

ANNUAL CPR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Peak read a proclamation in observance of Saturday, April 11, 1998, being named CPR Day.

Mayor Peak then introduced Dr. Donald Gordon, Chairman of the San Antonio CPR Day Task Force, who then proceeded to explain the details of the upcoming events planned for the annual CPR Day on Saturday, April 11th. Dr. Gordon, with the help of Mr. Jim Reed who is also with the Task Force, presented Medals of Courage from the American Heart Association to citizens who helped to save lives by administering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. Dr. Gordon stressed the importance of CPR education and invited the public to the free CPR workshops offered the day of the event.

Mayor Peak spoke to the heroic efforts of each of the medal recipients.

Mr. Menendez commended the local heroes and gave statistical information pertaining to CPR. He also noted that there are bilingual CPR classes available

Mr. Salas thanked Dr. Gordon for his efforts in coordinating this event. He also spoke to a personal experience in which he was called upon for his CPR knowledge in an emergency situation.

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RECOGNITION OF MR. AL GUTIERREZ

Mayor Peak introduced Cab Driver Al Gutierrez, who, over the past weekend, discovered that a passenger from Florida had inadvertently left \$10,000 and six tickets to the NCAA championship game in the back of his cab, and then promptly returned the money to the owner. Mayor Peak stated that it was San Antonio citizens like Mr. Gutierrez who contributed to the success of the Final Four weekend and further publicized the fact that San Antonio is a friendly and honest city. He then presented Mr. Gutierrez with a City necktie and a "People Like You" certificate.

Councilman Flores spoke to Mr. Gutierrez' honesty and presented him with a new nametag, titled "Honest Al."

Mr. Gutierrez explained that he felt he hasn't done anything above his job duties to deserve this sort of recognition. He further explained that, as a city cab driver, he works

daily as an ambassador to the City, and honesty is part of that. Mr. Gutierrez introduced his family members who were present in the audience.

Various Councilmembers commended Mr. Gutierrez' act of honesty and kindness.

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98-13 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for February 19, 1998.

Mr. Salas made a motion to approve the Minutes. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak.

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke to various items which he spoke on at the February 19th meeting.

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After consideration, the motion to approve the minutes prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Garza, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Menendez, Marbut

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98-13 **COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION ACTION GROUP REPORT**

Mr. John Folk Williams, CRAG, presented the Mayor and Council with a thirty day status report on the Community Revitalization Action Group (CRAG). (A copy of the presentation is made part of the papers of this meeting.) Mr. Williams also narrated a brief video which outlined the achievements of the group thus far.

Mr. Williams thanked Mr. Menendez and Mr. Garza for their role as co-chairs for the Action Group, and recognized various members of the group and members of City staff who have been working with them.

Mayor Peak thanked Mr. Williams for his thorough status report and commended Mr. Menendez and Mr. Garza for their direct involvement with the program.

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Mr. Menendez and Mr. Garza individually thanked Mr. Williams, staff, and CRAG members for their efforts.

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PUBLIC HEARING: JAMES C. DOLLINS APPEAL

In response to a request from Mr. Prado to postpone the hearing of this appeal and move to the 3:00 Public Hearing, Mayor Peak explained that the hearings have been posted as time certain items and must be heard in that order, as mandated by the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Peak declared the Public Hearing to be open.

The Clerk read a proposed resolution considering an appeal of James C. Dollins representing the National Armored Cable Manufacturers Association with regard to the decision rendered by the Electrical Examining & Supervising Board not to allow Type MC cable and possibly Type AC cable.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Director of Building Inspections, explained that the National Armored Cable Manufacturers Association is appealing the Electrical Examining and Supervising Board's decision to deny the proponent's request to have armor clad and metal clad cable approved for unrestricted use in the City of San Antonio (A copy of the report is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Henry Katz, Chairman of the Electrical Examining and Supervising Board, explained that after thorough review of the product the board concluded that the armor cable does not provide flexibility or allow for any modifications, and does not conform to standard color coding, which will lead to safety hazards, therefore, the board decided not to recommend any new amendments to the City Code regarding these products.

