

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1968 AT 8:30 A.M.

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

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68-374 The invocation was given by Councilman S. H. James.

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The minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1968, were approved with a correction on page 13 reflecting that Mrs. William B. Leczner is the President of the League of Women Voters.

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68-375 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained the following ordinance and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Parker; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 36,532

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF WEINER BUSINESS FORMS COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN "RECORD OF ARREST" FORMS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,471.00.

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68-376 Purchasing Agent John Brooks explained the following ordinance and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 36,533

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFEST-
ING A CONTRACT WITH EACH OF THE BIDDERS SET
FORTH HEREIN FOR THE BIDDERS TO FURNISH AND
FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BUY ALL OF
ITS REQUIREMENTS OF THE MATERIALS AND SER-
VICE SET FORTH IN THE ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR
A ONE-YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1968
AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1969.
(HOGAN MECHANICAL, INC.-INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
TEZEL & COTTER AIR CONDITIONING COMPANY -
POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY HALL, CITY HALL ANNEX)

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68-377 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing
Agent John Brooks, and on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by
Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES:
McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Parker, Torres; NAYS:
None; ABSENT: Gatti, Trevino.

AN ORDINANCE 36,534

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING
A CONTRACT WITH ALAMO WELDING SUPPLY
COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF OXYGEN, ACETYLENE
AND WELDING SUPPLIES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD
COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1968 AND TERMINATING
JULY 31, 1969.

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68-378 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Thomas
Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion of Mr. Jones,
seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following
vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell,
Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 36,535

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MRS. HAZEL K. CHABISEK,
FOR BUILDING SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIR-
PORT, TO BE USED FOR PREPARATION AND SALE OF
FOOD AND BEVERAGES.

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66-1010 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 36,536

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. TO AMEND THE PRESENT LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL APRON SPACE, AND EXTENDING THE LEASE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD.

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68-379 Mr. Sam Granata, Director of Public Works, explained the following ordinance and recommended its acceptance. He stated that the job includes the installation of a four ft. sidewalk along the entire range of the project.

AN ORDINANCE 36,537

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF P. S. & F. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF S. W. 36TH STREET PAVING PROJECT, CASTROVILLE ROAD TO GROWDEN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$97,638.09 OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND PAYABLE TO P. S. & F. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$4,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND THE SUM OF \$500.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

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

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68-380

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,538

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH E. L. LUKE AND CO., INC., PRINCIPAL; B. T. BENNETT, SURETY; AND GROOS NATIONAL BANK, FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT AS SECURITY FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE MARINA GARAGE PARKING CONCESSION CONTRACT.

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City Attorney Howard Walker explained that in the bid specifications, nor in the contract, were there any provisions for a certificate of deposit to be used as security. This is a negotiable instrument in the amount of \$25,000.00 and it was his opinion that it is a much better security than a performance bond. This is being presented to the Council in order that the City legally accept this type of security since it was not originally called for.

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

68-381

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,539

GRANTING THE CITY'S CONSENT TO THE FORMATION OF A DISTRICT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 16, SECTION 59, OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION, TO BE KNOWN AS BEXAR COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 18, UPON CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

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Mr. George Adams, local attorney representing the Houston law firm of Baker, Botts, Sheppard and Coates, advised the Council that they had worked with the various departments in order to get the City's consent to the establishment of this district, subject to certain conditions which are: (a) That bonds be issued only for the purpose of purchasing land or constructing water works systems, sanitary sewer systems, storm sewer systems and drainage systems and operate same. The bonds shall not be sold for less than 100% face value and shall not bear interest at the rate of more than 6% per annum. The bonds shall expressly provide that the district reserves the right to redeem the bonds at any time subsequent to the 15th anniversary date of issuance without paying a premium.

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(b) The district, before starting any construction, must submit all plans and specifications for approval by the City. The City will make inspections during construction. (c) The owner or developer of the land prior to sale of any lot must obtain the approval of the City of a plat which will be recorded in the map and plat records of Bexar County and must otherwise comply with all rules and regulations of the City of San Antonio.

