

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1976.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: PYNDUS, BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE, NIELSEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

76-4 The invocation was given by The Reverend Wesley Schulze, Asbury United Methodist Church.

76-4 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

76-4 The minutes of the meeting of January 15, 1976 were approved.

76-4 RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

DR. HAROLD VAGTBORG

Mayor Lila Cockrell read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
NO. 76-4-6

WHEREAS, the City Council of San Antonio has learned of the passing of one of its outstanding citizens, Dr. Harold Vagtborg, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vagtborg was a world leader in industrial research and the founder of three research organizations, one of which was Southwest Research Institute, located in San Antonio, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vagtborg served as the First President of Southwest Research Institute from 1947 to 1959 and later headed the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education being named President Emeritus of both of these outstanding organizations, and

WHEREAS, he gained recognition for developing research organizations abroad and served as Chief of a number of United States missions overseas to stimulate industrial research; NOW, THEREFORE;

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

Section 1. That this Council joins with the family and friends of Dr. Harold Vagtborg in sorrow over his loss and extends its sympathy and hope for comfort to those who were near him.

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436 Section 2. That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy thereof delivered to the bereaved family.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mayor Cockrell and Councilman Billa then presented the Resolution to Mrs. Sid Keith, daughter of Dr. Harold Vagtborg. Mrs. Keith was accompanied by her husband, Mr. Sid Keith; and Mr. David Black of Southwest Research Institute.

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DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL POLICY CONCERNING
PROTECTION OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER

The following discussion took place:

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: There was an item scheduled originally in "B" Session that we agreed to have in "A" Session, and that was the follow-up comment and consideration of matters pertaining to the Referendum that was held recently, and Councilman Glen Hartman has requested to make a statement.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Yes, Madam Mayor, I'd like to ask the Assistant City Clerk to distribute the statement to the other members of the Council. Thank you.

Madam Mayor and fellow members of the Council. Now that the Aquifer mall election is a matter of history, this Council must move quickly and decisively toward finding solutions to the problems which precipitated the debate. Mayor Cockrell's initiative on this matter last Monday was a laudible first step. We must, as a matter of priority, employ the services of an authoritative, multi-disciplinary research organization which can develop definitive criteria as to what types and densities of urbanization can be permitted to continue on the land over the Edwards Recharge Zone, and what safeguards must be incorporated during construction to insure adequate safety to our water supply. The organization selected must be acceptable to all legitimate interests in our community. The criteria developed must serve the purpose of advising all interested parties as to the unique costs that will be encountered in the development of each parcel of land over the recharge zone.

I believe that any lengthy debate over which Council members should or should not participate in the process of selecting the research firm would serve no useful purpose. I, for one, am willing to accept any number of combination of Council members to serve as the selection committee. The important point is that the research firm be selected expeditiously, and that its work order be precise and comprehensive.

I further believe that this Council must publicly declare its understanding as to the significance of last Saturday's vote. I, for one, do not consider that the vote was a negative one, but rather a very positive statement to this Council that the citizens of this community want a clear assessment of the risk factor. The citizen has not said, "No growth", but rather "Good, safe growth" over the Aquifer, and throughout San Antonio.

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Madam Mayor and members of the Council, I believe that it is incumbent upon the Council to act expeditiously. I think that we must act expeditiously in the interest of equity for all elements of our community, whether they be landowner, developer, purchaser, or all the citizens not only living today but those in the future who will be using this water supply. Thank you, Madam Mayor.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Teniente.

MAYOR PRO-TEM RICHARD TENIENTE: I will agree in some areas of the statement made by Councilman Rohde, but I - Councilman Hartman, I'm sorry, but I cannot accept the last sentence in that statement that says that the citizen has not said because to try to assess 44,000 votes and just conclude them into one sentence is, to me, not acceptable because I know of many citizens that said in their voting for against the zoning that they wanted no growth at all, and I have talked to some personally that voted in this way. I've heard others that have said I want nothing but downtown development, and others that have said I want development only on the South side. So, I'll accept most of the statements here, but this last one is not entirely correct.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. At this point, there are several citizens who are signed up to speak. First is Fay Sinkin.

MRS. FAY SINKIN: Good morning. Mayor Cockrell and members of the Council. This statement is approximately 10 minutes and the people who have signed up after me are relinquishing their time so that there will be enough time.

For all of us in the Aquifer Protection Association, this has been a beautiful experience. Everyone who participated knows that democratic process works, and he or she can affect the future of both the quantity and quality of our water. The APA is very proud of the campaign we waged. It was clean and beneficial, and we are especially proud that we did not indulge in personal smears. No matter how each member of the Council felt personally about the election held last Saturday, the fact is that the APA with the heroic effort of COPS, VOICE, the WIGS, the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, Citizens for a Better Environment, the AAUW, and all the citizens acting as individuals who worked so hard to bring about this victory. We won this election overwhelmingly with 78.18 percent of the vote. Our issue was protection of the quantity, quality and price of San Antonio's water. Conversely, those who campaigned for the mall zoning speculators, developers and homebuilders lost this election overwhelmingly with 21.82 percent of the vote. With 57,000 people voting the largest turnout ever for any special election, we therefore, think it's fair to say all members of this City Council have a mandate from their voters to do the things the APA has been asking to be done for 13 months.

Let us remind you of our suggestion of 13 months ago, a suggestion repeatedly made by others over the last 20 years, that the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in Bexar County be purchased or otherwise protected permanently from development. This would be the ideal solution. If every one of those 81,000 acres were purchased outright at a cost of \$1,000 per acre, the total cost would be \$81 million. We know that 1980 acres are in development and may be too costly to purchase. We have suggested before and repeat our suggestion today that this permanent protection be accomplished through City, County, State and National government cooperation.