Mayor Peak thanked Mr. Gene Camargo and Mr. Katz for their reports.

Mr. James C. Dollins, representing the National Armored Cable Manufacturers Association, made a presentation and handed a product notebook to each member of Council, which outlined examples of buildings in other major cities in Texas and nationally, that widely-use their product. He noted that the notebook also included a product history, testimonial letters, and statistics. (A copy of the product notebook is made part of the papers of this meeting.) Mr. Dollins then, through a demonstration, compared their product to the product currently authorized.

Mr. John R. Cochrane, representing Protection Development, Inc., discussed safety and fire issues and then read excerpts of the Fire Code, which he believes confirms that armored cable is safe.

Mr. James Gill spoke to the legal issues involved and requested that the Council have the City come in line with other cities around the country

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak in opposition of the appeal:

Mr. Larry Meads, 4459 Brushy Hill, member of the Electrical Board, spoke in support of the board's decision not to approve this product for unrestricted use in the city. He further explained that the cable, because of the necessary tools and lack of standard color coding, lends itself to misuse.

Mr. Robert Ross, owner of Ross Electric, spoke in support of the board's decision. He suggested, as a compromise, that the armor clad cable be approved for residential projects, but not for any commercial buildings.

Mr. Gene Chamberlain, representing IBEW Local Union No. 60, presented a written statement regarding his objection to the use of the armor clad cable. He then expressed his support of the Electrical Board's decision. (A copy of his statement is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr Charles Watson, representing IBEW Local Union No. 60, spoke to his forty years of experience in the electrical trade and to his own experiences using different types of cables. He stated that he supports the decision of board.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak in favor of the appellant:

Mr. Scott Shaver, 14352 Brook Hollow, spoke to the benefits of the armored cable and stated his belief that this is not a safety issue, but a labor issue

Mr. Larry Levick, representing Dillard's Department Store Corporate Headquarters in Little Rock, spoke in favor of the armor clad cable. He spoke to specifications and requirements that the cable must meet and stated that all of his stores, outside of San Antonio, use the cable.

Mr. Roger Ely, Dillard's Department Store, demonstrated the cable's color coding system and spoke to the specifications and flexibility of the armored cable.

Mr. James Barrows, representing Jenkins and Gilchrest, summarized that the appeal would bring the City in line with the national Code and would also give the City a choice.

Mr. John E. Gray, representing South Texas Electrical J.A.T.C., presented documents to illustrate an impedance problem with the armored cable. (A copy of the documentation is made part of the papers of this meeting.)

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There being no further citizens signed to speak, Mayor Peak declared the public hearing closed.

In response to questions from Mr. Salas, Mr. Katz explained the difference in color coding of the armored cable in relation to the national standards. Mr Katz also spoke to the board's reasons for concern, specifically the possibility of personal injury caused by the lack of standardized color coding. He also stated that, with the use of the armored cable, there is no way to measure the impedance. He further stated that there is concern that the recommended installation techniques and tools required lend itself to damaging of the wires during the installation process.

In response to Mr. Webster, Mr. Katz explained that the national Code is a minimal standard code and is not product specific.

Mr. Camargo explained the reason for having examining boards and noted that it is not uncommon for these appointed boards to uphold and amend codes to set City standards.

In response to a question from Mr Webster, Mr. Dollins stated that one out of seven cable manufacturers ship the armored cable to larger cities in Texas, including Dallas, Houston, and Ft. Worth.

