OF BECKER STREET, FROM YORKSHIRE TO SOUTH PRESA STREET, TO WEST DREXEL AVENUE.

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65-751 A RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THAT PORTION OF TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MINUTE ORDER NO. 56023 PERTAINING TO THE WIDENING OF THE APPROACHES AND STRUCTURE ACROSS INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 35 ON SAN PERDO AVENUE AND PROVIDING FOR THE CITY TO WIDEN SAN PEDRO AVENUE BETWEEN WARREN AND ELMIRA STREETS.

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65-752 AN ORDINANCE 33,516

CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 9587, TOGETHER WITH A NON-ACCESS AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT AND AUTHORIZING A QUITCLAIM DEED TO H. E. BUTT GROCERY COMPANY IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE DEDICATION OF 5 FEET ALONG HIAWATHA AND FAIR AVENUE FOR FUTURE WIDENING PURPOSES.

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65-753 AN ORDINANCE 33,517

APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U. S. 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; COLORADO-BRAZOS CONNECTION; OLMOS CREEK INTERCEPTOR SEWER PROJECT; STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #74-D; FIRE STATION SITES PROJECT; U. S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY; OAK GLEN PARK, UNIT 8, SEWER PARTICIPATION PROJECT; AND UTILITY EASEMENT, COUNTY BLOCK 4428, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

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65-754 AN ORDINANCE 33,518

MANIFESTING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND MARIAN BURKE, D/B/A BURKE AVIATION, OF SPACE IN THE TERMINAL ANNEX BUILDING AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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65-755 AN ORDINANCE 33,519

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CAMPBELLS DELIVERY SERVICE.

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65-756 AN ORDINANCE 33,520

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT EXTENDING THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO DELTA AIRLINES.

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AN ORDINANCE 33,521

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES.

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65-758

AN ORDINANCE 33,522

AMENDING ORDINANCE 29,185, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 29,395 TO PROVIDE FOR USE OF PROPERTY AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS A STOCKPILE AREA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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Budget Director Carl White briefed the Council on the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones and Parker.

65-759

AN ORDINANCE 33,523

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$97,000 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS OF THE GENERAL FUND TO COVER INCREASED REQUIREMENTS DURING THE 1964-65 FISCAL YEAR, AND AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$7,000 FROM THE AIRPORT REVENUE CONTINGENCY FUND TO THE TERMINAL BUILDING AREA ACCOUNT TO COVER INCREASED COSTS DURING 1964-65.

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65-760

AN ORDINANCE 33,524

APPROPRIATING FUNDS OUT OF VARIOUS BOND FUNDS TO REIMPURSE THE GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE LAND DIVISION AND ENGINEERING DIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS BOND PROJECTS DURING THE 1964-65 FISCAL YEAR.

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65-761

AN ORDINANCE 33,525

AUTHORIZING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE REVERSION OF THE UNENCUMBERED APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR TO THE GENERAL FUND SURPLUS; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL SAID PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED OR ABANDONED.

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65-762

AN ORDINANCE 33,526

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE BALANCE OF THE OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT 70-01-01 TO THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL PROJECT ACCOUNT 30-01-01.

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At 10:00 A. M. the Mayor opened the hearing on the appeal of Mr. Hugh Dickey from the disapproval of the Chief of Police, of an application for a license to operate two (2) billiard tables at the Sunset Spot, located at 916 North New Braunfels (rear).

Police Chief Bichsel stated Mr. Dickey's request to operate the billiard tables had been disapproved due to complaints received from residents in the area. He explained that over a period of years this place had been a trouble spot, the police had made many arrests for disturbing the peace, drunkenness and sometimes gambling. He presented the Council with the police records of Mr. Dickey.

Mr. Dickey stated that his arrest record was for gaming, running slot machines and several times has been picked up for drunk and disturbing the peace. However, he has for the past 15 years refrained from drinking and gambling. He explained that the Sunset Spot has not been operated for the past two years. He now owns the property and desires to run a billiard hall.

To this request, after discussion by the Council, the Mayor stated that the Council would study Mr. Dickey's record.

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

65-764 AN ORDINANCE 33,527

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH RUDD AND WISDOM CONSULTING ACTUARIES, TO PERFORM ACTURIAL SERVICES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN PENSION FUND FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1965.

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65-765 AN ORDINANCE 33,528

APPROPRIATING \$5,531.70 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT REVENUE BOND FUND 803-11 PAYABLE TO FRANK M. VALDEZ, ARCHITECT, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED IN REGARD TO CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING \$500.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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65-766 AN ORDINANCE 33,529

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ERNST & ERNST FOR AN AUDIT OF THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE CITY COVERING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1965, AND ENDING JULY 31, 1966, FOR A FEE NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00.

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65-767 AN ORDINANCE 33,530

CONFIRMING JULY 5, 1965, AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY; DIRECTING THAT THE PARKING METER VIOLATION TICKETS ISSUED ON SAID DATE BE CANCELLED AND AUTHORIZING REFUNDS ON FINES PAID.

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65-768 AN ORDINANCE 33,531

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE REFUNDS TO VARIOUS CONCERNS AND INDIVIDUALS DUE TO DOUBLEPAYMENTS OF TAXES.

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Planning Director Steve Taylor briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Bremer, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

65-769

AN ORDINANCE 33,532

PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AND KIRBY, TEXAS, OF TERRITORIAL AREAS WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF SAID MUNICIPALITIES WHICH OVERLAP, AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF SAID CITY.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance for the first time:

65-770

AN ORDINANCE 33,533

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 52.103 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. (Being a portion of Beacon Circle Industrial Subdivision).

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Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed annexation and described the area taken in.

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

The Clerk read the following ordinance for the first time:

65-771

AN ORDINANCE 33,534

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 13.94 ACRES OF LAND, WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. (Being a portion of Camelot Subdivision, Unit No. 5).

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Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed annexation and described the area taken in.

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

65-772 Mr. W. F. Castella, an Engineer, informed the Council that his client, Mr. Frank R. Felder, owns a building in the Airport Industrial Park, and has been unable to get electrical service connected. All the poles, lines and meters are in place but the City Public Service Board needs authority to turn on the electricity. In discussing the matter with the City he found this case differed from the other two previous cases in that Mr. Felder was one of the corporate officers of the original firm that put in the subdivision.

Mr. Castella stated that streets have been dedicated from San Pedro to this property and that his client will do anything that is reasonable and right to correct the situation.

City Manager Shelley stated he has a signed letter from Mr. Castella to this effect and in light of the fact that two previous connections were

authorized, on filing of commitments to do their part, he recommended that this be done in this case.

On motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the City Manager was given permission to authorize the City Public Service Board to make the service connection to the Felder property. The motion carried by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell and Parker.

City Manager Shelley informed the Council that a rendering plant is to be constructed near the city limits on the Perrin-Beitel Road. Citizens in the area are quite concerned and have obtained legal counsel and six or eight of them are filing for an injunction to prohibit its construction, and stated he would like for the City to join in the suit to protect the City's residential property.

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

65-773

AN ORDINANCE 33,535

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO JOIN PLAINTIFFS IN CAUSE NO. F-171,469, BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT COURT SEEKING AN INJUNCTION AGAINST DEFENDANTS ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING A RENDERING PLANT ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT NACOGDOCHES AND PERRIN-BEITEL ROAD, WITHIN 5,000 FEET OF THE CITY LIMITS OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Councilman Bremer stated that it was brought to the attention of the City Council that there is a need for rendering plants in a city this size and a suggestion made that regulations should be drawn to make these plants operate better. It appears the need is here and felt that the City should expedite the matter.

Assistant City Manager Henckel reported that they are presently working on the matter.

65-741 Mr. George de la Garza, former Councilman, addressed the Council on the County Election to authorize fifteen cents (15¢) on the tax rate for flood control purposes. He stated he believed it is in the public interest that the City help the Bexar County Commissioners Court get this flood prevention money. He felt the City is very interested in this matter since it has much flood control work to do but can't do it until the River Authority does its work. He felt if City Hall will lend its support to the proposal that it will win.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Mr. de la Garza for expressing himself on the matter, but did not know if the Council is willing to take a position on it. The Mayor said however, speaking as an individual, flood prevention is one of the important and vital programs that must be completed in San Antonio, and stated that he personally is going to vote for it.

65-742 Mr. Curly Johnson, who spoke during the budget hearing and who had observed the rest of the meeting, commended the Council for what it has done in the past and for what it is doing now.

65-741 Councilman Jones introduced his son, Randy Jones, a student at Highlands High School.

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The Clerk read the following letter:

July 22, 1965

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

65-741 7-14-65 Petition of Mr. Mario F. Gonzalez, 334 Mistletoe, requesting the City to take action to abate the nuisance created by the noise, odors, flood lights, etc., at J. P.'s Waffle House, 2022 San Pedro at Mistletoe, which stays open 24 hours a day.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

The City Manager's Office made the following report on petitions:

65-774 1) Petition of Mrs. Albert R. Townsend, Jr., and other citizens in the 100 and 200 blocks of Shasta Avenue, requesting that the drainage ditch off Military Drive and Pleasanton Road be cleaned, and the bottom cemented, to eliminate the stagnant water which emits odors and breeds mosquitoes.

Our investigation reveals that this drainage ditch was a bond project which provided for an earth channel and was constructed approximately six years ago. There are areas in the bottom which have eroded where water still stands. The Health Department continuously checks and sprays this ditch to eliminate any mosquito problem which may arise. The Public Works Department has this ditch on a regular schedule for mowing. Due to the heavy rains this past spring, the mowing schedule was not adequate. We are making a concentrated effort to get back on schedule.

It would, therefore, be recommended that consideration be given in a future bond issue for concrete lining of this channel. The Public Works and Health Departments have been advised to take whatever action is necessary to eliminate the odors and mosquitoes.

65-775 2) Petition of the Park North Village Apartments, requesting the City to take action to have the owners of Lots 16A, 17A, 18A, 19A and 20A, NCB 11962, clean these vacant lots which are full of weeds and infested with snakes and rats.

Our investigation reveals that these lots are overgrown with weeds, some underbrush present and there is a minimum of litter. The vacant area is quite unsightly when compared with the adjacent property. Our vacant lot program consists of sending notices to the vacant lot owners only after receiving a complaint. This is the first complaint received on these lots and notice was sent to the owner on July 1, 1965. A recheck is to be made to determine whether compliance with the City Code has been made.

The City Clerk reported that the owners, residents and managers of the North Park Village Apartments who filed the petition thanked the Council for the action taken as the lots have now been cleared.

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

A P P R O V E D :

Wm McCallister
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ATTEST:

J. H. Dueselwan
City Clerk