For those of you who think this estimate for outright purchase is too much money to spend, we remind you that Austin estimated \$65 million to build a water treatment facility for 200,000 people. But if you cannot make this decision now, we recommend the following actions as a minimal alternative:

1. There is now a lawsuit against the City Council and the voters of San Antonio which attempts to overturn the results of last Saturday's election. The City Attorney has expressed his concern that he cannot represent the City in this case. We commend Mr. Parker for his frankness. Because this is a landmark case, it will undoubtedly receive national attention. Therefore, as the tenth largest City in the United States, we should retain the best possible representation, attorneys dedicated to winning the case. We suggest the City Council turn to outside sources for legal representation, and, if asked, we are prepared to help select those sources.

2. The City of San Antonio should declare a moratorium on any further zoning changes in the Recharge and Drainage Zones of the Edwards Aquifer.

3. During this moratorium on zoning, there should also be a moratorium on extension of all sewer lines, water mains, electrical utilities, and hydrocarbon lines into the Recharge and Drainage Zone areas. In addition, protection measures must be developed immediately for all the hydrocarbon lines now in the Recharge Zone. We understand as an aside that the Texas Water Quality Board Order does address the hydrocarbon lines, but that's for future building. There are no rules and regulations for our present ones and many people in this community are very fearful of a major break of one of those lines.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: When you speak of hydrocarbon, do you mean the gas line, the high pressure gas lines?

MRS. SINKIN: The petroleum lines and the gas lines. It's particularly the petroleum lines that we're talking about. A major break over the Recharge Zone of those lines would dump hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline into our water system. These measures should insure that accidents will not pollute the Aquifer.

4. During the moratorium, the following should be done:

a. Produce accurate and current topographical and geographical maps of the Recharge Zone and Drainage Zone.

b. Identify sensitive areas. A comprehensive study should categorize the land in terms of those places where water enters the Aquifer, those places where drainage is into the Aquifer, those areas of questionable importance in terms of potential pollution of the Aquifer, and finally those areas unquestionably safe for development. To be accurate, this study must include an on-the-ground survey of the Recharge and Drainage Zones.

c. Identify the best possible methods of protecting each category of land over the Aquifer. Also, identify in decreasing levels of protection provided, alternative methods of protecting each area of the Aquifer. This study would be based on as many possible threats as can reasonably occur, including dissolution of the limestone and other natural phenomena. The history of similar aquifers should be considered as a guide.

d. Do a precise analysis of the cost of outright purchase at fair market value or purchase of development rights for each of the identified areas of the Recharge Zone and Drainage Zone. Ninety-nine year leases is another alternative.

e. Identify sources of funding at the city, county, state, and national levels which could be used to purchase and/or protect the Edwards Aquifer area.

f. Do a precise analysis of the cost to the city as a whole of development in the Recharge and Drainage Zones. Included in this analysis should be the cost of extending water, sewer, electrical, transportation, police, fire, EMS, and other City funded services. Such an analysis should also include the cost to the City should a developer be unable to meet his obligations to carry out special requirements, such as street sweeping.

g. Do a precise analysis of the impact these expenditures for a leap frog and peripheral development of San Antonio have on the total resources available for development throughout the City.

h. Do a precise analysis of the cost and technological feasibility of treating the water should it become polluted. Such an analysis should include the worst possible case which means substantial contamination by oil, gasoline, chlorinated hydrocarbons, other pesticides, fertilizers, heavy metals, and viral pollutants.

i. Establish regulations for run-off which ensure that any water entering the Aquifer is of a quality equal to the present quality of the water in the Aquifer. These regulations should provide for trapping, monitoring, treating, and if necessary, piping off the Recharge Zone all run-off from the worst possible storms--the hundred year flood approach.

j. Analyze the amount of recharge lost to the Aquifer if varying degrees of development are permitted. Such an analysis would provide information on recharge lost when recharge lands are sealed by development and when the quality of run-off requires piping the water off the Aquifer.

k. Determine if it is possible to control the use of fertilizers and pesticides so they will not pollute the water and specify by what mechanism such control will be implemented.

l. Investigate tax relief measures for the lands covered by the moratorium.

m. In fairness to developers, landowners and citizens, prepare a master plan for the City with a special plan for the Recharge Zone and Drainage Zone based on the findings from the activities outlined in this document. Included in the master plan for the Aquifer area should be regulations on the density of development which will be permitted in those areas where development can take place without threatening the Aquifer.

n. Finally, to ensure that these recommendations and the work carried out in response to these recommendations actually result in protection for the Aquifer, the City of San Antonio must enact a good conflict of interest ordinance. Such an ordinance would make it impossible for the Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission and the City Water Board to hold their present positions. We urge the prompt drafting and enactment of this ordinance which must extend to all boards and commissions.

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Throughout the process of executing these tasks, citizen participation should be encouraged through frequent and easy access to the process. When any conclusions are reached, the citizenry should take part in the decision making process via public hearings in the evening providing an opportunity for discussion.

More than a year ago, the County Commissioners offered to work with you on protecting the Aquifer. Now is the time to accept that offer and let the whole County benefit from your work.

Based on conversations with the United States Geological Survey, we estimate that the on-the-ground survey will take one to one and a half years. This should be ample time to finish the other work recommended in this document. And finally, by taking an affirmative position to protect the Edwards Aquifer, you will be setting an example for the six counties who are so dependent on each other. It is imperative you develop a mechanism to implement and encourage cooperative action to save the Edwards from pollution.

Thank you very much.

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MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you very much. Yes, may I ask the time.... fine. I didn't know if any of the other speakers, that took about 10 minutes, so Mr. Lanny Sinkin then was foregoing his time to let Mrs. Sinkin to have the time.

MRS. SINKIN: We are prepared to answer any questions if you have any.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Are there any questions? I think it is a very lengthy document with a number of recommendations, and I think it will require further study by the Council very carefully. Thank you.

MRS. SINKIN: Thanks so much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Tom Booker, was he also one prepared to relinquish time. All right. The next - Beatrice Gallego. All right. I had hoped to be able to hold things a bit for Mrs. Gallego cause I know she had another meeting elsewhere and was hoping to get here.