Council discussion ensued regarding the economical and safety aspects of the armored cable

In response to Mayor Peak's request, Mr Camargo clarified that this Resolution only allows for an option and the recommendations of the board is heavily relied upon in regard to the safety of the product

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
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CONSIDERING AN APPEAL OF JAMES C. DOLLINS REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL ARMORED CABLE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION WITH REGARD TO THE DECISION RENDERED BY THE ELECTRICAL EXAMINING & SUPERVISING BOARD NOT TO ALLOW TYPE MC CABLE AND POSSIBLY TYPE AC CABLE.

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Mr. Salas made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution to uphold the decision of the Electrical Board. Mr. Menendez seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion to approve the Resolution upholding the decision of the Electrical Board prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza,; **NAYS:** Bannwolf, Webster, Peak, **ABSENT:** Marbut.

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**98-13 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION
REVISING TAX PHASE-IN GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA**

Mayor Peak declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Mr. Clinton Bolden, Director of Economic Development, narrated a video presentation which explained the proposed revisions to the City of San Antonio Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Phase-In and Reinvestment Zones. (A copy of the presentation is made part of the official papers of this meeting.)

(At this time Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Vásquez presided.)

Ms. Amber Alonzo, District 1 Advisory Committee appointee, further discussed the role of the Tax Phase-In Committee to review compliance reporting, incentive programs, economic development strategies and then to make recommendations to the City Manager and Council.

(The Mayor returned to the meeting to preside)

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Mr. Bolden stated that his department has thoroughly reviewed all of the data and staff recommends approval of the committee's recommendations and to direct the committee to report back to Council on May 7th

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

COPS/METRO ALLIANCE

Ms. Christina Castro, representing Communities Organized for Public Service (C.O.P.S.), and Sister Gabriella Logan, representing Metro Alliance, first expressed their discontent with the Mayor's decision to not move this Public Hearing up to 2 P.M., as requested by Mr. Prado. Ms. Castro then read from a prepared statement expressing their opposition to the proposed revisions and to all tax abatements.

Fr. Walter Dietrick recommended an increase to the minimum wage.

Sr. Gabriella Logan expressed her organization's opposition to tax abatements and suggested that all companies who have received abatements should afford a living wage to their employees.

Ms. Beatriz Cortez reiterated the C O.P.S. organization's position regarding tax abatements and building over the aquifer region.

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Mr. Mario Hernandez, President of the Economic Development Foundation, spoke in support of the current tax abatement guidelines to maintain a competitive edge among cities. Mr. Hernandez then put the program into perspective by giving details regarding costs associated with the tax abatements. Mr. Hernandez explained that only five of fifty-two companies were qualified to receive tax abatements. He further explained that tax abatements are commonly used to attract large companies to cities. He then cited three examples of companies that went elsewhere based on better incentive programs offered by other cities.

Mr. Mike Harris, President of the San Antonio Manufacturers Association, spoke in support of the use of abatements as a tool to lure companies to the city. He also noted several benefits of abatement programs. Mr. Harris also submitted letters to the Council from local companies which support the current tax abatement guidelines. (A copy of the letter is made part of the papers of this meeting)

Mr. Paul Bokas, representing Frito Lay, spoke in support of the proposed revisions to the tax phase-in program. He presented his personal experience with working with the City in keeping their company in town. He explained that the incentives offered to the company was a primary reason for their decision to remain in San Antonio.

Mr. Rob Finney, representing the Business Development Department of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of the revisions to the tax phase-in guidelines.

Ms. Martha Magnum, Executive Director of the Real Estate Council, spoke on behalf of their organization's support of the proposed revisions.

Mr. Doug Leonhard, representing La Cantera, spoke in favor of the proposed revisions, although he stated he has concerns with the new rules for hotels to reduce the 100 percent incentive to 50 percent. He expressed his belief that they have worked hard to comply with current guidelines and feels that a case-by-case review would better serve the process.

(At this time Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Vásquez presided.)

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke in opposition to tax abatements for any companies who build over the recharge zone

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke in favor of tax abatements to create more jobs.

