

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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: BECKER, SAN MARTIN, PADILLA, O'CONNELL, LACY; Absent: COCKRELL, BLACK, MORTON, MENDOZA.

74-59 The invocation was given by The Reverend Doctor Roald E. Braulick, St. John's Lutheran Church.

74-59 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

74-59 MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 1974

Mr. Padilla requested a correction be made in the minutes of November 27, 1974. On page 29 in Mr. Padilla's comments in next to the last sentence, the word "something" should be "nothing".

With that correction, the minutes were approved.

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74-59 The following resolution was introduced by Dr. San Martin and was read by Mayor Becker at Dr. San Martin's request:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 74-59-69

EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE COM-
PLETION OF 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
CITIZENS OF SAN ANTONIO AND EXPRESSING
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS.

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A formal copy of the resolution was presented to Archbishop Francis J. Furey who was present. Bishop Furey accepted the resolution on behalf of the San Antonio Archdiocese and expressed his heartfelt thanks. He invited everyone to attend the mass scheduled on December 8th in the Arena.

74-59 ARQ. ANSELMO GONZALEZ CANSECO

Dr. San Martin introduced Arq. Anselmo Gonzalez Canseco, who is a talented Mexican Artist and who was accompanied by Lic. Francisco Avendano Cruz, Director of the Mexican Cultural Institute in San Antonio. He invited the people of San Antonio to visit the water color exhibit of Senor Canseco at the Institute.

Dr. San Martin read a proclamation naming Arq. Anselmo Gonzalez Canseco an Alcalde of La Villita and presented the proclamation to him.

Senor Canseco thanked Dr. San Martin and in return presented him with a beautiful water color scene which was graciously accepted for the City of San Antonio.

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The following discussion took place:

MAYOR CHARLES L. BECKER: In recognition of the fact that we have a full Council Chamber today with many ladies, mothers and small children, we will dispense with everything until we give these people an opportunity to express their sentiments for whatever occasion it might be. I don't know whether there is a sign-in sheet out there or not, but I hope that all of you are comfortable. We do have a "B" Room across the way which is also connected to the Council Chamber. There are chairs over there for those of you who are standing or otherwise inconvenienced. Just make yourself comfortable please.

Does anyone remember who signed up first? We can dispense with waiting for the list. Is there anyone whose name appeared first? All right, Mrs. Garza, whenever you are ready.

MRS. LAURA GARZA: My name is Laura Garza. I am a housewife. We reside at 203 Craigmont here in San Antonio. Today, I am representing some 380 housewives, mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the Bus Drivers and Mechanics Wives' Committee for Economic Justice.

I want to thank the Council for the opportunity to speak in behalf of our husbands, who are the workers in our household, the bread-winners of the family and yes, the taxpayers, who are not present, because 20 of them are on their way to jail.

I am here because I want to ask for economic justice--where our husbands can sit down with Transit Officials in a friendly atmosphere for better wages, hours of work, conditions of work and fringe benefits.

But recent events clearly indicate that the atmosphere for our husbands is not favorable. That atmosphere has been created in part by you and strongly organized employers of the San Antonio Manufacturers Association, that has made the existence and growth of Labor Union as difficult as possible.

Why? Do the San Antonio Manufacturers Association, this group of willful men, demand that working people stay out of Labor Unions? The reason is not hard to find: Unorganized breadwinners will work longer hours for less pay, under worse conditions of work than our husbands who are organized.

Keeping the working men economically deprived is supposed to produce a healthy economy. But if the masses of the people who are the consumers cannot buy the products of field, factory and services, can we have prosperity? A low wage area is always a poverty-stricken area.

We urge you, Mayor Becker, and Council Members to open the gate of understanding because we are amazed no little that the Council which advertises itself as friends and leaders in San Antonio should place itself in a position where you resort to putting our husbands in prison because they want better wages, hours of work, conditions of work and fringe benefits which compare favorably to those of bus drivers and mechanics in Houston and Dallas.

The plight of our husbands grows as you throw more and more obstacles in the path of a decent living wage. The jailing of our husbands is pure intimidation. They will not abandon their just cause no matter how many times you jail them. In fact, you had better build a bigger jail because our husbands are determined to die on their feet, rather than to live on their knees--don't be surprised that we will join them.

We urge that with the Council's help, the meetings that stopped between the San Antonio Transit Board Management and the Bus Drivers and Mechanics Officials will resume immediately and that it will result in an agreement of understanding acceptable to both sides. San Antonio is a low-wage area and our economy will never be reasonably healthy unless and until the City Council as an employer learns to pay much better wages than they do today. There is no good reason why San Antonio should remain a poor town forever.

MAYOR BECKER: Thank you very much, Mrs. Garza. Next is Mr. Henry Munoz. Is Mr. Henry Munoz here?

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: He may not be, your honor. He probably thought this would come up at 10:30.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, that's all the names I see that are indicated to speak this morning with respect to the Transit strike.

Now, I think that the City Council should make an attempt to explain the situation with respect to our part and the role that we play in the strike between the bus drivers and the Transit Authority. I would like for all of you to understand that first of all there isn't a member of this City Council that has any desire to see anyone go to jail. That's not our desire in any way, shape, fashion or form. By the same token, I can only say to you that our intervention in a matter of this kind between any agency of the City of San Antonio and its employees is: One, in violation of the City Charter and: Two, in violation of the State Statutes. We're placed in this position, whichever City Council it might be, with regularity when we're expected to be the mediators for a dispute such as this.

The matter of having to bring the matter to the attention of the courts, the matter of judges issuing edicts and so forth, and ordering people to jail is something that's grievous to us. We were hopeful that this strike, this dispute, would be settled by now without the rancor that's been incurred, without the unhappiness and unpleasanties that are becoming a part of it. And the matter of people going to jail is a manifestation of this thing that is not in any way in keeping with what we would like to have seen happen. I can only say that to you in utmost sincerity and deepest candor.

The matter is out of our hands. It seems that the City Council is always called upon and expected to be the deciding factor in these things and yet we're not empowered to do so. It's a rather tenuous role that we have in the operation of, not only the City government, but also the affairs of the various agencies such as the Public Service, the Water Board and the Transit Authority. It isn't that we're not interested. It isn't that we're not concerned. It isn't that we don't desire the best for the well being of every citizen of San Antonio, but I can remember serving on the last Council when certain members of the Bar Association came before this Council and took the hide off of us for even daring to place ourselves in the position of mediator in the last Transit strike. I think you can possibly recall that occasion, Mr. Padilla, I don't know whether you can or not. I know I can. That in itself isn't the final answer, but the gentleman that spoke to us knew his law and he was certainly within his rights in dressing us down. I'll reiterate to do so is in violation of the state statutes of the State of Texas.