MRS. BADILLO: Well, if I may, we can't let this opportunity pass and I would like to speak if I may.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I tell you what. There are one or two other speakers and perhaps you - we might wait just a few minutes and see if Mrs. Gallego comes in. And would you like for me just to hold it for a minute then.

MRS. BADILLO: How many more speakers please?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Let's see, there is Mrs. Davies from the APA.

MRS. BADILLO: Going on five minutes.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes.

MRS. BADILLO: I think we could wait for Mrs. Davies. If she doesn't - if Mrs. Gallego doesn't come in, I think I'll just go ahead and I'll speak.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Fine. We'll wait then.

MRS. DAVIES: I relinquish my time also.

MRS. BADILLO: I guess I'll just go ahead.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Fine. Excuse me, your name again for the record. Thank you.

MRS. CARMEN BADILLO: My name is Carmen Badillo, I'm the first vice president of the C.O.P.S. organization and basically, I'm sure what Mrs. Gallego would want to say just to point out that we in the C.O.P.S. organization and all the people in the City took advantage of and participated in a citizens' right in this last referendum voting that we had. And we do believe that we are not against the development of the City. We are, however, saying that the developers still have the due process under the 14th amendment, and they can exercise their rights just like any other citizen. We would want to also point out the developers are now asking for something like four and one half million dollars, and we would question why if they don't even pay that much taxes. We would also want to say that we feel that there is still a lot of land that can be developed.

Anybody in the City can just ride through the City and know that there is enough land. There is enough land to develop in the north if people want to live in the north. There's a lot of area in the area say between 410 and 1604.

We do feel that if we don't have a plan for the City, and we know that from our past experiences that the development will go ahead and occur over the aquifer. We feel like now is the time that planning should take place. We feel that this type of planning can occur by first having agricultural and ranch zoning over the non-zoned areas and having strict zoning for flood plains. Also that zoning allow only low density number of people so as not to have it over-populated. We have to remember that we're still not protecting our aquifer and again that we are not against development in the north. We would want to have some way of encouraging development for the inner city and to have tax incentives for the development of the city.

We would not want - we would want to say that we do not - to allow utilities to invest or put in the lines in the areas over the aquifer and especially the sensitive or the key areas in the recharge zone, but the developer bear the full cost. And also to have the developer pay for the total cost of all urban run-off systems to treat the water and again this is the basic thing that was at stake at the referendum.

The question that was never asked was the run-off and this is why we went into fighting or going into the referendum. The run-off was not stipulated in your order and we did not have any protection for the aquifer. So, I think that is basically all we want to say.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine. Thank you very much, Mrs. Badillo. Tell Mrs. Gallego I'm sorry that we had to go ahead but time was moving forward. Let's see.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Madam Mayor, would you ask if Ralph Armstrong wants to speak. He's got a statement, but we don't know what the subject is. It could be that or the airport, I'm not sure.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Ralph Armstrong was signed and has not indicated the subject. I don't know if it has to do with the aquifer.

MR. RALPH ARMSTRONG: Madam Mayor, members of the Council, I have been asked by the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to make a statement in their behalf. We have established a government relations division of which I am the director. I have been asked by the Chamber to make a statement in the area that we are vitally interested in the economic development of the City of San Antonio and of all of its people. We feel very strongly that the development of the north side of San Antonio is most vital to all of the City. It will create jobs and cash flow for the community, it will encourage private enterprise and last but not least, it will be a source of substantial tax revenues as evidenced by the latest reassessment of Loop 410 properties.

It is the intention of the North San Antonio Chamber to work closely with the Council. We would like to be notified of any meetings to be held by the Council for any of its committees concerning planning development or also the aquifer. The North San Antonio Chamber not only acknowledges but also appreciates the task that is before you in guiding our City. We also recognize that in making the decisions that it is impossible to please all of the people. We support you in your efforts, and we are hopeful and know that the economic future is in your hands. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We have Mr. Ralph Langley now.

MR. RALPH LANGLEY: Thank you. Good morning, Madam Mayor, ladies and gentlemen of the Council. My name is Ralph Langley. My address is the Frost Bank Tower and I want to make it very clear that I'm appearing here this morning in one capacity and one alone, and that is in my representation as a lawyer of Kuper Properties and none other. I want to make that very clear. I'm not authorized to speak for any one else. I also want to make it very clear that I do not consider the discussion of the lawsuit now pending to be germane to this discussion this morning. That is for the courts as it should be, and I assume that the Council will agree with that as a conclusion.

I was in the other room listening and I heard the statement by Councilman Hartman and the comment thereon by Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente, and I would add this to it, that I agree that the election addressed itself to one issue and that was the Mall. I call your attention to the fact three members of this Council issued a statement last Saturday morning in the newspaper which cautioned the voters to vote on the issue and not be swayed by outside peripheral issues. That's what I take it the people voted on. People can put all kinds of interpretations on elections, but the plain truth of the matter is that there was one issue alone on the ballot. I overheard two comments Monday about the election that served to illustrate this. One was a gentlemen in my office who said, "I went to the polls to vote against. Not for the reasons you might suspect but because I feel that San Antonio has enough malls". I overheard a second one while I was having coffee after I went to vote saying, "There may be a need for a mall but it's ten years away, and, therefore, I voted against". So 44,000 people vote against the mall, period.

Now as to what to do, I did not have the benefit of Councilman Hartman's statement and suggestion in advance, but I have been kidded about quoting scripture to the Council. This morning I'll quote a little homily that I heard from my grandmother that said, "act in haste and repent at leisure". This item is not on the Council agenda this morning and I would assume that all would agree with me that under the public meeting act that today is not the day to act on this. It is for your consideration, and I commend it to you for deliberate consideration. I call your attention to an appearance that I made in behalf of this same client before this Council in December on a platting matter wherein a discussion about a moratorium was held. And the City Attorney voiced some reservations which are on the record and which I'm sure you will recall about the possibility of damages resulting from a course of action.