Mr. Ray Hamilton, representing Northside Neighborhoods for Organized Development (NNOD), spoke in support of the phase-in programs and expressed his concerns over the comments made by C.O.P.S. and Metro Alliance. He stated that if Council enacted all of their demands, the two organizations would find that the results would not be what they had intended. He offered his support of the staff recommendations

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, reiterated comments made by the C.O.P.S. organization and stated that abatements do not work. He also spoke to the City reducing its budget and to his objections to comments made by Mr. Mario Hernandez of the Economic Development Foundation

(Mayor Peak returned to the meeting to preside.)

There being no further citizens signed to speak, Mayor Peak declared the Public Hearing to be closed

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 98-13-11

EXTENDING THE EXISTING CITY OF SAN ANTONIO GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR TAX PHASE-IN AND REINVESTMENT ZONES UNTIL MAY 7, 1998.

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Mr. Vásquez made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr Webster seconded the motion.

Mayor Peak thanked Mr. Bolden and Ms. Alonzo for their presentations. He then addressed various other aspects of the presentation, with respect to wages, term areas, application fees, and the creation of a housing phase-in program to be addressed at a later "B" Session

Mr. Salas expressed his support of the Resolution but also noted that guidelines to diversify jobs in other districts should be considered. He also stated that he opposes all tax abatements for companies who build over the aquifer

Mr. Webster spoke to tax abatements as a necessary tool for acquiring new jobs to boost the economic development of the city.

Mr. Vásquez thanked committee members and C.O.P.S. for helping to bring this issue to the table. He stated that more changes need to be made in regard to wage issues.

In response to a question from Mr. Vásquez, Ms. Claudia Mora, Economic Development Manager, stated that the City is in competition with all cities, large and small, for the recruitment of new businesses. She offered examples of other city incentive programs and suggested ways in which the City can remain competitive.

Mr. Bolden spoke to the need of a highly-trained workforce which will also help in attracting large companies.

In response to a question from Mr. Vásquez, Mr. Leonhard stated the model program he proposed would be taken under consideration.

Mr. Flores spoke to other alternative programs which would not cut into the work force. He suggested the addition of more Economical Development staff to monitor those businesses who receive abatements in order to assure their compliance with all of the guidelines.

Mayor Peak clarified that the intent of this Resolution is to create a model to go by for future programs.

Mr. Prado spoke to the use of land granting as an alternative incentive. He also spoke to the "living wage" issue and the need of further clarification of various other issues posing concern.

Mr. Webster gave special thanks to Mr. John Clamp, his committee appointee, for all the work he has done.

Mayor Peak expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the committee.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Menendez, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Webster made a motion to approve Agenda Items 7 through 25e, constituting the Consent Agenda, with items 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 24, and 25a-e having been pulled for individual consideration. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Menendez, Garza, Marbut.

AN ORDINANCE 87598

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF ONE STOP SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE THE TILE, CARPET AND COVE BASE AT THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY, FOR A TOTAL OF \$33,399.00

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AN ORDINANCE 87599

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BASE BID, AND ADDITIVE ALTERNATE ONE OF JAMES LITTRELL CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$79,071.00 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OLYMPIA PARK IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; ESTABLISHING THE OLYMPIA PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF 1994 PARKS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS INTO THIS PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$12,000.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87600

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO PROJECT AGREEMENTS FOR "URBAN STREET PROGRAM" AND "SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM -METROPOLITAN MOBILITY REHABILITATION" WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) IN CONNECTION WITH PROBANDT STREET. US 90 TO MITCHELL STREET PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

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AN ORDINANCE 87601

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN "AGREEMENT FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLING OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT BY A MUNICIPALITY" WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND AUTHORIZING A FORCE ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,308.00 FOR UPGRADING OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, RENTAL, AND LABOR ON SPUR 421 (BANDERA ROAD) FROM IH 410 TO EVERS ROAD, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 7

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AN ORDINANCE 87602

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN "AGREEMENT FOR THE FURNISHING AND INSTALLING OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT BY A MUNICIPALITY" WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) AND AUTHORIZING A FORCE ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,582.00 FOR UPGRADING OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, RENTAL, AND LABOR ON NACOGDOCHES ROAD: BROADWAY TO NEW BRAUNFELS, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

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AN ORDINANCE 87603

ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO A PORTION OF NANCY CAROLE WAY FROM SOUTHWEST TEXAS CORPORATION, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3.