So I don't know exactly what we're expected to do. We're between a rock and a hard spot, it's heck if we do and it's heck if we don't. I would like to think that the Council's intentions and preferences which we made known last Friday with respect to the percentage of increase which the City Council was willing to authorize as a raise in wages, an increase in pay, would have been respected because it was in coincidence with those increases that had been granted to the City Public Service employees, the Water Board employees, and the employees of the City of San Antonio as a percentage factor. We thought that that was harmonious and in keeping with what had been done for the other employees of the City and its agencies. I'm told that there's a difference of something like ten cents an hour that is separating the drivers and the employees of the Transit Authority from going back to work. It certainly seems to me that that's a rather miniscule amount to have all this fuss and feathers and this harangue over and the possible jailing of these gentlemen who Mrs. Garza was just speaking of.

I would like to think that there's some reasonableness that can be brought to play on both sides. In granting the 6½ percent increase now and the next 6½ percent increase next August, we were under the impression that that was sufficient. I understand that the cost of living is going skyrocketing upward by leaps and bounds. I'm well aware of that. I think every member of this Council is similarly well aware of that because we, too, have families. We, too, have to pay for the things we use and we know and understand some of the conditions that you're faced with. I also might

say that the bus drivers and employees of the Transit Authority are not the only people that are being affected adversely by inflation in San Antonio or the United States of America. We're attempting here on this City Council to use what modicum of common sense that we can muster together and bring to play in whatever assessments that we must make of affairs of this City.

I hear in the news and read in the paper where the City of Cleveland, Ohio is forced to lay off 10 percent of its City employees, is forced to lay off 10 percent of the City police force. I don't know who else is similarly affected but the City of Cleveland, Ohio has suddenly found itself in a financial and fiscal empassé where it does not have the ability to remain solvent on its present basis. I don't think any of you would advocate that that's what we do in any matter in the City of San Antonio in any way.

I can only say to you that despite the fact that your problems are here, there's hardly a nation in Europe that is not on the verge of economic and financial collapse, more specifically, Italy, England and France. You say what does that have to do with you. It only has one thing to do with you and that is simply that all of the problems in Europe will be translated into the economic mainstream of the United States of America. Our country right now has been undergoing certain drastic changes, economically. The rate of unemployment is growing, that's not fiction or anything that's exaggerated. It's a fact and the United States Federal Government is acknowledging that as a fact.

So feeding this fire of inflation, feeding the flames of unemployment is something that's counter productive and it's for that reason we're trying to act in a fashion that we regard as responsible. I would like to think that that would meet with the concurrence of the general public and also those involved in the Transit strike. It's not that we're trying to be cantankerous, it's not that we're trying to be argumentative or contentious or disputatious or anything of the sort. But somewhere there must be a semblance of order in things.

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council, I was not present in the City of San Antonio last week and certainly I heard only second-hand information as to the meeting that was held by the Council last Friday. On returning to the City Monday afternoon, I found what I thought was a deterioration of the situation as far as the negotiations between the Transit System and the union. I, too, share your concern, Mr. Mayor, for some of the problems, economic problems, not only of the world, but San Antonio which eventually will be reflected here but I'd like to express my feelings that legally or illegally we have a moral responsibility, if not a legal one, to the citizens of San Antonio to do everything we possibly can through moral persuasion, if necessary, in order to resolve any conflict that may face the citizens of San Antonio. I would like, Mr. Mayor, to recommend, if I may, that we meet with officials of the San Antonio Transit System sometime today as soon as possible in order to encourage, in my opinion, one more attempt at resolving this problem before anything more serious happens. I always take the position that as long as you're talking to people there is a chance for a compromise. When you stop talking you pretty well polarize yourself into a situation where it's just like when you get angry at your wife and you don't talk to her. Well, you just know that sooner or later you're going to talk to her anyway so you might as well start right there.

I would like to suggest, Mr. Mayor, that we ask the Board of Trustees to come to City Hall at your convenience so that we may present them some views. One of the views that I'd like to present to them is one of the suggestions that Mr. O'Connell gave me this morning, and I'd like for him to speak to it. My personal suggestion would be that we recommend to the Transit System the setting up of an arbitration committee of three people which can be monitored by a federal mediator. I don't have any hang-ups on that. It doesn't bother me if a federal mediator would monitor it. But I feel that a three man arbitration committee would probably break this deadlock in such a way that the employees of the Transit System might return to work without jeopardizing in any way their position or their rights, but that it could be a solution. So I'm asking, Mr. Mayor, if necessary I'd like to move that we ask the Transit System to come to City Council for an emergency executive session sometime today to discuss this matter further.

MAYOR BECKER: Is there any discussion on Dr. San Martin's motion?

MR. ALVIN G. PADILLA: I'll second it.

MR. BILL O'CONNELL: I would like to speak to it if I may. I'd like to say one thing, that I regret very strongly the situation that has actually presented itself whereas I believe the union in San Antonio and perhaps other unions are using the situation here to test the laws of the State and I think it's being done to test the laws of the State at the expense of the bus drivers and the bus riders both. I think that, personally, and I'm not attempting to make any negotiation arrangements, and I won't necessarily agree with the arbitration, but I will say this. If it was me, I would do what was suggested some time ago and that was this, that all that anyone seemed to want in the year of 1974 was a 6½ percent, 25 cents an hour. I would make my suggestion as is done in many other union areas where there will not be a signing of a contract but an extension. The extension be for a period of time to allow several things to happen. One: if the union wants to continue to test the laws of the State of Texas they won't be at the expense of the drivers or the riders. The other thing is if the management wants to look around to come up with some money to find where with to do what they want to do, fine it will give them some time. But I'm suggesting that the 6½ per cent be taken now, the bus drivers and the mechanics go back to work. This is all they were going to get in 1974 anyhow. Let them go on back. This, of course, in my estimation and many people I've talked with, this gives a 6½ percent in '74 which is added to the 4.17 and the 6.67 they've already gotten in '74 so it's not a bad deal for '74. Evidently, it was. It has not been discussed. It's my understanding anyway. I know that their fringes are somewhere around 27.87 percent, so they're not bad in that area, but putting all of this aside and rather than to get such a turmoil that everybody could cool off. By cool off I'm saying go back to work today, take the 6½ percent, allow the Transit System and their people to find wherewith, after all that's exactly what they're going to have to do - find out - is how they're going to do it. Let the union go ahead and test their laws if they care to up in Austin, but not at the expense of the drivers, not at the expense of the people who need to ride the buses nor the merchants downtown. I see nothing wrong because it will give everybody a cooling off period of time. It doesn't sign a contract; it doesn't obligate the drivers to anything at the moment. They still have their conditions that they can look at. They haven't obligated themselves to anything. I think either side, just a cooling off period. I think that you're going to get a federal mediator and conciliation service. I know that they've offered this at a number of other cases and this will probably be one that will - they suggest that's going to come up anyhow. So, for a couple of months you are not going to lose anything.