City Attorney Howard Walker stated that this is the first of this type of construction to be put into effect in this area. This procedure is provided for under the Municipal Annexation Act for land in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of cities. He stated that the City of Houston has approved quite a number of districts and the matter was checked out with them to find out how to proceed in the best interest of the City and safeguards or conditions have been included as part of the consent. The purpose of the conditions is that when the City annexes a district, it is stuck with all the obligations of the district. He recommended the adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Adams stated that they have verbally agreed with the San Antonio River Authority in developing a larger treatment plant. The property of the proposed district consists of 167½ acres east of South Side School on Losoya Road along and to U.S. 281 and is also on the south side of the Medina River.

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

68-382 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,540

CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY LOCATED IN
N. C. B. 13932 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO H. B.
ZACHRY PROPERTIES, INC.

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Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, explained that the City, for the consideration of \$1.00, is quitclaiming this alley to H. B. Zachry Properties in exchange for certain utility easements in the same alley property. The deed to the alley will not be delivered until the proper replatting containing the easements has been accepted and approved by the Planning Commission.

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

68-383

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,541

AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY CODE REGULATING THE HANDLING AND SALE OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS; ESTABLISHING SANITARY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION OF DAIRY FARMS AND MILK PLANTS; REQUIRING PERMITS FOR THE SALE OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION AND SAMPLING FEES; PROHIBITING THE HANDLING OR SALE OF ADULTERATED OR MISBRANDED MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; PROVIDING FOR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

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Dr. William R. Ross, Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, advised the Council that this ordinance represented an updating of the present City Milk Code which has been in effect since 1954. This will bring the City into line with the State law which has adopted the 1965 Recommendations of the U. S. Public Health Services.

The inspection fees, mileage fees and the re-inspecting and re-sampling fees which were sustained in court action in 1957 after approximately two years in court are not changed. He explained that other cities have adopted the same standard milk ordinance and by its adoption they will continue to receive milk and milk products processed and packaged by local milk plants. He added that the milk is not only inspected at the dairy farm, but also at the local milk plants. Any product not meeting the minimum requirements is not allowed to be used for Grade A Milk.

The Mayor stated that if the fee schedule for inspection services was adequate in 1957, it was not adequate now and it should be self-sustaining rather than bringing in only 80% of the cost of such services. He asked the City Manager to make a study of the fees and report to the City Council.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,542

APPROVING AND ADOPTING MINOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR ROSA VERDE PROJECT, TEX R-78; AND DIRECTING THAT SAID CHANGE BE FILED AS PART OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR SAID PROJECT.

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Mr. Jack W. Curington, Assistant Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, stated that the Amendment No. 2 contains five items which are as follows:

1. Certain minor modification in regard to the size of Columbus Park and the size of the HIGH DENSITY HOUSING AREA west of the park as a result of the Texas Highway Department's new R.O.W. requirements.
2. A previously permitted use of land, PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS, is hereafter disallowed and the subject property is to be classified as INSTITUTIONAL. (This property is located north of the Santa Rosa Hospital).
3. A certain paragraph is reworded to outline those uses included within the new INSTITUTIONAL classification.
4. Certain minor modifications are made to the NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY REHABILITATION STANDARDS pertaining to financing for owners who retain their property under the rehabilitation provisions.

Mr. Curington stated that the Urban Renewal Board of Commissioners has approved the changes and recommended adoption of Minor Amendment No. 2.

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

68-384

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,543

ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND AUTHORIZING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF SAID DEPARTMENT AT PAY RANGE \$10,000 TO \$16,000.

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City Manager Henckel stated that the Director will handle the planning phase of the educational component for the Model Cities program and will perform such other duties as directed by the City Manager and the Council. Approximately one-third of the salary will be provided from Model Cities funds, part from the City and some funds from the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the Urban Renewal Agency.

He stated that Dr. Douglas S. Harlan will be appointed to fill this position.

Councilwoman Cockrell stated that she has known Dr. Harlan for some time and he is a member of her church and would therefore abstain from voting on the ordinance.

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

68-385

The Clerk read the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD CONSIDER A NEW AIR ROUTE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, U.S.A. AND MAZATLAN, SINALOA, MEXICO.

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Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti stated he and the Chamber of Commerce have been working for sometime to get air service to Mazatlan. The resolution states that the City of San Antonio is interested in this service and mentions no particular airline. The resolution will be sent to the Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board.

Mr. Gatti then moved for the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,544

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A BILL OF SALE TO
THE CITY FOR THE SKYRIDE IN THE CIVIC CENTER
PROJECT AREA (HEMISFAIR).

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City Manager Gerald C. Henckel explained this action is pursuant to the contract made with the Aerial Transportation people in 1966. He added that action is needed because if the transfer is not made prior to June 1, 1968 they would be subject to taxes.

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

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68-374 Mr. Terry Elms, representing the Goodyear Company, presented the Mayor with a small replica of the Goodyear Blimps which are to travel from the east and west coasts to San Antonio advertising HemisFair. The Goodyear Blimp is to be stationed at International Airport for the duration of the Fair.

Mr. Elms invited the Mayor and members of the Council to participate in the inaugural flight at 2 P.M., Monday, June 3rd.

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67-807 Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti advised the Council that several months ago a proposed safety ordinance was submitted for consideration by the Building Trades Council. At the time he understood they would call in representatives of industry, general contractors, and labor, as well as insurance and Members of the staff to serve on a Committee to review the ordinance and make recommendations and suggestions for consideration by the Council. He asked that action be taken to appoint such a Committee.

After consideration, the Mayor instructed the City Manager to contact the various groups interested in the ordinance and obtain the names of people who are willing to serve on the Committee.

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After a short recess, the meeting reconvened.

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The Clerk read the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

APPOINTING NINE MEMBERS TO THE CITIZENS'
PARTICIPATION POLICY COMMITTEE.

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

The following persons are hereby appointed to the
Citizens' Participation Policy Committee.

HEALTH: Dr. Max Johnson, retired physician

EDUCATION: Dr. Dwain Estes, Inter-American Education Center

WELFARE: Mr. Olin LeBaron, Community Welfare Council

HOUSING: Mr. Richard Jones, San Antonio Housing Authority

TRANSPORTATION: Dr. Dana Young, Executive Vice President of Southwest
Research Institute and a Transportation Specialist.

WATER & PUBLIC WORKS: Mr. Fred Pfeiffer, San Antonio River Authority

MANPOWER & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Francis Roser, Civic Leader

RECREATION & CULTURE: Mr. Al Abrego, President/Neighborhood Centers
Association and Executive Director/Guadalupe Community Center

CRIME REDUCTION: Judge James A. McKay, Jr., County Court House

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Mr. Alfred Rodriguez, Model Cities Administrator, explained that the persons recommended for appointment were submitted by the Professional and Technical Committees as those they recommend to serve in each of the nine component sections. These people will oversee the work of the nine committees they represent and submit their recommendations to the City Council for approval or disapproval as plans are developed for the Model Cities Area.

Councilman Torres felt the Council should deliberate on this matter some more since these people are going to represent the Council. Only one name has been submitted for appointment to each component and he would like to have had the opportunity to submit other names of persons able to serve. At least one person appointed is one who has consistently criticised the poverty program and Model Cities. He did not see where the City will do justice to the program if such a person is appointed. For this reason he stated that he would abstain from voting on the resolution.

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Mr. Rodriguez stated time is of the essence as they have less than seven months to complete their plans and it is urgent that the Committee be appointed.

Dr. Calderon stated that while he too had reservations as to the appointments, in view of the urgency, he would move for the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Dr. Parker, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: None.

68-302 Mayor McAllister advised the Council that an open housing ordinance is in the process of being prepared and it has been suggested that a Committee, widely selected, should be appointed to cooperate and work with the City Attorney. The Mayor stated that with the Council's approval he would name the following to serve on the Open Housing Committee: Councilman S. H. James, Chairman, Councilman Bob Jones, S. J. Davis, S. L. Deckard, Thurman Barrett, Jr., Don Skillman, Guy Hughes, Ken Brown, Rev. Claus Rohlf, Mrs. William B. Leczner and Robert O'Connor.

Councilman Torres stated it was an excellent Committee, however he had reservations about it as a hearing has already been held on the matter and did not feel a Committee is absolutely necessary and that the Council could enact a good ordinance without such a Committee.

Mr. Gatti then made a motion that the names submitted by the Mayor be appointed to the Committee to study the Open Housing Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino and prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Torres, in voting 'Aye', stated he was doing so with reservations.

Councilman James stated he did not think that more than one meeting of the Committee was needed. He proposed to have a meeting on Tuesday afternoon so that a report can be made to the Council on Thursday of next week.

68-68 Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell advised the Council that the Alamo Area Council of Governments semi-annual meeting will be held on June 18, 1968 at 12 noon in the Convention Center. As the City Council representative to the Executive Committee of AACOG, she invited the Council Members to attend the meeting and hear the reports of the Executive Committee and Chairmen of the Coordinating Committees.

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Mrs. Cockrell then advised the Council the City is entitled to two representatives on the Executive Committee of AACOG. Presently Mr. Bob Jones and she are serving on the Committee. Mr. Jones has indicated a desire to be replaced since he has served since the formation of SABCORP-AACOG. She asked the Council to consider a replacement for Mr. Jones, who may be a Council Member or a Member of the Staff. The Executive Committee of AACOG meets twice a month at 8 A.M. in the Three A Life Building.

68-46 Mrs. Cockrell, the City Council's representative to the Urban Renewal Board of Commissioners, presented, for the record, a memorandum sent to Members of the City Council on the subject of "New Communities (New Town in Town) Project," Fort Sam Houston. (The memorandum is filed with the minutes of this meeting)

A summary of the memorandum is as follows:

"Two hundred thirty-two (232) acres were originally offered. Congressman Gonzalez questioned the wisdom of removing this land from the control of Fort Sam Houston. Thirty-two acres were returned to military control with an announcement that the remaining 200 acres were not needed and that any objection from the local military leadership to its availability has been withdrawn. The acreage in question is surplus property. Its purpose for being declared surplus is for the program outlined and no other. Should the City decide to not avail itself of the site, it will then be available for redevelopment to Bexar County under the same arrangements as those offered to the City administration. Should neither of the two governmental entities be interested, the surplus property would then be placed on the national market for disposal to private development. The only controls that could then be exercised by the City of San Antonio would be those available under the subdivision ordinances - zoning ordinances and the usual building control ordinances, etc."

Mrs. Cockrell asked that the Council give serious consideration to the memorandum and advise her of their views on the matter so the Urban Renewal Board of Commissioners may have an indication on the matter as to the Council's desires.

Councilman Torres stated in the matter of the New Town in Town Project there is a question as to whether the property is surplus to the needs of the Federal Government. Congressman Gonzalez has spoken up for Federal officials at Fort Sam Houston. After seeing Mrs. Cockrell's comments in the memorandum, he would like for the Administrative Staff to study whether the City can seek a change in Federal legislation rather than go through with the New Town in Town Project in view of the fact that people in hard core unemployment areas would not necessarily move into such an area.

He stated there could perhaps be a change in the law whereby the property would be given to the City for park purposes with a reversion back to Fort Sam Houston if the base ever needed the land. He felt future work the Council does on this should be based on taking into consideration whether the City can use it for a park.

68-374 Mrs. Cockrell submitted for the record a letter received from Mr. Jack Coughlin complaining of the MKT Railroad Crossing at Petroleum Drive which has no warning devices. (A copy of the letter is filed with the original minutes of this meeting.)

68-374 Councilman Bob Jones advised the Council that the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Adjustment held on May 17, 1968, reflect the Board approved construction of a dwelling with two kitchens. According to the zoning ordinance, two kitchens makes it a duplex and by approving same are in effect rezoning the property for duplex use.