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AN ORDINANCE 87604

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,970.00 TO DUGGER, CANADAY, GRAFE & WOELFEL, FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BABCOCK ROAD INTERSECTIONS PROJECT (\$2,370.00), NACOGDOCHES ROAD - BROADWAY TO N. NEW BRAUNFELS PROJECT (\$6,900.00) AND THE VULCAN QUARRY PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROJECT (\$2,700.00); AND THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00 PAYABLE TO NOBLE & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MISSION TRAILS PARKWAY, PACKAGE I PROJECT; FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$12,870.00, APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87605

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,700 00 WITH DUGGER, CANADAY, GRAFE & WOELFEL, INC. FOR THE PREPARATION OF PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS RELATED TO THE HIGGINS ROAD - NACOGDOCHES ROAD TO STAHL ROAD PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87606

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF REHRIG PACIFIC COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH 5,000 CURBSIDE RECYCLING CONTAINERS TO BE UTILIZED BY RESIDENTS FOR COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY'S RECYCLING PROGRAM, FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,900.00.

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his concern with trash and recyclable product pick up.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Prado, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87607

AUTHORIZING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF GRUNWALD PRINTING COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE COALITION NEWSLETTER, WHICH FEATURES STORIES AND REPORTS ABOUT CURRENT EVENTS DIRECTED TOWARD CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$23,096.20.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance Mr Webster seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr , 140 Dora, spoke to this item being taken off of the City's budget

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87608

ACCEPTING THE BID OF KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH TEN (10) MOBILE LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDING SYSTEMS TO BE MOUNTED IN POLICE VEHICLES FOR VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF DWI ARRESTS, PURSUITS AND OTHER INCIDENTS WHICH MAY OCCUR, FOR A TOTAL OF \$44,150.00.

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Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke in support of the ordinance and suggested the taxi companies provide free cab rides for intoxicated people.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Vásquez, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 87609

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF JOE HARRISON MOTOR SPORTS TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH HONDA MOTORCYCLE PARTS & SERVICE ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY \$3,000.00 PER MONTH.

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Ms Guerrero seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his suggestion that the City purchase one hundred motorcycles instead of police cars.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Vásquez, Garza, Marbut

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Vásquez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87613

APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00 TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) TO COVER THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COST FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR THE WURZBACH PARKWAY PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 8, 9 AND 10; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Ms Guerrero seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr , 140 Dora, spoke in opposition to the ordinance because he feels there are other streets in his neighborhood which are in need of repair

In response to a question from Mr. Salas, Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, narrated a slide presentation to explain that this is not a cost overrun expense. He also spoke to the benefits of the ordinance

Mr Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, expressed his opinion that the back-up documents to this ordinance show that this is a cost-overrun expense He then stated that other parts of the city are being neglected.

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Council discussion ensued concerning the process of acquiring rights-of-way, timeline for expectancy of completion, and the costs that the City is responsible for.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Menendez, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Prado, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut, Webster.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87614

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$792.00 TO FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY FOR TITLE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT #74 (\$350.00) AND THE F.M. 1517 (ECKHERT ROAD) - S.H. 16 TO HUEBNER ROAD PROJECT (\$442.00); THE AMOUNT OF \$921.48 TO TICOR TITLE AGENCY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE ACME ROAD - OLD HWY 90 TO COMMERCE PROJECT, AND THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00 TO ALAMO TITLE COMPANY FOR A PROPOSED FIRE STATION SITE ON SOUTH ST. MARY'S; FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$1,788.48; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr. Guerrero seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P O. Box 12048, requested that certain members of Council abstain from voting on this matter due to their acceptance of campaign contributions from the company named in the contract.