MAYOR BECKER: Al, did you want to say something?

MR. PADILLA: If this is the time to make a comment, Mr. Mayor, we have a motion before us if you want to act on that first. I would like to make a statement when the time comes.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, I think your statement would be a comment with respect to the motion.

MR. PADILLA: All right. First of all, I did second the motion because I think that we have reached an impasse, as it were, in this situation, and it is the most positive suggestion that has come to light. There may be better ideas, but they certainly haven't been presented to this Council as of this point in time. I'd like to see something get this thing moving. Nothing better has come along. So, for that reason, I seconded the motion and I will support it. As to other things, I think it should be perfectly clear to everyone in the community that while the Council without a doubt has stated its majority position, there has been difference on the Council itself. I have taken exception to some of the minority position. My position has been, and I would still urge the Council, that, one, is to the point of intervention. The fact of the matter is that this Council is now saying that the Transit Board and the drivers should get together and settle this business, the Council did in fact intervene. It is my understanding that management of the Transit Board came here originally with an offer that would have been acceptable to the drivers. The Council as I understand it changed that, modified it and would not approve it as they

recommended it. To that extent, wisely or unwisely, we intervened. We have been involved in it since. My position in terms of what we should do is that we should make every effort to recognize that, one, we do have bus service in San Antonio and we will continue to have bus service in San Antonio. The present situation is strictly a temporary one. With that in mind, we should look for equity insofar as we can define it. I believe that the Council, in my opinion, acted somewhat arbitrarily in assigning any type of increase. I think before you can say 6½ or 10½ or whatever you have, the responsibility of taking a look and, at least, being satisfied that there is some just basis for whatever position you take. I think no effort has been made to try to see what the corresponding City positions pay. I think no effort has been made to see if any sort of parity existed. We did, in fact, grant the City employees 6½ and I think if the bus drivers were on a parity with City employees, if the bus drivers were making what they should have been making, then 6½ would, perhaps, have been a consistent and a fair increase, but I don't believe anything was done about looking into the parity situation. If parity does not exist, then conversely I felt and I feel that the offer was not necessarily a fair one. To say that the City employees got 6½, the drivers will be offered 6½ would be a fair thing if the drivers had as much as the others to begin with. We have to establish that. This has been the kind of action I've been trying to encourage. It has not generated any type of majority support, but I still feel that it should be the direction that this Council should take in trying to provide leadership. We are in it insofar as this Council has to fund whatever settlement is made, whether it be 10 cents an hour or a dollar an hour and I'm not recommending either one, but we are going to have to come up with the money, whatever it is. The Transit System operates with a City subsidy and the subsidy will have to be what it now is plus the amount of any settlement. So to deny that we're involved in it is being - is striking our head in the sand. I warned the Council last week about the business that has come up. I understand this morning. Jailing people is absolutely nonproductive. It will add nothing to this thing. It is counter-productive. It's tragic. I said to the Council last week - if someone tried to make me, and I speak personally, work for something that I felt was unjust, I'd rot in jail if they put me there. So I have to support Dr. San Martin's motion because I think it's the only positive thing that's been raised here this morning. I notice that we only have five people. I hope that we do something to try to get this thing moving again. Thank you very much.

MAYOR BECKER: Thank you, Al. Glenn, did you have something you'd like to....

MR. GLENN LACY: Well, first Mr. Mayor, I'd like to see that something be done and, of course, that would be the first step, I guess. At the same time though, I wouldn't want the Council to be taking a position of a referee so to speak, determining when things are right because we do have the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees are supposed to make those determinations. We're supposed to determine whether or not the purse strings will stand it. In this case, of course, there's lost wages on the part of the bus drivers, but not only are they in the position of losing, also the citizens, all the people that try to go to work. They tell me the downtown stores are badly lacking of shoppers because they can't get to town to buy and there's great concern for everybody's pocket-book. Christmas is just around the corner and I'd certainly be very happy to see that they would be able to get back to work, even the City is losing money by the strike. I don't know whether the difference is going to be net in the loss-that is, the difference between what is standing between settling this matter at this point. If it goes on long enough, we're going to all lose more than that difference that we're talking about. It's just a small amount and yet the City is losing just by the fact the buses aren't rolling. The wage earner out there, the little ladies, and so on, the men that have to ride buses, they're losing. Putting it all together, it's going to far exceed what we're talking about and without standing off in the corner and saying go ahead and settle this, Trustees, do this anyway, we want them to handle it and, therefore, I would have to urge that the motion be carried out. I would support it because that might be the last step, but I would hope that both sides, give or take a little bit so we can settle it because I don't think there's anything to be gained - that little bit that's the difference. I think

they're all going to lose that if we keep waiting and just holding out for the sake of saying we're going to win, like a football game or something of that nature.

MAYOR BECKER: Mr. Reeder, would you care to comment on your opinion of the court action that's being handled in Austin today?

CITY ATTORNEY CRAWFORD REEDER: Well, I read in the paper that Mr. Herrera, the attorney for the union, who's a very competent lawyer, has filed an application for writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court on behalf of these 20 people who, or 19 people, who have been put in jail - ordered put in jail for contempt of court. I think the Council and the Transit Board and the union will all know a lot more after the Supreme Court rules on that matter and I expect it to rule today. This isn't one of those things they take under advisement for several months. They're going to have to act today. So one of the big question marks that you have is what is the law and nobody including me knows right now, but we'll probably know by sunset this afternoon, and then you'll be in a much better position to make decisions about what you're going to do and what you're not going to do. That's the only comment I can make.

MAYOR BECKER: All right.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'd just like to make one further comment, Mr. Mayor, and that is that regardless of whatever decision that is made, it will probably address itself to the legal points but the fact remains that we are not going to settle until we have a fair and equitable decision which will be fair to the bus drivers. It will be fair to the citizens of San Antonio who subsidize the Transit System and it will be in line with responsible financial policies that this Council has entertained. I feel that some of the information that we may share with the Transit System in an executive session today would have to remain, I would say, in private with me because I feel that I cannot make these suggestions public until the Transit System has had an opportunity to hear them. So my purpose in asking for this meeting is twofold, and one of them was to keep the thing moving and the other one is to discuss some suggestions that I have.