He stated the Board of Adjustment also gave permission to bring in trailers on residential property without authority which he contended is also creating problems of inspection and control and once you allow the trailers to move on the property, it is almost impossible to get them off. He felt these matters should be brought to the attention of the Board of Adjustment.

The Mayor stated the Council has no authority to control or disapprove action of the Board of Adjustment. He suggested that City Attorney Howard Walker review this matter and discuss it with the Board of Adjustment and if there is a possibility of reversing their decision, they should do so.

68-374 Councilman Torres asked about the petition submitted by business people in the 500 and 600 blocks of East Commerce.

City Manager Henckel stated this was an Administrative matter. The median was put in at the recommendation of the Director of Traffic. It is not working out right and changes will be made by reduction of the median or its entire removal. Also parking could be restored on the north side of East Commerce, but not on the south side. He advised he will to what is best for the citizens, as well as for traffic control.

68-374 Councilman Torres then asked about the matter of buses using the inside lane on the west side of Alamo Street against the flow of traffic.

City Manager Henckel advised that he has given instructions to the Transit System that the City will not permit buses to go against one-way traffic. The Transit System is not in accord with this. But if the Council wants to leave it like it presently is, he would follow the decision of the Council. He said this is a safety matter. Also merchants in the area have protested similar to the protests made by the merchants on East Commerce.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that he understood the Downtowners Association is amenable to the present operation and it is also all right with Joske's. To make a change would create a lot of confusion as bus stops would have to be redone. He felt the gain of eliminating the buses using the one lane on Alamo Street and rerouting to other streets would be much more dangerous and would slow down traffic.

City Manager Henckel stated that the present operation is advantageous to the bus company and if the Council decides to leave it as it is, his recommendation would be to install a median for this one lane and allow other motorists to use the lane. This would help safety and alleviate the complaint of merchants.

After discussion by the Council, the Mayor asked the City Manager to leave the traffic on Alamo Street as is until the City Manager makes a study of the problem and presents a report, along with his recommendations to the City Council for consideration.

68-374 Councilman Torres then advised that he understood that a corporation has been formed to check out the income and expenditures of HemisFair. He asked how this will effect the contract which the City has with San Antonio Fair, Inc., since the City is to acquire any funds left over after the Fair.

City Manager Henckel stated that San Antonio Fair, Inc. will contract with a five person corporation for management and control of the Fair. The purpose is to effect economies and increase revenues. These persons are members of the third underwriting of the Fair. At this point, it will not have any effect on the balance to be turned over to the City. In fact, any economies made would be better for the City.

The Mayor asked that the City Attorney check this matter out to see if a change in the contract with San Antonio Fair, Inc. needs to be made because of the new corporation being formed to manage and control the Fair.

68-374 The Clerk read the following letter.

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

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- 5-24-68 Petition of F. R. Nance and other businessmen in the 500 & 600 blocks of East Commerce Street concerning the erection of the island on East Commerce and the elimination of street parking on both sides of the street which they state has seriously effected their business. They request that Allright Parking, Inc., operator of the City parking lot, join in an acceptable agreement for parking privileges for customers of their businesses.
- 5-24-68 Petition of Herff Elementary and Douglas Junior Schools Parent Teacher Associations signed by over 520 members requesting the City to correct the drainage system in the areas of the Herff Elementary and Douglas Junior Schools.
- 5-24-68 Petition of Joe Buhidar, Don Jose Mexican Restaurant, requesting permission to erect a seven (7) foot fence on the rear of petitioner's property located at 1045 Bandera Road.
- 5-24-68 Petition of Christian Science Lecture Committee requesting a permit to hang a temporary non-commercial banner sign across the street at 326 North St. Mary's Street advertising their Christian Science lecture at HemisFair for the period of July 28 to August 11 and from September 8 to September 22, 1968.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
C i t y C l e r k

John Potts
M A Y O R *Potts*

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