I also want to suggest to you that many of the suggestions that are made are fraught with very great legal dangers. I say this as a citizen and as taxpayer. Some of the things that have been espoused here this morning will result in de-annexation proceedings filed against the City by people who are entitled to City services when they ask for it. They are either entitled after once having been annexed in my humble opinion to have those services or else be de-annexed under the statute.

I also call your attention to the fact that as far as all of this is concerned that you run a very great risk of losing a great many millions of dollars in taxable value on your tax roll, and this is something for you to consider. A moratorium is fraught with many dangers. And I simply raise the figure of admonition. Our position with reference to this matter has not changed. We've made it clear to this Council many times. The ranch town regulations we commend to this Council as a guideline, as perhaps something to adopt in toto.

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Now after that deliberation is completed rather than to go into lengthy studies, I call your attention to the fact that these regulations bear the imprimatur of not only of the EPA but also the Supreme Court of the United States, and if you are looking for ways and means to do the thing properly and avoid legal complications. I commend that to you as a possible answer. The Mayor has said and been quoted, I did not hear her say it, but she has been quoted in the newspaper as saying that we are looking for a solution that is acceptable to all concerned. I do not think that any study you find will ever be acceptable to all concerned. Let us not delude ourselves about that. I don't think the Mayor meant that literally. I think she is looking for a solution as you all are, but I commend to you the idea that you cannot satisfy everybody. You can go back to Aesop's Fable and the man and the boy and the donkey, and you'll find the answer there. You cannot please all the people.

Now, I also call your attention to the fact that 12 studies have already been made. If you have a 13th one, it may be an unlucky 13th one. It may be one that will agree with everything that is already on the record. You may be spending a very great deal of money to have a study made without knowing what is in all twelve of these studies. And I say to you that it's impossible physically for every Council member to be fully aware of everything that's in all of these studies of which we already have the benefit. And I say to you why spend money when you already have them at your command. Suppose the study comes out in support of those same things. Do you suppose this will satisfy Mrs. Sinkin? Do you suppose it will satisfy the EPA? Not for a minute. Suppose it comes out in opposition to that position, then you have a 13 member jury, 12 voting aye and one voting no. Do you then query, do you then go on for a 14 or a 15 or 16? These are questions to which I suggest this Council should address its attention. I do not intend to be here as a meddler or anyone trying to dictate policy to the Council, but simply to suggest to you that there are problems. You have a staff to consult with, and I think you need them for their counsel and advice in determining your course of action which I think, most humbly, should be a most deliberate one. I'll be glad to try to answer any questions.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, Mr. Langley. You have apparently advised us against having an additional study. What would - what is your suggestion for what the Council should do?

MR. LANGLEY: I would give very, very careful consideration, Madam Mayor, to an examination of the ranch town regulations. I am not personally familiar with every detail of them, but I commend to you the idea that they bear the stamp of approval of two very high authorities, the EPA and the Supreme Court of the United States.

DR. NIELSEN: Madam Mayor, I would only partly agree, Ralph, that there may be some pitfalls in another study. Well, we take that risk. I'm a little familiar with the results of Judge Spears' responsibility regarding and we have someone who is quite familiar, I'm sure you're aware, right here in the audience with that kind of an on-going relationship between the Court, EPA, San Antonio Ranch, and so forth. I wouldn't necessarily personally recommend that we just immediately jump into the structure, the regulations and everything that San Antonio Ranch is involved in.

MR. LANGLEY: Doctor, could I simply say this? I'm not suggesting you plunge into anything. I'm suggesting deliberate speed under Brown vs. Board of Education.

DR. NIELSEN: Certainly, make haste slowly. I understand that. Let me just say that it seems to me that we do have a responsibility - short and long terms - we can all get so anesthetized with the democratic process that we lose sight of the effect. I'm extremely concerned, still with the effect of the election. We can hope that it just dealt with that 129 or so acres out there but you and I both know it has tremendous economic and political ramifications. I think the first thing we've got to spend a little money on is an economic analysis. I think the second thing is the definition and some general schema for dealing with the sensitive areas and those flood plains out there just in this limited jurisdiction that we have, the City of San Antonio certainly could - do have to define just a little bit more into runoff thing.

Now I can't totally agree with Fay, that we've got to get into all these issues in the next year and a half. I think she's short-sighted if she thinks that we're going to resolve these in a year and a half. There's no way you can do all of this in a year and a half. That's probably a five to ten year timeframe to address everyone of the questions that she's raised. But I do think we have a responsibility to a limited analysis. We can't analyze every square foot of that 188 thousand acres in the City of San Antonio, but I'm going to propose shortly that we - a methodological approach to dealing with some very specific things that we do have to resolve economically, politically, if we can, and certainly in all fairness, keeping in mind the rights of the landowner. You know, I understand that fully, the responsibilities in terms of inverse condemnation de-annexation, annexation taxes and everything else. That's all - that's what the economics of this thing had better be addressed. We're going to have to spend some money I would hope that the county would join in and, I would hope that the Edwards Underground Water District. They may not, but I hope they will.

MR. LANGLEY: Doctor, could I respond to that, Madam Mayor, part of what you say, I agree with. I think that the economic and legal aspects of it commend themselves to you for very careful consideration and study. I question the advisability of the employment of an expert to go into matters such as runoff and such as flood plains without - may I finish please - without first determining what these 12 agencies have done. We've read their regulations. We don't know what's in their studies, at least I don't. And they have apparently and obviously been studied by hydrologists and geologists as opposed to a lot of people who are simply saying that the water supply may be in jeopardy and it may be, but they say not. And I commend to you the idea of first finding out what is the basis for what they have done.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Mr. Hartman.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Ralph, insofar as the proposal to energize or to initiate a comprehensive multidisciplinary study, to me, and I think this idea has to be precisely spelled out, must absolutely take into account all that has been developed heretofore. I agree with you that the data that was development on Ranch Town is certainly very pertinent. I think the whole spectrum of information that has been developed needs to be considered and I think we are at a point where we need to take the information that has been developed before and see where additional information is required and come forward with criteria that ultimately can be acceptable and used as a basis for doing what I think we both have in mind.

MR. LANGLEY: May I respond, please, Madam. I don't want to prolong....

MAYOR COCKRELL: Then we have one other speaker who has now arrived.

MR. LANGLEY: Councilman Hartman, I would make this response to that. I don't think you need in the preliminary stages an outside expert at the expense to this City to assemble and assimilate and compile the data upon which these reports are based. I suggest to you that you have a

most capable man in Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss who can gather, I am not saying to make the study. I am saying to assemble the data which has been compiled by these agencies and make it available to the (inaudible).

MAYOR COCKRELL: May I recommend to the Council that rather than go into a very lengthy further discussion that we continue this discussion later in the "B" session. It is also listed in the "B" session and the methods of how Council may wish to proceed or give direction at this point will be a subject for the "B" session. We have one further speaker who has now arrived and then we have a hearing that is scheduled that we must proceed with. Thank you, yes.

MR. ROHDE: Mr. Langley, I didn't monitor the process of the election, but do you feel that any new evidence was presented during the total election that there was something to be presented that should have come out at that time.

MR. LANGLEY: I don't think that the discussions really addressed themselves to the real issue, namely the development over the aquifer. I think that there were a great many peripheral issues discussed. The issue at hand, the mall, but some issues that really didn't belong there.

MR. ROHDE: But did anything new come out though. Did any new evidence come out?

MR. LANGLEY: I heard none, no sir.

MR. ROHDE: Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you.

MR. LANGLEY: Thank you very much. We would like an opportunity to be heard at any "B" session or at any time that we feel it's pertinent.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Let me just say this. I think the Council will have to evaluate in moving toward its decisions if it wishes to energize a committee of the Council to bring back recommendations to the whole Council or if it wishes the Council to be a committee of a whole in looking at these issues. That approach will be discussed by the Council in continuing "B" session. But prior to either a subcommittee of the Council or the Council as a whole, bringing in any recommendations certainly that the opportunity will be given for further testimony, further suggestions by all of the parties who are interested and concerned. So, we will keep you advised, we will keep all of the public advised on the plan of action.

MR. LANGLEY: I appreciate that. I have to leave town, and I thought maybe it was coming up today, and I wanted an opportunity to be present. Thank you very much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine, yes, sir. I understand it is your birthday today, and we will have to wish you a happy birthday. You appear to be spending it about as I spent mine, working all day.

MR. LANGLEY: Well, I am glad to have another one, really. Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, at this time I want to recognize Beatrice Gallego who has signed to speak.

MRS. BEATRICE GALLEGOS: My name is Beatrice Gallego, Executive Vice President of the C.O.P.S. organization, good morning. The C.O.P.S. organization feels that the City of San Antonio has an opportunity to

engage in a meaningful land use and utility master plan that cannot only protect San Antonio's most precious water supply, the Edwards Aquifer, but at the same time stem the tide of deterioration of the downtown and older areas of the City to the point of encouraging urban redevelopment and revitalization of the inner city inside of Loop 410.

San Antonio is fortunate, it has clear choices that it can confront: It has been well documented that if existing trends are allowed to continue nearly 70,500 people, twenty percent of all new development for the City of San Antonio will locate on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. More than half, 54%, of all new development will occur outside the current city limits. The vast majority 91.8% of the new development will occur within San Antonio Extra Territorial Jurisdiction - the remaining 8.2% will locate primarily in and near the northeast suburbs - of course, this type of development pattern perpetuates leap frog non-contiguous development that will result in the pollution of our water supply, the depopulation of the older neighborhoods of the city and the erosion of the downtown area.

What are the negatives of continuing a business as usual approach to such development -

1) The cost of extending utilities will become exorbitantly expensive due to the development pattern in high construction areas and because of the gross inefficiency of servicing leap frog development.

2) This type of leap frog development will encourage expansion of the existing expressway system and major thoroughfares in the northern section of the City. With such a pattern any type of meaningful transit plan for the city will become economically unfeasible as the cost of service will continue to increase due to the low-density housing patterns.

3) As development occurs in the flood plain area and streams become channelized this will worsen downstream flood flows in volume and velocity. One of the bitterest complaints of the C.O.P.S. organization is that the so-called beneficial leap frog development worsens the flooding problem for the older areas of the city. Yet, the city has done literally nothing to make the developer deal and pay for problems that he is creating by such development.

4) This type of leap frog development will continue to encourage loss of population to the inner city thereby increasing the rate of deterioration of older neighborhoods.

5) Such leap frog development will be dangerous to San Antonio's only source of drinking water as 20% of the development will occur on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.

6) Clearly the C.O.P.S. organization has a realistic assessment of the choices facing San Antonio - it is clear that if money is expended in providing services for these new developments virtually no improvements will be made in the existing neighborhoods of the city.

C.O.P.S. feels that the Master Plan should contain strict policy formulations to protect San Antonio's only source of water, the Edwards Aquifer. City Council, therefore, should take the following steps:

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1) Direct the City Water Board to refuse requests to extend water lines on the Recharge Zone. Direct the City Water Board to require that the extensions be borne by the new customer. If the City Water Board would refuse requests to extend water lines this would clearly restrict development over the Recharge Zone.

With respect to sanitary sewers, C.O.P.S. feels that the City Council can redefine the Regional Sewer System Boundary to include only the existing city limits and areas off the Recharge Zone, except for those areas that are presently on septic tanks. But there should be no additional hook-ups on the septic tanks allowed.

In providing the necessary transportation system for the urban areas, the City Council should take steps to demand that no highway construction take place on the Recharge Zone and no arterial street improvements should take place which encourage leap frog development especially on the Recharge Zone.

The Council should encourage the development of a more effective mass transit system to serve the existing neighborhoods in the city. Convenient and inexpensive mass transit will reduce the pressure for housing and retail development in the vicinity of the U.T.S.A. site.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine. Do you have a copy of that and we will have it attached to the minutes, Mrs. Gallego? Thank you very much, we appreciate the comments of the citizens who have appeared this morning.

I might say on one very closely related matter that the City Council has already given strong direction to its City staff that it has adopted a timetable leading toward hopefully the approval of the comprehensive master plan for the City by January of 1977. We have a time schedule laid out for this operation. It will require very extensive work by the City Council, the City Planning Commission, the City staff and certainly full opportunity for citizens' participation. Many of the decisions are not going to be easy ones, they are going to involve a great deal of work, study, and particularly study of alternatives and in that we sincerely invite the citizens of this City to have a part in this comprehensive master plan part process. We will be developing a Citizens Participation Plan, and it is certainly our desire and our hope to make known fully the timeframe in which these decisions will be made, and we appreciate your interest.

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Mayor Cockrell recognized a class of students from Robert E. Lee High School and their teacher, Mr. Hunt, who were visiting the Council meeting.

MR. CLAUDE W. BLACK, SR.

Reverend Black introduced his father, Mr. Claude W. Black, Sr., who was in the audience.

Mayor Cockrell welcomed him to the meeting.

STUDENTS FROM SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Cockrell welcomed a group of students from Southwest High School who were visiting the Council meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING - ST. PAUL SQUARE

Mayor Cockrell declared open the public hearing on a proposed Urban Renewal Plan for St. Paul Square.

Mr. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, stated that the area in question is bounded by Montana, Walnut, East Houston and I.H. 37. The first year project is a two block area between Center Street and Herman Street. The monies have been appropriated and approved by the City Council for this project. The only action necessary is approval of a general plan so that acquisition of these properties that are to be rehabilitated can begin.

Mr. Martin said that this plan does designate eight structures that would be acquired because of lack of interest on the part of current property owners or difficulties in title in order to begin the renovation work of what will be called St. Paul Square.

Mr. Martin displayed maps of the area illustrating the locations and uses that are planned for the buildings.

Mr. Karl Wurz spoke in opposition. He said that there is no real plan for development of St. Paul Square and that Mr. Martin had said there is only a schematic idea. He urged the Council to insist that the Urban Renewal Agency have buyers for the properties before coming to the Council for approval of a plan.

The following persons spoke in favor of the plan saying how badly improvements are needed in the area:

State Representative G. J. Sutton
 Mr. Robert Washington
 Mr. John Holmgren
 Mr. Pinkie Smith
 Ms. Nancy Negley
 Mr. Connie Truss
 Mr. S. L. Deckert

Mr. Jose Olivares then spoke in opposition saying that there is no master plan for the project. There are other URA projects that have never been completed. He also claimed that this project is only to perpetuate the position of Mr. Martin.

Mayor Cockrell declared the hearing closed.

The Clerk then read the following Ordinance:

APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE URBAN RENEWAL
PLAN FOR ST. PAUL SQUARE A COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITY.

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After consideration, on motion of Reverend Black, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros.

76-4 PUBLIC HEARING - CIVIC CENTER PROJECT, TEX. R-83

Mayor Cockrell declared the hearing open.

Mr. Winston Martin said that the purpose of this amendment is to permit usage of river extension in the HemisFair area for construction of a hotel. After approval of this amendment to Civic Center plan, the City can lease the river site.

Mr. John Peters, 130 East Brandon Street, spoke in opposition to the amendment to the plan. He expressed doubt about building a hotel on the river. He said that downtown buildings which are vacant should be renovated for use as hotels. Building a hotel right next to the Convention Center would discourage visitors from walking through the downtown area to shop.

Mayor Cockrell explained to Mr. Peters that this site was recommended for development as a hotel site by a committee formed by the preceding City Council. All things had been considered by the committee in making its recommendation.

Mr. Teniente took issue with Mr. Peters' comments saying that hotels should be convenient to the Convention Center.

Mayor Cockrell declared the hearing closed.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,249

APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO THE URBAN
RENEWAL PLAN OF THE CIVIC CENTER PROJECT,
TEX. R-83.

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After consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus.

76-4 Consideration of Item No. 1 and 2 of the agenda being proposed changes in fees to be charged to airlines using International Airport were postponed for two weeks.

76-4 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,250

APPROVING PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF SALE BY
THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF
SAN ANTONIO OF CERTAIN SINGLE-FAMILY
RESIDENTIAL LOTS LOCATED WITHIN THE KENWOOD
NORTH PROJECT, TEX. R-136.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, who displayed a map showing the lots to be sold in the Kenwood North Project. They are to be sold to persons who have expressed an interest in building homes in the area.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Reverend Black, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

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CLEANING OF LOTS

Councilman Rohde told Mr. Martin that he had inspected a number of lots on the West side of the City which are in need of cleaning. He said the lots are owned by Urban Renewal and asked that they be cleaned off.

Mr. Martin said he would tend to the matter.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,251

PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF
CERTAIN PROPERTY IN COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS
TO REYNALDO T. VILLARREAL.

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Mr. Cecil Henne, representing the City Public Service Board, said that the tract of land covered by this Ordinance and the tract to be disposed of under the subsequent Ordinance are in the City of New Braunfels. They were initially purchased in 1924 as right of way for a proposed power plant in that city. All of the land has been sold except these two irregularly shaped parcels. He recommended approval of the Ordinance.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Rohde, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

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The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Cecil Henne, City Public Service Board, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Pyndus.

AN ORDINANCE 46,252

PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE OF
CERTAIN PROPERTY IN COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS
TO ANNETTE HINMAN.

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76-4 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance manifesting an agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County relative to the Alcohol Safety Project.