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Mayor Peak reiterated his earlier statement explaining that Council is not swayed by campaign contributions

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Menendez, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Prado, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut, Webster

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87615

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,835.00 WITH THE SAN ANTONIO SPORTS FOUNDATION TO SOLICIT THE HOSTING OF COMPETITIVE SPORTING EVENTS IN SAN ANTONIO FOR A TERM ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance Mr. Flores seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, suggested that the Chamber of Commerce should take over the funding of the Sports Foundation and that the next City budget be adjusted to reduce the funding of the foundation by half.

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to the Alamodome being an advertisement, in itself, for attracting sports events. He also expressed his support of the Chamber Of Commerce funding the foundation on its own.

Ms. Maria Dominguez spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Ms. Susan Blackwood, representing the San Antonio Sports Foundation, explained the goals and mission of the foundation relative to the proposed ordinance

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Mayor Peak expressed his gratitude to the foundation for its work in bringing large events to the City

Mr. Webster spoke to the foundation's accomplishments and to the revenue generated by the events set up by the foundation, especially the NCAA Final Four Tournament.

Ms. Blackwood stated that an outside firm has been hired to do feasibility studies on the economic impact of another event like the Final Four and they have also conducted a survey on sales tax returns of the local businesses involved with the event.

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Mr. Bannwolf reiterated his colleagues' sentiments on the accomplishments of the Foundation.

Mr. Menendez noted that one of the higher NCAA officials stated that the San Antonio-hosted Final Four event was the best that he has ever attended. Mr. Menendez commended the Sports Foundation for coordinating the event.

Ms. Sandra Lopez, San Antonio Sports Foundation, spoke to the efforts of the volunteers who assisted with the event and to the courtesy of all of the City staff including the Police Department.

Mr. Prado spoke in support of the ordinance and of the Foundation, and reminded his colleagues that the Foundation is a good example of a minority and women-administered organization.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak, **NAYS**: None, **ABSENT**: Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87616

APPOINTING DIANE DE LEON (DISTRICT 3) TO THE AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 1999.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his concerns with the boards and commissions appointment process.

(At this time Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mr. Webster presided in the temporary absence of Mayor Pro Tem Vásquez.)

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Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., reiterated Mr. Hodge's comments regarding the board and commission appointment process.

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, concurred with Mr. Hodge's and Mr. Perez' statements and stated his opinion that the board appointments should be included in the Items for Individual Consideration.

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(At this time Mayor Peak returned to preside.)

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote **AYES**: Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS**: None; **ABSENT**: Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 87617

APPOINTING LEO G. RAMOS, JR. (DISTRICT 5) TO THE DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 1999

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS**: None, **ABSENT**: Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke to his personal work experience at Kelly A.F. B. and to his concern with possible contaminated soil surrounding the base

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, , Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87622

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A DEFENSE ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANT GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000.00 FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TDED) TO HELP FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CENTER AT KELLY AIR FORCE BASE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE TDED FOR DISPOSITION OF THE GRANT PROCEEDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER KELLY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (“GKDC”)

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Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., reiterated his earlier comments about Kelly. He also spoke to water issues.

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Mr. Prado acknowledged State Senator Frank Madla’s help in getting the grant from the Texas Department of Economic Development.

Mayor Peak spoke to the senator's involvement as an instrumental part in the acquisition of these grants.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut.

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98-13 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from the Texas Department of Economic Development (TDED) to help finance the construction of a potable water storage and distribution system for Kelly Air Force Base and adjoining areas by Bexar Metropolitan Water District; authorizing the execution of a contract with the State TDED for disposition of the grant proceeds; and authorizing the execution of a sub-grant agreement with the Bexar Metropolitan Water District.