MR. O'CONNELL: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make one thing understood. My offer of method of a contract extension, so it is normally...inaudible... would not in any way eliminate the powers that the union might have. Again, if the dispute wasn't settled within a period of time would not jeopardize any of the strong-arm or whatever they want right now. It didn't jeopardize any of that. My only thought was to get something moving where we didn't have to wait for a court or a judge. After all, if there's no law broken then no one is going to go to jail, but I don't think that's necessary. I think that's besides the point. What we're trying to do is make sure that everybody's getting paid the proper and substantial wage and the thing is that if we're going to, as Al suggests, try to find out if the drivers in fact are being paid parity, so we can offer suggestions, we also need a little bit of time. So we're asking that the people go back to work, that the management look for their methods of equitable wage settlement. They find out where the money is, and I say, the union could keep right on going testing the law, but it won't be at the expense of the drivers or the riders. Consequently, I would support the motion to meet with the Transit people. I don't know that - I hope it will do some good. I don't think that we should say about the mediation, I read in the paper where even the union wasn't particularly happy with the mediation type of situation, but whatever that may be, whatever that may be, I would recommend that we meet with them again. I mean I would think it would be worthwhile to meet with the Transit Authority.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'd like to clarify one point briefly, Mr. Mayor, if I may. Both Mr. Padilla and Mr. O'Connell have addressed themselves to the question of parity, and I remember distinctly that a couple of weeks ago I did ask Mr. Sam Granata to give us some kind of a report as to what parity really was, because I even used the term, are we using the same yardstick with one group of employees and a different yardstick with another group of employees. I believe that Mr. Granata did make a report as to what parity really meant. Is that correct, Mr. Granata?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Only to the effect that I advised you that we really don't have a similar position. I mean you can't compare a garbage truck driver with a bus driver. They carry people, etc. Our garbage truck driver makes \$3.51. The present Transit System driver makes \$4.00, but it's not comparable.

DR. SAN MARTIN: The reason is I don't want anybody in this audience or in the City of San Antonio to feel that three weeks later we're still not addressing ourselves to that point. We did address that point. I specifically asked you for it myself, and that's the report that you gave.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: That's correct.

DR. SAN MARTIN: And we did address ourselves to that point.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: You must consider that they have the safety of the riders in the bus...

MR. PADILLA: Well, Dr. San Martin, I would differ with you just slightly. I'm satisfied that you're anxious about establishing what the equitable situation would be. But, I would differ that we address the point to the extent of finding any answers. I think Sam did answer that. I also address Sam in a similar manner. I went beyond that. I asked him rather than take a position that we maintain if for nothing, no better reason just stubbornness on each respective side, can we establish what this is costing the community? Can we establish what is being lost by the community in terms of jobs, lost payrolls, lost productivity, lost commerce, lost services and so forth? If 10 cents an hour, and that figure is something I grabbed out of the air, if 10 cents an hour will settle this, how does that compare with the expense on the other side of the balance beam? Are we being stubborn in not settling the thing for ten cents, for five cents, or whatever the figure might be. We should be able to relate that figure to the cost to the City in terms of other expenses. I don't think we've done that yet.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: No sir, that--we tried and it's very difficult. Sales Tax enters into it. We lose sales tax from the one percent we would receive that's being spent.

MR. PADILLA: Did you ever find out what we're losing in terms of sales tax?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: No sir, it was impossible for me to do that. The dime, as I understand it, that you're talking about is about \$280,000 for the yearly package. That's the dime, that's what you're talking about. You're talking about \$280,000....

MR. PADILLA: To try to determine how much is being lost in commerce and business because from that figure could be calculated the sales tax which would be a direct expense to the City of San Antonio. These were questions which were asked. I don't believe that the Council has addressed the answers to these things or consider the answers.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, I'm going to make one statemnt, with respect to the number of strikes that we've had in the last six years. We've had five strikes in a period of six years. The strikes have almost become an annual event. Now, there must be something drastically wrong somewhere for this type of a condition to be so prevalent. I don't know exactly what is being sought. I can't answer what the ultimate goal is, but every year we suffer this same type of inconvenience and dislocation in the City of San Antonio. Five strikes in six years. What would it take to put this sort of thing at an end? That's the question I have to ask myself. What's being sought? Now, I don't think that the Transit Authority or the City of SanAntonio for that matter is capable of satisfying an insatiable demand for wages. Now, if we're attempting to seek parity, if we're attempting to seek equity, if we're attempting to make something that might be wrong right, and people are doing this with sincerity and conviction and honesty, then there might be a solution to the problem. But, if regardless of what's being done or has been done we're going to have this occurrence every year then I finally have to ask myself is this being born out of good faith, is this being born out of honesty, is it being born out of fairness, or is it being born out of something that's become

compulsive, is it tinged with greed? I'm asking.....

FROM THE AUDIENCE: Cost of living.

MAYOR BECKER: I'm merely asking. Now, if it's a fact that the gentlemen are now receiving \$4.00 for driving buses, and they could be granted 25 percent, 25 cents now and 25 cents in August, and then whatever increases the City might incur in the interim period, I'm not saying that, perhaps, \$4.00 is an equitable wage for driving a bus, I don't know. But it's something that should be investigated, and I think it should be investigated not only with the union and the drivers but it should also be investigated with whatever information the Transit Authority can bring to play as to how this compares with similar cities of similar economic circumstances and I'm not talking about New York City and San Francisco and places like that. I'm talking about similar cities of similar economic circumstances.

In view of what Mr. Reeder has said about the possibility of the Supreme Court handing down a ruling this afternoon, I'm going to make my position known now. I think it would be inopportune for the City Council at this moment to make a decision on whether or not to meet this afternoon with the Transit Authority administrators or the Board until we, first of all, know what that ruling embodies. Now after hearing of the ruling this afternoon, if it indeed does occur this afternoon, then I would suggest that we reconsider about having the meeting tomorrow. Not today, but tomorrow, and I'm inclined to agree with Mr. O'Connell's suggestion that the drivers and everyone go back to work and in no way would this prejudice the rights of any of those men but indeed would serve as a cooling off period. I can't be convinced in my own mind that we need a board of arbitration because I'm not sure that the City of San Antonio wants to be bound to whatever findings the board of arbitration might bring forth. We are the City Council. The Transit Board is the authority for the Transit Company and I don't see where we need to interject another party into the picture. I think, if anything, that's one of the problems now. There's entirely too many parties involved in this. So, if you're ready to call for the vote, Mr. Garland Jackson, would you please.....

MR. O'CONNELL: Excuse me, may I offer a substitute motion or an addendum? I would say...I can't understand, personally, I can't understand why 4 1/2 percent today and say in February with not losing any rights would hurt anyone. I think it's going to be a help. I also would like to say that I believe that the law firm involved in this thing is not entirely unbiased. I have information that the law firm that is actually suing the City also will receive from the City this year on a contract since July 9, 1974, \$100,000 in their involvement with the San Antonio Development Agency. I don't think that this law firm really--they're talking out of both sides of their mouths. They've got their hand out for at least \$100,000 from the City this year, from July 9 till now, and then also suing the City on the other hand. I think there's something wrong in that law firm. You've been talking about law firms involved in the various cases. I think this is another example. My substitution I'd like to offer is this that we meet with the Transit Authority as soon as they obtain a ruling. In other words, we would let them brief us on what the ruling was. In this way, we would all be briefed at the proper time, and not through the media because sometimes we don't get exactly the in's and out's. If we met with them as soon as they could get a ruling which would be this afternoon, we could break up right here and run over and have a meeting with them.

MR. PADILLA: Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor, a couple of things. First of all, Mr. O'Connell, I sit as one of the Council's representatives on the Urban Renewal Board. The law firm that I think you have reference to is: one, not taking a hand out. They've been retained to do the legal work of the agency, and I understand the Board is satisfied with the work that they rendered. So in a sense of performing a service and being paid for it, in fact, not in a sense, but they are performing a service and being paid for it. As to something being wrong with the law firm, I think we have to address ourselves there to the Legislature of the State of Texas and what they permit law firms to do. As you know, I have addressed the matter of what is right and what isn't for what I term professional people, but that has been my opinion. The State Legislature does permit a law firm in this case, one of the attorneys represents a City agency, if we're talking about the same firm another attorney in the same firm represents the

bus drivers' union in this case. I think the matter of whether that firm is acting in accordance with the law or not properly belongs with some state agency or perhaps the Bar Association upon the filing of proper complaint. I don't think it's, you know, a legitimate area for this Council to enter, because no doubt being a law firm of some proficiency, they are probably rendering their service to the various clients in an entirely legal manner.

MAYOR BECKER: Will the Clerk call the roll on Dr. San Martin's motion.

MRS. COCKRELL: Absent.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Yes.

MAYOR BECKER: No.

REVEREND BLACK: Absent.

MR. LACY: No.

MR. MORTON: Absent.

MR. O'CONNELL: No.

MR. PADILLA: Yes.

MR. MENDOZA: Absent.

CLERK: Motion failed.

MR. O'CONNELL: May I make a substitute motion that the Council be convened, and I believe you call it Executive Session, to hear the outcome of the present legal action in Austin that will be called as soon as the notification is received that they can brief us on the action.

MAYOR BECKER: All right, is there a second to that motion?

MR. PADILLA: I second it.

MAYOR BECKER: Okay.

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CLERK: This is on the substitute motion.

MRS. COCKRELL: Absent.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Yes.

MAYOR BECKER: Yes.

REVEREND BLACK: Absent.

MR. LACY: Yes.

MR. MORTON: Absent.

MR. O'CONNELL: Yes.

MR. PADILLA: Yes.

MR. MENDOZA: Absent.

CLERK: Motion carried.

MAYOR BECKER: Okay.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to ask the City Manager to inform the Chairman of the Transit System to be available from now on at any time that this Council wishes to convene a Special Meeting.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes sir, and I'll advise the Council I'll be happy to do that, and we must post under the meeting's law a two hour notice before you can have any meeting, and that I'll do as soon as we hear and I'll do as soon as we hear, and I'll be in contact with....

DR. SAN MARTIN: Well, I think you should post the notice now.

MAYOR BECKER: I'd post it now.

DR. SAN MARTIN: And leave the hour open.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Well, we can't post it now because we don't really know when it's going to be so I have to post it within two hours, in other words we get a decision at three o'clock, we can post it that it's going to be held at 5:00, or if we get a decision tonight we can say it's going to be tomorrow morning at 9:00. It's that kind of a deal.

MR. PADILLA: A question for Mr. Reeder.

MR. O'CONNELL: Why don't we post one and then cancel it, that way we'll have it already done.

MR. PADILLA: That's what I'm asking, Crawford, do we have to have a meeting just because we post notice of one, or can we cancel it?

CITY ATTORNEY REEDER: Well, I think you can probably get by without having a meeting?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: What time do you want to guess it'd be?

DR. SAN MARTIN: I would imagine it would be somewhere by 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock today.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Okay, we'll post an executive session notice right now for 5:00 o'clock meeting today.

MR. PADILLA: If it's going to be five of us here I can't be here at 5:00 o'clock. Charlie, I can't be here at 5:00 if there's going to be five of us here. I can't be here at 5:00.

MR. O'CONNELL: Let's make it 3:30 today. They can call the information back, can't they?

MAYOR BECKER: Sam, let's post the notice of the meeting for 3:30.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: We'll post it for 3:30, all right, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: How can we be in communication with the Court in Austin so that we can get immediate information with respect to the decision?

CITY ATTORNEY REEDER: I can call over to the lawyers that are representing the Transit Board on the thing. They'll know what the decision is and they'll let us know.

MAYOR BECKER: All right, well, you ask them then specifically to notify us immediately so that we'll have our meeting this afternoon.

MR. ROBERT THOMPSON: I'm Robert Thompson, President and Business Agent for the Amalgamated Transit Union. I appeared before the Council here on the 14th of November. You were absent, Mr. Mayor, but to put things in their right place, let's start with Mr. O'Connell about the law firm since I have retained the two law firms in question. What is the question of the law firms, Mr. O'Connell?

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MR. O'CONNELL: I questioned the law firm's involvement here with the City in one hand and against the City on the other hand.

MR. THOMPSON: I have two law firms that I have retained.

MR. O'CONNELL: Hardberger, Branton and Herrera.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Herrera is the representative lawyer for the Members of the Amalgamated Transit Union, Divison 694. Now, you're talking about the suit that was filed in Federal Court yesterday?

MR. O'CONNELL: No, I'm talking about the firm Hardberger, Branton, and Herrera.

MR. THOMPSON: True.

MR. O'CONNELL: Attorneys at 115 Villita Street.

MR. THOMPSON: You're not talking about the suit that was filed in Federal Court at all? The suit that was filed in Federal Court anyway was filed by Peter Torres, Jr., and Associates. Two different law firms, but I did come before this Council on the 14th of November. Some people seem to forget what I told them then. Mr. O'Connell asked for more time to resolve this dispute. I submitted the request to the San Antonio Transit System Board of Trustees on the 28th of August of this year. On the 23rd of September, I did call the Transit System to get together to try to get in and start talking with these people. Mr. Bill Culpit, San Antonio Transit System, told me no, it won't be until the 10th or 11th of October. Three weeks, almost four weeks they put it off, to start discussions on what the requests were. We started meeting on the 11th of October and through the 13th of November or through the 12th of November we were doing great. This will particularly interest you, Mr. Mayor, since you were not in the City at the time, but on the 13th of November, this City Council injected itself into my negotiations with the Transit System. You say today that this City Council can't inject themselves. On the 13th of November, they injected themselves into my negotiations. Mr. Norman Hill came into that meeting and he told me that instead of having 50 cents that was offered, you've got 25 cents and negotiations are to stop right now. The paper was typed out. Proposals directed by the City Council of San Antonio.

You asked what caused this dispute. This City Council caused this dispute we're under today. At the present - I just came from the Court room. They took my men. The Sheriff's deputy took my men and they're holding them in the Court house right now, and by God, not one of them better go to jail.

A little bit further, a little bit further, you talk about arbitration. On the 25th of November, I went to the San Antonio Transit System with a counter proposal. They asked me to go over and give them a counter proposal, on two occasions. On that day, I went with two counter proposals to try to resolve the dispute. The second proposal on the 25th of November was for final and binding arbitration submitted by me to the Transit System. That very afternoon, they called me back in and told me, "No, it's illegal." They haven't shown me that it's illegal. They just have too much to lose just as well as this City. That action was taken by this City Council on the 13th of November was trying to make us the lowest, classified City employees of this City by taking 25 cents away from us, and we're not going to stand for it.

You talk about the arbitration. I've already submitted on the 25th of November, look it up in the morning's papers on the 26th. That's when I gave it to press that night when after the System had turned me down that afternoon. I have worked, I'm exhausted at this present time, this past month to resolve this thing. We go to the System and they ask for a counter proposal that afternoon, and just turn it down. I come before City Council to try to get it resolved. No, they can't get themselves injected into it. They put the Transit Board over there, but they forgot about the Transit Board and the Management. They came straight to me through Norman Hill on the 13th of November and told me 25 cents and negotiations stop right now. And that was this City Council. You're the people that have to answer to the public, and the people downtown by the action you took. And like I say there's 20 men over there at the Court house and God they better not go to the Stonehouse.

MAYOR BECKER: Thank you, Mr. Thompson. Is Mr. Henry Munoz here now? All right, let's take the next on Citizens to be Heard.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. TERRY STONE

Mr. Terry Stone, 7110 Wurzbach Road, said that he is presently employed by the Veteran's Administration in San Antonio. He had been employed as a Public Health Investigator by the City's Health Clinic. While with the Health Department no parking space was provided for the investigators anywhere near the Clinic. He said that he had been issued 20 parking tickets and now is being threatened by the Warrant Clerk with arrest. He asked the Council to cancel the parking tickets and also to provide parking space for the investigators. On questioning he said that he was paid by the State and also received a car allowance.

City Manager Granata said that many City employees pay for parking space which is available nearby and they, too, are required to abide by parking meter regulations.

After discussion, Mayor Becker asked that the City Manager try to arrange for some parking places which can be paid for on a per diem basis to accommodate these investigators as much as possible.

City Attorney Reeder suggested that Mr. Stone discuss the matter of the parking tickets with the Chief Prosecutor and ask him for consideration.

MR. HENRY MUNOZ

Mr. Henry Munoz, Business Manager of Local 2399, said that discussion must be on a continuing basis between the Transit System and the bus drivers. Otherwise there will never be a compromise. He said that it was the Council's fault that some of the men were fined and put in jail.

Mayor Becker assured Mr. Munoz that no member of the Council had any desire to put anyone in jail and was not responsible for that in any way.

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Mr. Padilla said that recently the City Council passed a Resolution endorsing action taken by attorneys for the Transit System in which an injunction against the strike was sought. As a result of that court action some of the men have been fined and jailed. He asked if the Council could direct the attorneys to cease the action to be rescinded so the strikers would be released from jail.

City Attorney Reeder explained that these men were put in jail for contempt of the court and not for contempt of the City Council or the Transit Board. It would be up to the Judge to determine any action to be taken.

Mayor Becker said that the Council would do its utmost to keep the bus drivers from going to jail.

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MR. LARRY MAZUR

Mr. Larry Mazur, 221 West Commerce, said that he is a typical independent businessman in the downtown area whose business has been terribly hurt because of the bus strike. He said that downtown business must have a good business in December in order to have a successful year.

Mr. Mazur stated that he felt that peaceful conciliation is the only way to resolve the current bus strike and asked that the Council today request the union and the Transit System meet again in the presence of a conciliator and continue their negotiations. He offered to serve in that capacity if he were needed. He emphasized the need for haste in getting the buses rolling again.

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MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida Street, said that if the Council decides to rebate any of the City Public Service 14 percent pass through charge it would be wrong to do it strictly by a tax cut. There are 70,000 renters in San Antonio who would not be helped this way. He suggested a combination reduction of percentage and a tax cut. X

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MS. FRANKIE BOYD
MRS. ANITA JOYCE LEVINE

Ms. Boyd and Mrs. Levine spoke to the City Council regarding the need to eliminate smoking in public places. They cited figures to show problems caused by smoking in public places and described legislation which has been passed in other cities banning smoking in certain places. They asked that this City Council pass a resolution banning smoking in the Council Chamber.

Mayor Becker said that this matter would be considered sometime when the full Council is present.

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MR. STEPHAN HARVESTY

Mr. Stephan Harvesty, representing Involved Texans, said that as a result of the high utility bills his organization has grown from a membership of 200 to 5,000 and will challenge any future bond issues proposed by City Public Service Board. He also asked that the City withdrawn from any nuclear energy program and cited a newspaper story telling about the high cost of nuclear energy and its dangers.

MS. GERRY MIDDLEMAN

Ms. Gerry Middleman, 900 Nolan Street, said that it had been some time since she had heard about the Nolan Street Underpass and asked for a report.

Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, said that this project is on schedule and will be advertised for bids in about 10 days.

Ms. Middleman then read a few poems to the Council.

MRS. CHARLE C. CODIG

Mrs. Charle C. Codig suggested that the Transit System employees get a pay increase each time that the City employees get an increase.

REV. S. E. STEWARD

Rev. S. E. Steward spoke to the Council again about the drainage situation in the 900 block of Hedges Street. He said too that springs seeping out of the side of the hill are undermining his Church.

City Manager Granata said that this was one of the projects included in the recent bond election and is now being engineered. Construction will begin in about one year.

WEST END MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

Mr. Prince Morgan, representing Blacks Organized for Progressive Endeavors, asked why a Black Director for the West End Multi-Service Center has not yet been appointed. He said that this was decided at a meeting in the Model Cities area at a meeting.

City Manager Granata said that he and Mr. William Donahue are responsible for this appointment. They will meet and select the best qualified person for the job.

MR. BILL WALLACE

Mr. Bill Wallace said that there are excellent kitchen facilities in the West End Multi-Service Center and many elderly people but there is no nutrition program there. He said that this program had been promised, but nothing was ever done.

Mr. Roy M. Coons, Assistant Director of Human Resources, described the criteria for selecting sites for the nutrition program. Based on the criteria, certain sites had been selected to best cover the City, but this did not include the West End Multi-Service Center. Until more funds are available, nothing can be done.

City Manager Granata said that he will study the situation and see if something can be done to get a program started there.

74-59 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 and reconvened at
1:45 P. M.

74-59 PRESENTATION TO MAYOR CHARLES BECKER

Dr. Jose San Martin said that on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, he had been delegated to officially make a presentation to Mayor Becker for the wonderful cooperation the City of San Antonio has shown to the City of Guadalajara. The treatment afforded their officials while in San Antonio is sincerely appreciated. They also expressed appreciation for Mayor Becker's personal involvement in the Mexican Trade Fair.

Dr. San Martin read a Citation designating Mayor Charles L. Becker a Distinguished Guest of Honor and expressing appreciation for his contribution to the friendship and understanding between all cities of the world at the Conference of Mayors recently held in Guadalajara. He also presented Mayor Becker with a commemorative medallion which was struck in honor of this first Conference of Mayors.

Mayor Becker accepted the presentation from Dr. San Martin and expressed his appreciation.

A. CASE 5837 - to rezone Lot P-7A, NCB 15285, 5600 Block of S. W. Military Drive, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located on the southwest side of S. W. Military Drive, being 460' northwest of the cutback between S. W. Military Drive and Buckhorn Road, having 100' on S. W. Military Drive and a maximum depth of 210'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting be accomplished. Dr. San Martin seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,672

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE
THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION
AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT P-7A, NCB
15285, 5600 BLOCK OF S. W. MILITARY
DRIVE, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3"
BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT
PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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B. CASE 5841 - to rezone Lot 1 and the north 60' of Lot 14, Block 12, NCB 15503, 2500 Block of S. W. Loop 410, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located on the south side of Airlift Avenue between Loop 410 and Altitude Drive, having 60' on Loop 410, 325' on Airlift Avenue and 125' on Altitude Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting be accomplished. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,673

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 1 AND THE NORTH 60' OF LOT 14, BLOCK 12, NCB 15503, 2500 BLOCK OF S. W. LOOP 410, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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C. CASE 5838 - to rezone Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 60, NCB 7990, 1502 West Southcross Boulevard, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located southwest of the intersection of Southcross Boulevard and Don Street; having 75' on Southcross Boulevard and 125' on Don Street.

Dr. San Martin said that he had examined this Case and since he was going to vote against the zoning he felt that in all fairness to the applicant, the Case should be postponed until more Council members were present to consider it. Whereupon, Dr. San Martin moved that Case 5838 be postponed until the meeting of January 2, 1974. The motion was seconded by Mr. O'Connell and unanimously approved.

D. CASE 5823 - to rezone a 66.51 acre tract of land out of NCB 16325, being further described by field notes filed in the Office of the City Clerk, 12200 Block of Blanco Road, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located northwest of the intersection of Blanco Road and Sir Winston Drive, having 643.74' on Sir Winston Drive and 4960.55' on Blanco Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting be accomplished. Dr. San Martin seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,674

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION

AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 66.51 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 16325, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 12200 BLOCK OF BLANCO ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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E. CASE 5674 - to rezone a 20.55 and 27.58 acre tracts of land out of NCB 15825, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 5200 Block of F.M. 1604, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District; a 198.531 acre tract of land out of NCB 15825, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District; a 55.62 acre tract of land out of NCB 15825, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District; and a 2.286 acre tract of land out of NCB 15825, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "R-1" Single Family Residential District.

The "B-3" zoning:

The 20.55 acres are located southeast of the intersection of I. H. 10 Expressway and Pecan Springs Road, having 896.90' on I. H. 10 Expressway, 675.64' on Pecan Springs Road and 125.5' on the cutback between the I. H. 10 Expressway and Pecan Springs Road.

The 27.58 acres are located on the south side of F.M. 1604 between Pecan Springs Road and the T & N O Railroad tracks, having 1342.81' on F.M. 1604, 614.76' on the railroad R.O.W. and 840' on Pecan Springs Road.

The "I-1" zoning:

Located 840' south of F.M. 1604, having a total of 3,894.27' on Pecan Springs Road and a maximum depth of 2010.57'.

The "R-3" zoning:

Located approximately 75' west of Shavana Woods Drive and 75' north of Syracuse Drive, having 4179.50' along the T & N O Railroad tracks and a maximum depth of 1452.45'.

The "R-1" zoning:

Located west of Shavano Woods Drive and north of Syracuse Drive, having 75' along the T & N O Railroad tracks and a maximum depth of 75'.

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Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,675

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 20.55 AND A 27.58 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 15825, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 5200 BLOCK OF F.M. 1604, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT; A 198.531 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 15825, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT; A 55.62 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 15825, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND A 2.286 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 15825, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING BE ACCOMPLISHED.

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F. CASE 5824 - to rezone a 9.289 acre tract of land out of NCB 13733, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 12200 Block of Jones Maltsberger Road, from Temporary "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District; a 19.82 acre tract of land out of NCB 13733, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from Temporary "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District; and an 8.71 acre tract of land out of NCB 13733, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from Temporary "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District.

The "B-1" zoning being located on the southeast side of Jones Malt-berger Road, being 1164.36' northeast of the intersection of Jones Malt-berger Road and Starcrest Drive, having 258.65' on Jones Malt-berger Road and a maximum depth of 1594.72'.

The "B-2" zoning being located 462.64' northeast and 865.58' south-east of the intersection of Jones Malt-berger Road and Starcrest Drive, having a frontage of 701.72' on Jones Malt-berger Road and 594.71' on Starcrest Drive.

The "B-3" zoning being located east of the intersection of Jones Malt-berger Road and Starcrest Drive, having 462.64' on Jones Malt-berger Road and 865.58' on Starcrest Drive.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the pro-posed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. O'Connell made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the southeast property line. Dr. San Martin seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,676

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 9.289 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 13733, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 12200 BLOCK OF JONES MALTSBERGER ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT; A 19.82 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 13733, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM TEMPORARY "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND AN 8.71 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 13733, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE SOUTHEAST PROPERTY LINE.

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74-59 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,677

ESTABLISHING FILING PROCEDURE FOR
CANDIDATES FOR CITY COUNCIL.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. J. H. Inselmann, City Clerk, who said that the Charter Revision Election resulted in certain procedural changes in filing for candidacy for the Council. The Ordinance provides for an official application form, petition forms, a \$100 filing fee. If a candidate should withdraw and re-file he would have to pay another fee or submit another petition. It also provides for other details such as filing periods and expense reporting.

Dr. San Martin asked if provision has been made to control crowds in the Clerk's office, so that there will be easy access for persons wishing to file.

Mr. Inselmann stated that the matter is being considered and will be resolved before election time comes.

Mr. Padilla pointed out that the Clerk could come to the Council later to add additional controls.

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

74-59 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: San Martin, Becker, Lacy, O'Connell, Padilla; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Black, Morton, Mendoza.

AN ORDINANCE 44,678

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH McDONALD AIRCRAFT ENGINES, TO EXTEND FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM, THE CURRENT LEASE (#608-A) PROVIDING GROUND AND BUILDING SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN RENTAL.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,679

ACCEPTING AN ADDITIONAL GRANT OF \$76,000.00 FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO BE USED IN THE ALCOHOL SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MODIFICATION NO. 16 TO THE CONTRACT WITH SAID AGENCY FOR THIS PROJECT; AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SAID FUNDS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,680

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MODIFICATION #2 TO THE CITY'S CETA TITLE II GRANT #48-51-661-21 IN ORDER TO OBLIGATE FY 1975 FUNDS AND CREATE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS WITH THE CITY AND VARIOUS SUB-AGENTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,681

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF G. W. DICKERSON & SONS TO CONSTRUCT THE CONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS SUBDIVISION OFF-SITE SEWER MAIN FOR A TOTAL OF \$23,536.00; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,682

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF AMFAC ELECTRICAL SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ELECTRICAL FIXTURES FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,364.80.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,683

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ALEMITE COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AUTOMOTIVE SHOP LUBRICATION EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,183.39, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,684

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF WATSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH THREE WHEEL UTILITY VEHICLES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$10,081.49; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO SAID COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,685

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF GRANDE FORD TRUCK SALES, INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TRUCKS THROUGHOUT THE 1974-75 MODEL YEAR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

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ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF DIAMOND FENCE COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH FENCING MATERIALS FOR A TOTAL OF \$7,501.30, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,687

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL \$16,000.00 TO MODULAR AMBULANCE CORP. FOR AMBULANCE BODIES FURNISHED THE CITY, THEREBY CORRECTING AN ERROR IN EXTENSION OF THE UNIT PRICE IN THE BID OF SAID COMPANY ACCEPTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 44,170,

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AN ORDINANCE 44,688

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO AMEND THE CONTRACT WITH SAID COMPANY FOR LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR LIFE INSURANCE UNDER PROPOSAL I OF SAID COMPANY, AT A RATE OF \$0.42 PER \$1,000.00.

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74-59

MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT

Statement by Dr. Jose San Martin:

"Mr. Mayor, may I bring something up at this time?"

Mr. Mayor and Council and Mr. Sam Granata, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that that it has been stated before today that the Mass Transportation Act was passed by the Congress very speedily in the last few days, I would say. To the surprise of a lot of people, it did pass and it goes to President Ford for signature. Inasmuch as this Federal Legislation would have quite an impact on the San Antonio Transit System, I think that, first of all, I'd like to suggest the following items for action. First, that City Council express its appreciation to our Congressional delegation, both the members of the House and the two Senators for their support of the Mass Transportation Act in Congress and, second, that the City Manager and the staff of the Transit System start to evaluate the provisions of this act for implementation.

In reviewing the conference report that came out of Congress, I believe, Monday, I find that there are two items there that need to be clarified. One of them specifically says that in no case will a Transit System which receives federal funds under this Act will be eligible for money if the fares for the elderly and for disabled citizens are more than one half the fares that you would charge anybody else. Now, in the case of the base rate for the Transit System,

we charge 25 cents as basic fare, but we charge elderly citizens 15 cents which would be more than one half. So, I'd like for the City Manager and the Transit System to study this bill very thoroughly and bring a report to the Council so that we would be able to find out what the provisions are.

I would like to move that we thank our Congressional delegation for the support of this bill which will have a tremendous impact on the San Antonio Transit System and the probable formation of a Regional Transit Authority. I think this is the time to start looking at it.

MR. ALVIN G. PADILLA, JR.: I second it.

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The motion passed unanimously.

74-59

GUADALAJARA AIR FREIGHT

Dr. San Martin stated that he had been advised that there is great need for air freight facilities from Guadalajara to San Antonio. A previous conversation he had had with Texas International indicated that that company would be interested in pursuing the matter since there are ample freight facilities now at International Airport. He asked that Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, be advised of this.

74-59

STATE OF JALISCO, MEXICO

Mayor Becker said that as a spin-off of the Mexican Trade Fair the Governor of the State of Jalisco, Mexico, has said that he would like to have a year-round office in San Antonio. The Governor of Queretaro also made a similar observation. He suggested that the City Staff could assist in locating appropriate space.

Dr. San Martin commented on the manner in which cities all over the world are moving ahead in fields that are new and out of the traditional fields. He said that he had invited Mayors from Mexico, Central America and South America as well as Western Europe to visit San Antonio to visit our public housing for the elderly.

Mr. Padilla said that two years ago in connection with the Trade Fair he had suggested looking at Mexican markets for San Antonio products. He didn't want to confuse the Trade Fair as it is now but does want to expand on it.

Dr. San Martin said that he had discussed this matter in Guadalajara particularly about hydraulic lifts which are now being purchased in San Antonio. There are other things as well to be sold in Mexico.

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MINI-BUSES

Dr. San Martin said that recently in Houston he had examined a mini-bus on exhibit there. It is designed for downtown loops and feeder lines. The exhibitor had offered to display the bus in San Antonio for the Council's inspection.

Mr. Granata said that the matter had been referred to Mr. Norman Hill, General Manager of the San Antonio Transit System, and Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing. They are attempting to contact the manufacturer's representative in Houston to arrange for the demonstration.

74-59

EXPANSION OF CONVENTION CENTER EXHIBIT HALL

Mayor Becker asked about the status of the proposed additions to the Convention Center Exhibit Hall.

City Manager Granata said that the addition can be made at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million. Funding of this project is one of the options which will be discussed at a Special Council Meeting on December 10, 1974.

Mayor Becker reported on the enthusiasm among the Mexican exhibitors whom he met with last week and it was obvious that the number of exhibitors will increase and it is essential that the exhibit area be increased. He recommended that positive plans in this direction be made at the meeting next Tuesday.

74-59

PARKING FOR INSITUTE OF MEXICAN CULTURE

Dr. San Martin asked of the status of the request of the Mexican Consul for additional parking facilities for the Mexican University.

City Manager Granata said that there has been no solution as there just isn't space available in the HemisFair Plaza site.

74-59

SENOR JOSE KAHAN

Mayor Becker said that Senor Jose Kahan, a Mexican pianist, had played a concert during the Trade Fair and is asking the City to assist the San Antonio Symphony Society in sending the symphony orchestra on a trip to Mexico to entertain at the Puebla Festival in Guadalajara and Mexico City. The event is scheduled in November, 1975.

Dr. San Martin suggested that the matter be referred to the Symphony Society to get an estimate of cost, and schedule problems, etc.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 P. M.

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

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