Mr. Bill Donahue, Director of Human Resources and Services, said that this Ordinance had previously been presented for consideration at the December 23 meeting. At that meeting, Council instructed staff to meet with Council members to explain certain aspects of the project. Meetings were held this week with Councilmen Pyndus and Rohde as well as Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente.

Councilman Rohde said that he still has reservations on this program and asked that action be delayed pending further study.

After discussion, the Council decided to postpone action on this item for two weeks.

76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Teniente, was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None; ABSTAIN: Pyndus.

AN ORDINANCE 46,253

ESTABLISHING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION TRADES AND ESTABLISHING
A POLICY OF SETTING THE PREVAILING WAGE RATE
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

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76-4 In relation to the previous Ordinance, Councilman Pyndus asked Mr. Sueltenfuss if the prevailing wage rate could be established locally by business and labor leaders without going to the Department of Labor in Dallas.

Mr. Sueltenfuss responded by saying that the State law allows the City to set any rate it wishes but stressed the fact that this is a very laborious and complicated task.

Councilman Rohde asked Mr. Sueltenfuss to explain to the Council work stoppage on a project that had received publicity this week.

Mr. Sueltenfuss said that there was a violation of prevailing wage rates at the Fire Station being erected at Nacogdoches Road, and they were of such a flagrant character that work was ordered stopped.

Councilman Pyndus asked if this matter could not be settled while the work continued rather than stopping the work completely.

City Attorney James Parker said that the matter raised by Mr. Pyndus is covered in the contract which states that work will be stopped in the event of a violation. This is a standard clause in the contract that should be followed. Since Federal funds are also involved in this contract, it was believed from a legal point of view that this was the best course to follow.

76-4 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,254

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR CONTRIBUTION OF THE AMOUNT OF \$3,650.00 TO THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION CO. FOR ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY ON THE EXISTING CARSON STREET OVERPASS, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF SAID SUM TO THE COMPANY.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,255

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$6,640.00 TO WINDSOR PARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY CONSTITUTING ONE-HALF OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A RETAINING WALL ON WALZEM ROAD AT WINDSOR PARK MALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE WALZEM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING A REVISION IN THE BUDGET OF SAID PROJECT IN THE FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING MULTI-ENTITLEMENT PERIOD FUNDED PROJECTS FUND.

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76-4 The meeting recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:35 P. M.

76-4 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Raul Rodriguez stated he was appearing before the Council for the fifth straight time regarding the operations at the police vehicle pound, and related several incidents that had taken place. He mentioned a motorcycle and a Cadillac automobile that were sold without being placed on the bid list. He said that he had asked for a letter of permission to enter the police vehicle pound at any time but had not been given such a letter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente asked that Mr. Rodriguez's question and allegations be looked into. He also said that it would be impossible to give Mr. Rodriguez such a letter as the automobiles in the pound are still private property.

Mayor Cockrell asked that Mr. Rodriguez discuss his allegations with the City Manager.

MR. E. L. RICHEY

Mr. E. L. Richey, 1118 West Craig, said that he was speaking for the silent majority and said that he wants honest government. He also said that gas should be available to all and mentioned that school systems are closing down because of the fuel shortage.

MR. ED MEADOWS

Mr. Ed Meadows of Ed's Indian Jewelry at HemisFair Plaza, asked if plans were in the making to turn the HemisFair area into a campus or a tourist attraction. He complained about the University of Texas and the University of Mexico taking over.

Mayor Cockrell suggested that the HemisFair Plaza management meet with the tenants to go over the overall use plan for HemisFair Plaza and get their suggestions.

City Manager Granata stated that a feasibility study is being made on HemisFair Plaza and a report should be ready by February 5, 1976.

Mr. Cipriano Guerra said that a survey of HemisFair and its tenants had been made, and all this material has been turned over to Bill Holtzinger.

City Manager Granata said that such a meeting will be set up between the staff of HemisFair Plaza and the tenants.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, made the following statement:

"The Aquifer Protection Association and the COPS organization have already spoken on the mall referendum of January 17, 1976. Each one has stated what they view the mandate to be.

As an individual speaking solely for myself, not being a member of either organization, let me say that I cast my vote for pure and potable water, and it would be unfair of any organization to declare that the mandate is what they say it is.

Monday, the COPS organization made certain claims which are now a matter of record. Question? It is clear that the COPS organization has cast over thirty thousand votes as a COPS representative has said? Did the Edgewood area really cast a vote of thirty-five to one as a ratio as claimed in the Edgewood area against the mall?

COPS has made some very exaggerated and unverified claims concerning how many votes the COPS organization cast in the referendum. No one has countered that claim. I have made a hurried analysis of the votes cast on the West side. Based on what is commonly known as the West side, the vote cast was a ratio of eight to one. The reason I make this statement is that the record should reflect another point of view outside the COPS organization. At this time I wish to request that this statement be included in full in the typewritten minutes of the record. Thank you very much."

MRS. ROWENA RODGERS

Mrs. Rowena Rodgers, President of the League of Women Voters, appeared before the Council and said that more adequate publicity of polling places should have been given before the day of election and spoke of the combination of precincts.

76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,256

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER TO BEXAR COUNTY OF THE TITLE TO A TRUCK PURCHASED IN BEHALF OF BEXAR COUNTY FOR USE IN THE CITY/COUNTY RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$4,049.00 BY BEXAR COUNTY TO THE CITY.

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76-4 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,257

AUTHORIZING WRITE-OFFS OF ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE TOTALING \$6,790.50 FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION, FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMBULANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

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Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, explained that this Ordinance is the quarterly write-off of the EMS ambulance billing that have proven to be uncollectable and he briefly reviewed the collection procedure. Mr. White also mentioned that San Antonio has a 57 per cent collection ratio compared to Houston's 50 per cent and Dallas' 51 per cent.

A general discussion of the difficulties in collecting these payments took place.

Mr. Rohde said that he would not vote for this Ordinance because he felt that strong enough efforts and actions to collect these bills are not being made.

Mr. White said that proposals have been asked of from collecting agencies. He would recommend on a trial basis turning these accounts over to Retail Merchants Association.

Mr. Rohde made a motion to deny the Ordinance. The motion died for want of a second.

Dr. Cisneros moved that the Ordinance be approved. Mr. Teniente seconded the motion, and on the following roll call vote was passed and approved: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: Rohde; ABSENT: None.

76-4 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: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,258

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INSURANCE CONTRACT BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AN INSURANCE PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,975.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,259

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF PEAT, MARWICK, AND MITCHELL, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, TO DEVELOP AND ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING A COMPUTER INTEGRATED ZERO BASE BUDGET SYSTEM FOR THE CITY AND A DATA PROCESSING SECURITY AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR FAMIS, THE CITY'S COMPUTER ACCOUNTING SYSTEM, FOR A COST OF \$60,000.00; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,260

APPROPRIATING FROM CERTAIN FUNDS AMOUNTS IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$3,100.00 IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH 24TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; MARTIN LUTHER KING STREET IMPROVEMENT (NEBRASKA STREET); STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #58-D; WEIR AVENUE STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #39G; STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #58C; CUPPLES ROAD IMPROVEMENT; STORM DRAINAGE PROJECT #69C; KENMAR DRAINAGE PROJECT #203; CLOVIS DRAINAGE PROJECT #68A; AND SPECIAL PROJECT #239 (M-K-T RAILROAD COMPANY).

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AN ORDINANCE 46,261

CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF MELISSA LANE TO MELISSA ANN.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,262

CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF WHISPER FAWN TO WHISPER BROOK.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,263

CHANGING THE STREET NAME OF SHORE DRIVE
TO BUENA VISTA AND THE STREET NAME OF
SLAVIN AVENUE TO AIRPORT BOULEVARD.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,264

PERMITTING MRS. LA VERNE STRAITH FRIGERIO OF
439 GLENARM TO ERECT APPROXIMATELY 38 LINEAL
FEET OF 9' HIGH BRICK OR ROCK WALL ALONG THE
REAR OF HER NORTHEAST PROPERTY LINE.

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DANGEROUS TRAFFIC INTERSECTIONS

76-4 Dr. Cisneros called attention to a dangerous traffic situation
at Shore Drive and 20th Street.

Mr. Teniente also mentioned the intersection of West Gramercy
and San Antonio.

Mayor Cockrell asked that these matters be brought to the
Traffic Department's attention for investigation.

76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained
by Mr. George D. Vann, Jr., Director of Building and Planning, and
after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa,
was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa,
Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS:
None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 46,265

PERMITTING MR. BERT A. NELSON OF ALAMO COORS
CORPORATION TO ERECT APPROXIMATELY 1620 LINEAL
FEET OF EIGHT FOOT CHAIN LINK FENCE CONTAINING
THREE (3) STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE SLANTING
INWARD AT 4300 WEST AVENUE, PROVIDING, HOWEVER,
THAT THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST PROPERTY LINES BE
MADE SOLID SCREEN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE
NO. 45981.

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COORS DISTRIBUTORSHIP GROUNDBREAKING

76-4 Mayor Pro-Tem Teniente mentioned that the Coors distributor-
ship on the Southeast part of town will have groundbreaking ceremonies
on Wednesday, January 28, 1976, at 10:00 A. M. at 819 Roosevelt, and
invited all the Council members to attend.

76-4 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,266

DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR ASSISTANCE
UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REHABILITATION
LOAN AND REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM.

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Mr. Cipriano Guerra, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that this Ordinance will serve to enlarge the areas designated for assistance under the CDBG Rehabilitation Loan and Rehabilitation Grant Programs, and hoped to get more applications. He said that the Housing Task Force has approved this expansion and recommends its presentation to the Council.

In response to a question, Mr. Guerra stated that there have been 33 loans processed and have been recommended to the San Antonio Development Agency. Twenty-three of these have been approved.

Mr. Pyndus stated that he would like to have a deadline placed on this program and a report be made by the staff on the possibility of halting the program and using the funds on some other programs.

Dr. Nielsen said that there is no national strategy on housing but the City is trying to act responsibly with the monies that are available.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros.

76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 46,267

ESTABLISHING CITY AD VALOREM TAX COLLECTION
SUB-STATIONS FOR 1976.

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76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: Rohde; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 46,268

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF PAUL
ANDERSON COMPANY, LITTON OFFICE PRODUCTS
CENTER, J. ANDREW SMITH COMPANY AND WITTIG'S
OFFICE FURNITURE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO WITH OFFICE FURNITURE FOR A NET
TOTAL OF \$12,463.73.

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76-4 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros.

AN ORDINANCE 46,269

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF
SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS, SOUTHERN HOSPITAL
SUPPLY COMPANY, VWR SCIENTIFIC AND
CURTIN MATHESON SCIENTIFIC TO FURNISH
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH LABORATORY
EQUIPMENT FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$6,693.66.

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76-4 RESOLUTION OF THE SAN ANTONIO BAPTIST ASSN.

Mayor Cockrell said that she had been asked to include as part of the minutes of this meeting a copy of a Resolution passed by the San Antonio Baptist Association registering support of efforts being made to regulate nudity. (A copy of the Resolution is included with the papers of this meeting.)

76-4 The Clerk read the following letter:

January 16, 1976

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

January 14, 1976

Petition submitted by Mr. Bert A. Nelson, Chairman, Alamo Coors Corporation, requesting permission to construct a fence, a total height not to exceed eight feet including one foot of barbed wire on the top of the fence, on Lot 12, NCB 11690, situated at 4300 West Avenue.

/s/ G. V. JACKSON, JR.
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

Lila Cockrell
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ATTEST:

G. V. Jackson, Jr.
C i t y C l e r k

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