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Ms. Guerrero commented on the surface water treatment facility she visited and to Senator Madla's help in acquiring the grants. Ms. Guerrero then made a motion to postpone action on this item for one week in order for the Bexar Metropolitan Water District to give a public presentation on water quality. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, referred to a newspaper article concerning the water treatment plant. He then addressed the abstention of Mr. Vásquez from the vote.

Mr. Prado clarified the issues at hand and then gave times and locations for the forums set up for the Five Palms area to discuss water recycling.

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke to his concerns with areas that may have some form of soil contamination.

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P O. Box 12048, spoke in support of postponing action on this item.

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After consideration, the motion to postpone this item prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Garza, Marbut; **ABSTAIN:** Vásquez.

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87623

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT \$3,600.00 TO COUNCILMAN RAUL PRADO FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ENRIQUE "KIKE" MARTIN (\$1,200.00 PER MONTH) FROM APRIL 1, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN RAUL PRADO.

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut

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98-13 The Clerk read the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 87624

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$500.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 4 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO ASSIST THE MILLER'S POND YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE WITH THEIR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PURCHASING EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS FOR THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM, AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN RAUL PRADO

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke in favor of the ordinance.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Vásquez, Garza, Marbut.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD TARGET TEAM SWEEPS

Ms. Francis Gonzalez, Director of Neighborhood Action, gave a brief overview of the first two sweeps held in District 7, Loma Park-Loma Terrace areas, and in District 5, Harris-Lonestar Neighborhood areas (A copy of the presentation is made part of the papers of this meeting.)

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CITY WIDE CLEANUP DAY

Ms. Frances Gonzalez also gave a presentation on the upcoming City Wide Cleanup Event, to be held Saturday, April 4, 1998 She listed the various sites in each Council district to be used as drop-off points for unwanted household items. (A copy of the presentation is included in the papers of this meeting.)

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MS. ELVIA GARZA

Ms. Elvia Garza, President of Astro Quality Services, Inc., spoke to the Council on the subject of city permits waived for the San Antonio Independent School improvements and urged that the City grant this request only if the school districts adopt the same rules which the City has for minority contracting.

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Mayor Peak stated that the Council is reviewing this issue and will take her request into consideration.

Councilman Salas stated that he has received numerous calls similar to the concerns expressed by Ms. Garza and would also take this concern to the committee reviewing the school districts' request.

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MR. FARIS HODGE

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr , 140 Dora, asked that the City Council consider moving the Night in Old San Antonio event from La Villita to a larger area such as the Alamodome. He stated that the crowded conditions in La Villita make it very difficult for disabled persons in wheelchairs to move around. He also urged that the Council consider hiring more police officers during the budget process. He then proceeded to address other issues in different Council districts.

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MR. NAZERITE R.F. PEREZ

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke to the City Council regarding contamination at Kelly Air Force Base

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MR. JERRY SINGER

Mr. Jerry Singer spoke to the City Council about his service on the San Antonio Housing Authority as a Tenant representative. He spoke about the recommendations and suggestions he has made during his tenure to improve the San Antonio Housing Authority and questioned the fact that he was not going to be reappointed for another term.

In response to Mr. Singer, Councilman Bannwolf stated that he had originally appointed him and had notified him that he would not be reappointing him. He also thanked him for his service on the Board.

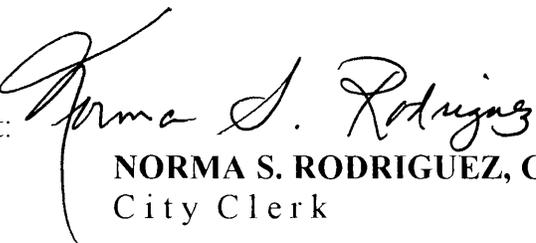
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98-13 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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HOWARD W. PEAK
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Attest: 
NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk