

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1968 AT 8:30 A.M.

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

68-235 The invocation was given by Reverend M. H. Van Hoose, St. James A M E Church.

The Minutes of the meeting of March 14, 1968 were approved.

68-235 The following discussion took place:

Mayor: "Did the members of the Council read the minutes and find them in order?"

Mr. Gatti: "I read the minutes and, as a matter of personal privilege, I would like to make a statement concerning some of the utterances of my colleague Mr. Torres last week. On page 19 of the minutes, Mr. Torres said 'Any time I disagree with Mr. Gatti or anyone disagrees with Mr. Gatti, that individual is irresponsible. I, in every remark that I brought before the Council in the past and in the present have presented necessary documentation.' First of all, I would like to say that it is not true that any time that anyone disagrees with me, I charge them with irresponsibility. There have been many times in the years that I have been on the Council that people have disagreed with me, and I have not charged them with irresponsibility. The question which I think goes deeper is the question of questioning the motives of I and other members of the Council. On page 18, Mr. Torres charged the City Council with incest in relation with the dealings with the Chamber of Commerce. This I think was entirely uncalled for. On page 20, furthermore, Mr. Torres said that perhaps that is what is wrong with the City today and why we are bankrupt. I charge Mr. Torres with complete irresponsibility. There have been many questions raised concerning the City's operation, and I think that a statement like this made by a public official and a member of the City Council is completely and categorically irresponsible. I prepared a statement, and I'll not take the Council's time to read the whole statement. I will present it to the City Clerk as a matter of record. He took issue with my calling him irresponsible. He confirmed his irresponsibility by stating in an open Council meeting that the City of San Antonio is bankrupt. The truth is that the City of San Antonio is in the process of bringing to conclusion one of the greatest community improvement programs in history. Our current budget is a rigid one, but there is a great deal of difference between austerity and financial ruin. There is a great deal of

difference between truth and an outright lie. All of this will be a matter of record. I would also like to point out that the City's books and records are subject to and are audited by an independent certified public accounting firm. If the City were bankrupt, it would become their legal and moral responsibility to bring this fact to light. Furthermore, copies of all reports are filed each year with rating agencies, with investment brokers and principal bond holders. If Mr. Torres' accusations were true, under these circumstances it would be impossible for the City to maintain the high bond rating of A by one nationally-recognized rating agency and AA by another. I think that these are things, and other things that I have mentioned in this report that reflect a sound city, a sound economy, and I'll venture to predict that San Antonio will continue to progress in the months and years ahead, not because of Mr. Torres, but in spite of him. I would like to make this a matter of record. The details are here. Mr. Inselmann, I'd like to have this as a part of our minutes today."

Mr. Torres: "I want to request, if the Mayor please, I certainly think that the time to have brought this up, this reply to the statement that I made last week, would have been last week when this thing came up, rather than to go back home and reflect upon the damage that Mr. Gatti had done upon himself by the statement that he made by charging irresponsibility on my part, rather than preparing a press release, which he doesn't even feel that he has to read before the Council. I think that if I am going to reply to this, either now or next week, that Mr. Gatti should read his comments into the record rather than hand a press release to the newspapers and to Mr. Inselmann to be made a part of the record. And I certainly cannot reply to whatever I haven't even seen--the item that was handed to Mr. Inselmann."

Mr. Gatti: "You'll be given a copy of this, and you will have all the time to reply. I am not doing anything different that you've done a number of times when you've charged the Council with chicanery as you did in the press this week when you charged several of the other Council members with all sorts of culpable activities. As a matter of record, you can read it the same as I did, and we'll be happy to listen to whatever reply you have next week or anytime at all. I think that this is a matter that took some investigation. I had to read exactly what you said and prepare an answer. The answer is here to your claim of the City being bankrupt. If you have anything else to add, I'm sure the Council will be happy to listen to you next week."

Mr. Torres: "Mr. Gatti made a charge last week of my being irresponsible. I replied, and it was in the course of deliberations in open Council session. When I made that reply, I certainly didn't bother to go back and prepare a press release. Of course, Mr. Gatti, I'll be more than happy, and I assure you that any item that you might have handed to Mr. Inselmann this morning, I certainly don't think it's timely in view of the statement that you made last week. I think that this item should have been brought up last week. Of course, you well know that I have never hesitated in replying to any comments that you or any other member of this

Council make, and I will on this occasion reply to what you have said. I want to repeat that I have not read the item that Mr. Gatti handed to Mr. Inselmann, and I am going to ask Mr. Inselmann, if you please, to send me a copy of that particular item."

Dr. Parker: "Before we get off on another subject, I read where Mr. Torres stated that we had \$500,000 in a fund, slush fund, and I would like to elaborate on that a little bit, and I would like to get a report from the City Manager on just where we stand in the Parks Department and our funds."

Mr. Henckel: "I certainly don't know of any slush fund that we have in the Parks Department. We have bond funds that have been appropriated for certain projects that are being used at the present time. Annually, the only savings the City has out of the budget is the economies that the individual departments may have as a result of their particular operation, but I do not know of any money that has been budgeted as a so-called slush fund in any department. Perhaps I am not prepared enough to be more specific. If you care to ask a question about any particular fund, I'll be happy to have someone from the Finance Department furnish us with that information, or furnish you with any type of report you so desire."

Dr. Parker: "Mr. Torres, is this a correct statement in the newspaper concerning this fund?"

Mr. Torres: "An inquiry was made yesterday of me by two newspaper people. In reply to the inquiry, I advised them that I thought that, in view of the problem that we are having with police salaries, that certain priorities could be established above and beyond budgeted items, which was Item No. 1 in reply to the query that was made. In the City Council Minutes of a week, or possibly two weeks ago, the statement was made by Mr. Frazer, I believe, to the effect that there was something like \$300,000 to \$500,000 in the Park Fund. I also made the comment that the money that we received this year from the City Public Service Board, by virtue of the 14% of the gross revenues that we receive from the City Public Service Board, was above and beyond what has been budgeted, that the revenues were in excess of what had been budgeted, and No. 3, the fact that last week, this Council passed a Hotel and Motel tax, which, as I stated last week, the amount of expected revenue from that fund, from what was stated in Council session, the revenue from that tax was going to be \$200,000 to \$300,000. I stated that, several months ago, the Chamber of Commerce projected that this tax would yield half a million dollars to the City of San Antonio."

Mr. Gatti: "I don't think he's answered the question."

Dr. Parker: "He didn't. Here it says, right here, that there is \$500,000 in the slush fund in the Parks Department. Now, did you say that?"

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Mr. Torres: "I answered your question."

Dr. Parker: "Did you say that that was a slush fund?"

Mr. Torres: "I have answered your question, Dr. Parker, as best as I can."

Dr. Parker: "In other words, the newspapers are not telling the truth."

Mr. Torres: "No, I didn't say that the newspapers were not telling the truth."

Mr. Gatti: "The record will reflect what Mr. Torres' answer is."

(A Copy of Mr. Gatti's statement is filed for record with the original of these Minutes.)

68-236 First heard was zoning case #3243 to rezone Lot 48, Blk. 3, NCB 8675 from "A" Residence District to "B-3" Business District, located southeast of the Intersection of Holm Blvd. and Slavin Avenue; having 147' on Holm Blvd. and 222.82 on Slavin Avenue.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following Ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 352

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 48, BLK. 3, NCB 8675 FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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68-237 Next heard was zoning case #3264 to rezone Lot 31, Blk. 2, NCB 13060 from "F" Local Retail District to "B-3" Business District, located on the west side of San Pedro Avenue, approximately 700' north of Rhapsody Drive; having 113.98' on San Pedro Avenue and a depth of 217.75'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Trevino, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was approved by passage of the following Ordinance by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 353

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13060 FROM "F" LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT
TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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66-540 At this time the Mayor requested the City Manager to prepare a report on the status of the Airport Industrial Park.

68-238 Next heard was zoning case #3196 to rezone NCB 736 thru 747 inclusive, that part of NCB 748 lying east of the new channel cut of the San Antonio River, NCB 749, NCB 750, NCB 894, NCB 896, that part of NCB 928 lying south of Durango (Martinez) Street, NCB 931 thru 949, inclusive, that part of NCB 987 lying east and north of the new channel cut of the San Antonio River, NCB 2968, located as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the intersection of South St. Mary's Street and Durango (Martinez) Street; thence westward along the south side of Durango (Martinez) Street to the east bank of the San Antonio River; thence south along the east bank of the San Antonio River to Barbe Street; thence eastward along the north side of Barbe Street to South St. Mary's Street; thence northward along the west side of South St. Mary's Street to the point of beginning at Durango (Martinez) Street.

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Mr. Steve Taylor explained the requested change in zoning which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

By use of transparencies, Mr. Taylor proceeded to show the exact area requested be designated Historic in this zoning case, as well as that area as requested in zoning case #3197 to follow. He also showed the alternative area as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mrs. James Graves, Chairman of the Joint Zoning Board of the San Antonio Conservation Society and King William Area Conservation Association, stated that some sort of protection was definitely needed for this historic area. She then proceeded to outline the area by using a map. Mrs. Graves stated that since the Planning Commission denied their original request, they have since deleted portions which contained a majority of businesses. She explained that many of the people in this area did not understand that the Historic Ordinance did not stop the businesses now in operation. They could continue to operate. When a change on the exterior of the buildings was contemplated, the owner would then submit his plans to the Historic Advisory Committee for approval. Mrs. Graves felt that the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a smaller Historic Area was not practical. The organizations which she represented had carefully researched this area for over three years and requested the Council to overrule the Planning Commission's recommendation and grant their request for rezoning.

Mrs. J. A. Reaney, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society also urged the Council to act with favor on this request.

Mrs. Margaret Gething, President of the King William Conservation Area Association, presented a petition with 220 signatures of property owners in this area who were all in favor of the rezoning request. She further stated that if this request were granted, this area would become a fine tourist attraction similar to the Historic Area in Georgetown.

Mr. Ted McAllister, Chairman of the Bexar County Historical Commission, explained that he had worked with both groups, and the area outlined by Mrs. Graves had been certified as historical by the Texas State Historical Survey Commission, the Bexar County Historical Commission and the City's own Fine Arts Commission. He then presented a Resolution adopted on September 10, 1966, by the Texas State Historical Survey Committee designating the King William Area as exemplifying in its general makeup and character the architecture and historical landmarks of an early settlement of Texas people of German extraction, and designating the King William Area as a Historical District. Mr. McAllister urged the Council to approve the request for rezoning.

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He stated the area requested was approximately one-third the size of Georgetown's in area.

Carolina Garza recommended that the West side of the San Antonio River should be zoned only for business.

Mrs. Harry Wilson, 502 Guenther, requested that her home be included in the Historic Area.

In answer to a question from Councilman Trevino, Mr. Taylor stated that over 900 notices had been mailed to residents in the area, as well as to those within 200 feet of the boundary lines.

Mayor McAllister asked the City Attorney to make a statement from the legal point of view.

Mr. Howard Walker stated that the Supreme Courts of New Jersey and Missouri had ruled against Historic Ordinances similar to this one. The Courts held that if an individual wanted to perhaps renovate or demolish his property, he could not be enjoined from doing so. He then gave several examples.

Mr. Ted McAllister agreed in part with Mr. Walker's statement, but added that Florida and New York Courts had upheld similar Historic Ordinances. He felt that when either construction or renovation of property in this area was contemplated, conferences between those concerned and the Advisory Commission could work out some acceptable solution, and no pressure would be used to force the people to conform as to the architecture for the exterior of the proposed construction.

Mr. Charles Cleveland, representing the Alamo Methodist Church, located in the King William Area, stated that the entire Congregation favored the rezoning.

The Mayor was obliged to leave the meeting and Mayor Pro-tem Gatti presided.

Mrs. C. P. Curry, 147 Crafton, Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Gavin, 124 Adams Street, and Mr. John Kenagy, 331 Adams, all spoke in favor of the rezoning.

Mr. R. Rodriguez, 1303 South St. Mary's, stated that South Alamo and South St. Mary's should be excluded from the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Edward Penshorn, representing the Carpenters Union, stated that his union was planning a new building in this area and felt that the financing of it would be impossible to get if their property was zoned Historic.

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Mr. Bill Rogers, Realtor, objected to the rezoning if South St. Mary's and South Alamo Streets were included.

Mrs. Cockrell explained that she favored the large area.

Dr. Parker, stated that a large area should be designated as a Historic District.

Dr. Calderon stated that he did not favor the Planning Commission's suggestion of a smaller area.

Mr. Jones explained that it would be better to approve a larger area.

Mr. Torres agreed with Mrs. Cockrell. Dr. Parker, Dr. Calderon, and Mr. Jones suggested that action could be postponed one week.

Mrs. Cockrell stated that this was a very important decision and that perhaps a Council Sub-Committee could be appointed to meet with the groups concerned and the Planning Commission to try and reach a solution.

Mr. Torres then made a motion to have the Mayor Pro-tem appoint such a committee. Mayor Pro-tem Gatti then appointed Mrs. Cockrell, Mr. Torres, and Dr. Parker as a Council Sub-Committee to work with the groups and the Planning Commission in this case, as well as zoning case #3197, which is to follow.

Mayor Pro-tem Gatti was obliged to leave the meeting and Dr. Parker presided.

68-239 The last case to be heard was Case #3197 to rezone NCB 736 to 750 inclusive, 894, 896, that part of 928 that is south of Durango (Martinez) Street, NCB 931 to 937 inclusive, 948, 949, 971, 972, that part of 987 that is east and north of the new channel cut of the San Antonio River, NCB 2549 to 2551, inclusive, NCB 2971, that part of 2552 that is east of South Main Street, located as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of South St. Mary's and Durango (Martinez) Street to the east bank of the San Antonio River; thence south along the east bank of the San Antonio River to the south side of Arsenal Street; thence westward along the south side of Arsenal Street to the east side of S. Main Avenue; thence south along the east side of S. Main Avenue to the north side of E. Guenther Street; thence eastward along the north side of E. Guenther Street to the east bank of the new San Antonio River Channel; thence southeast along the east bank of the new San Antonio River Channel to

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the south boundary of NCB 936; thence eastward along the south boundary of NCB 936 and NCB 937, the north side of Forcke Street and the south boundary of NCB 933 and NCB 948 to the west side of S. St. Mary's Street; thence north along the west side of S. St. Mary's Street to the point of beginning at Durango (Martinez) Street.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

Mr. Raford N. Dobie, President of the King William Association, explained that his group was only a few months old and already had 60 members. He stated that the San Antonio River does separate their group from the previous case #3196. The reason for requesting this area be approved for a Historic district is to encourage property owners to put their money back into their homes. It would stabilize the neighborhood so that it will retain its victorian charm. If the entire area is approved, it would be a tremendous tourist attraction. He explained that homes on City Street were a part of an 1895 subdivision.

Acting Mayor Dr. Parker explained that the Council Committee that was just appointed will also consider the request of Mr. Dobie's group.

Mr. John C. Martin, Mrs. Opal O'Day, Mr. Robert Allen and Mrs. Carolina Garza all voiced their opposition to the rezoning.

68-49 The Clerk read the following Ordinance for the second and final time:

AN ORDINANCE 36,240

PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN
BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRI-
TORY CONSISTING OF 48.453 ACRES OF LAND,
WHICH SAID TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND
ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained that the annexation was at the request of the owner of the property, Mr. Lloyd Denton. The property is known as Garden Court East, Units 2, 3, and 4, located in the northwest part of the City.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Jones and seconded by Dr. Calderon, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER and PARKER.

68-240 The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, and on motion made by Dr. Parker and seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 354

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF GRAHAM PAPER CO., NATIONWIDE PAPER, INC. AND PHILLIPS PAPER & BOX COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN CUSTODIAL PAPER PRODUCTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$32,232.00.

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68-241 The following Ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp and on motion and duly seconded, each passed and was approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER, JAMES.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 355

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS AS LISTED BELOW TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH CERTAIN MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,568.00.

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68-242 AN ORDINANCE 36, 356

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ACE SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN RED BURNING FUSEES FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,818.00.

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67-801 The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp and on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER; Abstained: COCKRELL and TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 357

MANIFESTING A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH DOUBLEDAY BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. FOR INSTALLING EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHING KITE-FM PROGRAMMING TO THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS AREA.

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68-57 The following Ordinance was explained by Airport Director, Tom Raffety, and on motion of Dr. Parker and seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 358

APPROPRIATING \$18,000.00 OUT OF AIRPORT REVENUE BOND FUND 8-06 PAYABLE TO LODAL AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND ALSO APPROPRIATING \$1,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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68-243 The following Ordinances were explained by members of the Administrative Staff and on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JAMES, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER, JONES, and COCKRELL.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 359

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT NO. 9-41-080-C618, AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TO PROVIDE FOR DELETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXIT TAXIWAY FROM THE NORTHWEST-SOUTHEAST RUNWAY (12R-30L).

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AN ORDINANCE 36, 360

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF MEADER CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR SANITARY SEWER RELOCATION, U.S. HIGHWAY 281, PARTS 1 AND 2, PROJECT B; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; APPROPRIATING \$78,960.00 OUT OF NO. 479-19 NORTH EXPRESSWAY BOND FUND; APPROPRIATING \$3,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING \$500.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36, 361

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF LESLIE S. HUTTON CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HIKING & BICYCLING TRAILS, NORTHEAST PRESERVE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; APPROPRIATING \$23,362.59 OUT OF 1964 PARK IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 489-03 PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTOR; APPROPRIATING \$700.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING \$300.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36, 362

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF LESLIE S. HUTTON CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR REMODELING OF COMFORT STATION--CONCESSION BUILDING, SUNKEN GARDEN, BRACKENRIDGE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SUCH WORK; APPROPRIATING \$24,894.00 OUT OF 1964 PARK IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND NO. 489-03 PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTOR; APPROPRIATING \$700.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; APPROPRIATING \$300.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING \$440.46 PAYABLE TO EMMIT TUGGLE FOR BALANCE OF ARCHITECTURAL FEES.

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The following Ordinance was explained by Parks Director, Bob Frazer, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JAMES, GATTI, TREVINO, and PARKER; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER; ABSTAINING: JONES, COCKRELL, and TORRES.

AN ORDINANCE 36, 363

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT BETWEEN THE AGENCY AND DARRAGH, LYDA & LOTT, CONTRACTORS IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A SIDEWALK ALONG THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER IN CONNECTION WITH THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY'S RIVER EXTENSION PROJECT WITHIN CIVIC CENTER PROJECT, TEX. R-83.

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Mr. Winston Martin, Director of Urban Renewal, to a question by Mr. Torres stated that the total cost of land excavation and improvements for the River Extension was in excess of \$1,000,000.00 and would furnish a breakdown of the cost for each phase of the work.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,364

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF A PORTION OF LOT 5, NEW CITY BLOCK 13420 LOCATED WITHIN CENTRAL WEST PROJECT I, TEX. R-39 TO JAMAIL PROPERTIES, INC.

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Mr. Winston Martin, Director of Urban Renewal, stated that this property had been previously sold, but the buyer did not exercise the option to develop it and had to revert it back to the Urban Renewal Agency. The property was advertised for sale, and the high bid was \$1.35 per square foot, which is above the minimum price required. The buyer will establish a wholesale distribution business on this property, and he recommended that the Council approve the sale.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: McALLISTER.

Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,365

OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO APPROVING THE GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL PLAN FOR DEL ALAMO PROJECT AREA.

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Mr. Winston Martin, Director of Urban Renewal, explained that this was a General Urban Renewal Development Project for planning purposes only. It covers 534 acres in the central business downtown and its environs. It is for the purpose of determining what has been done in the way of development. The first project in the Del Alamo Plan is the Civic Center Project. Other projects will be considered under this plan. The project is not for the purpose of designating any other federal projects, but is simply for acceptance of a plan of development that can be used as a blueprint for development of the downtown area.

Each Council member was presented with a detailed copy of the plan. He called to the Council's attention the indexed map which lists 45 items of action in the Del Alamo Plan and reviewed 16 maps which are part of the plan and entitled as follows:

Map No. 1	Boundary Map
Map No. 2	Existing Land Use
Map No. 3	Condition of Structures
Map No. 4	Existing Electrical Distribution System
Map No. 5	Existing Water Lines
Map No. 6	Existing Gas Lines
Map No. 7	Existing Sanitary Sewers
Map No. 8	Existing Storm Sewers
Map No. 9	Existing Telephone Lines
Map No. 10	Proposed Land Use Plan
Map No. 11	Proposed Streets Plan
Map No. 12	Community Facilities Plan
Map No. 13	Renewal Action Plan
Map No. 14	Project Location and Sequence Plan
Map No. 15	Utilities Adjustment Map
Map No. 16	Renewal Action Index

Mr. Martin advised that the Planning Commission has approved the plan as presented with the additional requirement that some study be made to complete the inner-loop system which was begun as the result of a Civic Center Project at Hemisfair, but it makes it impossible to go through the Convention Center and Hemisfair. He felt that a plan should be developed soon to route the loop to the east of Hemisfair.

Discussed was the extension of the monorail system in the Civic Center site to move people from parking lots in the downtown area to the Convention Center facilities. Also, it was brought out that there will be no mall on Houston Street because of opposition from property owners. Also discussed was the site of the new Post Office and Federal Courts and Office Buildings.

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After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO; NAYS: None; ABSENT: GATTI, PARKER; ABSTAINING: TORRES.

The City Manager was then instructed to have the proper City department contact the State Highway Department to work out an alternate route for the inner-loop east of Hemisfair.

67-426

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,366

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF BUYER III IN THE PURCHASING DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND INCREASING SALARY RANGES PERTAINING TO CERTAIN OTHER POSITIONS.

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City Manager Henckel explained that the changes in the Ordinance are a result of a study made by the Personnel Department. The study shows that these classifications are below par with comparable positions. He indicated that this in no way conflicts with the Personnel Committee presently studying salaries. He informed the Council that the Personnel Committee has had one general hearing at which employee groups were heard. The Committee divided into four major sub-committees to make studies and recommendations back to the General Committee. It set a goal of two months to complete its work, but at the rate progress is being made, a report should be ready before that time. They are looking into all benefits, as well as proposed revenue available to the City for proposed increases in benefits.

Mr. Henckel then stated that each member of the committee gave a preference, a first and second choice, of the committee he desired to serve on. Those who did not indicate a preference indicated that they would serve on any or several committees. The Chairman and Co-chairman then made the assignments and gave them their preferences if possible.

After further discussion, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: GATTI, PARKER.

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68-66

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,367

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF PARKING LOT OPERATIONS ON I. H. 37 RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN COMMERCE AND PEARL PARKWAY BY PARKING, INC.

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Traffic and Transportation Director Stewart Fischer explained that the City would pay a management fee of \$1.00 per parking space. There are approximately 4,000 spaces in this area. He explained that this was a short-term contract for the period of Hemisfair, and it was not advisable to take bids for the operation. Under the contract with the state, they would not allow a third party to the contract, which is what would occur if bids were taken on the basis of a percentage of the gross.

Mrs. Cockrell asked why the City did not instead contract with the police and firemen's group in order to benefit the pension fund.

Mr. Henckel stated that the police are going to operate the coliseum parking lot during the Fair which has 9,000 spaces and did not think they will have the personnel to handle this. It was the feeling of the staff that the parking lot should be managed by an experienced operator in this field in order that the best possible job be done for the City.

After other discussion, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: PARKER.

66-999

The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: PARKER.

AN ORDINANCE 36,368

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,000.00 OUT OF TOWER STRUCTURE BOND FUNDS TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING THREE TICKET BOOTHS AT THE BASE OF THE TOWER.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 36,369

AUTHORIZING THE OPENING DAY COMMITTEE
OF HEMISFAIR '68 TO CONDUCT A FIREWORKS
DISPLAY ON APRIL 6, 1968.

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City Manager Henckel advised that the fire works display will be under the control of the Fire Chief, and Hemisfair must meet all requirements of the Fire Department which are conditions of the permit.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO; NAYS: None; ABSENT: PARKER; ABSTAINING: TORRES.

68-247

The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, and TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: PARKER.

A RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA OF THE
CITY TO BE DENOMINATED "TOWN EAST".

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The following discussion took place concerning the parking garage on CPSB property on Villita Street:

Mr. Henckel: "Item 16 is being pulled because we are not in a position to make a report. I thought we would be, but we're not."

Mr. Torres: "Are we jeopardizing our position any, by putting off consideration of the bids on the garage, or do you think a special meeting of the Council will be justified at any time next week in order to solve the matter. I would like to know what you think of this?"

Mr. Henckel: "Of course, that would be the prerogative of the Council. We are probably jeopardizing our position in so far as any construction that could be done with an additional week's delay; however, my feeling is that the construction

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is at the point now where I think that it is immaterial."

Mr. Torres: "Construction is proceeding over there?"

Mr. Henckel: "Yes, it is proceeding. My recommendation to you would be one of two alternatives. Either alternate, I don't believe any additional construction to this point would interfere with the alternatives that we would propose.

Mr. Torres: The one alternate would be to issue bonds, provided Mr. Zachry is willing to buy those bonds, and the second alternate would be to sell the property to Mr. Zachry. Now, either way we go, we put ourselves into a legal bind in this thing by just putting it off any further."

Mr. Henckel: "I don't believe so for this reason. If we do go the bond route, the bond proposal would call for us to build or acquire, so we could acquire completed construction. Of course, if we go the other route, the building would be the contractor's, and we would not be involved."

Mr. Torres: "What is the thinking in Mr. Zachry's office for the purchase of these bonds?"

Mr. Henckel: "This is one of the reasons I am not in a position to give you a report today."

Mr. Torres: "I see. Then you don't know what his position would be in reference to the purchase of the bonds?"

Mr. Henckel: "That's correct. In our discussions, we have talked about some security, insofar as guarantee for any length that we would enter into to advertise the bonds. This is the point that we have not been able to work out."

Mr. Torres: "And if we are going to sell, the outright sale of the land, as I understand it, the CPSB and the bond holders would release that property from under the bond indentures. Is that right?"

Mr. Henckel: "It would be declared surplus for sale. Correct."

Mr. Torres: "Has the certificate to that effect been prepared in the event it is needed?"

Mr. Henckel: "Yes, I have been assured that the trust indenture, the bond people, have agreed to go either way. Either to make a private sale or to sell it to the City. That has been cleared.

Mrs. Cockrell: "When do you expect that you'll be able to have your recommendations to us?"

Mr. Henckel: "I was hoping to have them today. I would presume not before Monday or Tuesday at the earliest. If the Council desires to call a meeting, I'll be glad to notify you immediately when I have a report to make."

Mrs. Cockrell: "I feel that we probably all need several days to study the proposal that we receive."

Mr. Henckel: "Might I suggest that as soon as a report is ready, that I will deliver it to the Council, so that you will have a few days to study it before any formal action. Because the matter has been a public controversy, I would recommend that we do consider it at a regular Council Meeting rather than a special meeting, and I will try to get the report to you by Tuesday evening at the latest."

Mr. Torres: "What expenses have we incurred to date, that is, the City itself. For example, did we pay for that feasibility study for that parking garage at Southwest Research?"

Mr. Henckel: "Yes, we did. I would have to ask. I think it was something around \$3700, around that vicinity. This is the only expense we've had to date. Of course, we have authorized the hiring of a fiscal agent and a bond attorney who are working on the issue. It will be questionable as to what we would owe them if we did not go the bond route. I think we would have some moral obligation to pay them for the work that they so performed, although it would not be the scheduled fee that we approved in the ordinance that we passed. Of course, legally, we would owe them nothing if we did not go the bond route, but it has been the practice in the past where we felt that there was an obligation for work done that we did make some kind of a settlement with them. However, I am in no position to recommend any payment at this time if we go the other way."

Mr. Torres: "You feel certain that proceeding on either alternative that we can get Mr. Zachry's acquiescence to the City's satisfaction?"

Mr. Henckel: "I would think so. Yes."

Mr. Torres: "In other words, he's either going to purchase the property or we are going the bond route, with him purchasing the bonds."

Mr. Henckel: "This is the way it looks. Right."

Mr. Torres: "Okay. Thank you."

68-233 Mr. Alfred Rodriguez, Administrator of the Model Cities Program, presented each member of the Council with a work program for this project which has been submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for approval. He reviewed the budget for the project which is in the amount of \$198,000, of which \$155,000 is in Federal Funds; the make-up of the administrative staff; citizen participation and policy committee. A copy of the work program is filed with the original of these minutes.

He stated that at the suggestion of his office, Governor Connally had established a State Inter-Agency Team to work with local Model Cities Programs, and he hoped that San Antonio would be the first city to have the program approved by HUD. He thanked all of the department heads who assisted in the planning of the work program and felt that it would help if the Council would endorse the program.

City Manager Henckel stated that he had reviewed the work program and recommended the Council pass a resolution endorsing same. This did not mean that the City could not later make an amendment to the plan if it so desired.

After discussion, on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: CALDERON, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER, TORRES; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McALLISTER; ABSTAINING: JONES.

A RESOLUTION

ENDORSING THE MODEL CITIES REVISED
WORK PROGRAM.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti expressed appreciation on behalf of the Council for the professional job that the Model Cities Department is doing.

68-235 City Manager Henckel informed the Council that a survey had been made concerning office hours for City Hall, the City Hall Annex, and the clerical personnel in the Police Department. It was recommended that during the period of April 1 to October 15, the working hours be changed to 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., with 45 minutes for lunch. He added that if this did not work out, it could be changed.

The Council concurred with the recommendation of a change of working hours.

Mr. Torres asked if the downtown people were studying the possibility of implementing staggered working hours and also if the CPSB and Water Board would change their working

hours.

City Manager Henckel advised that it is a difficult matter to stagger the hours in the downtown section because of the retail stores, but the matter is being co-ordinated through the Downtown Association. He added that he will write the CPSB and the City Water Board and advise them of what action the City is taking in changing the working hours for City employees.

66-918 City Manager Henckel advised the Council that he had received a request from the operator of the monorail at Hemisfair who has a contract with San Antonio Fair for the period of the Fair. He wishes to make a proposal to the City for the operation and receive a franchise. He would organize a group of local businessmen for this purpose, and the present operator would then have an operational contract with the franchise holders. Mr. Henckel stated that before he could make a recommendation, he would like to get the feelings of the Council as to whether or not they would like for the City Manager to proceed with the calling for proposals. This will be part of the re-use plan, and, as such, could extend the service into the central business district. A feasibility report will have to be made as to the extension, but the City did not want to waste time on it unless the Council felt they were going in the right direction.

Mr. Henckel said that the monorail belongs to the concessionaire and, after the Fair, he could just remove it, but it was felt that if the City is going to consider such an operation after the Fair, that proposals should be received at this time so as to give any other proposer an opportunity to study the situation and submit a proposal. He thought the City would be making a mistake if it waited until the end of the Fair to make a decision.

It was the sentiment of the Council that it was interested in a franchise for the monorail after the Fair and that City Manager Henckel should appraise the situation and make a recommendation to the Council.

67-694 City Manager Henckel advised that the City Attorney was prepared to give a verbal answer to the letter presented by Rev. Don Baugh, Chairman of the Community Relations Commission.

The City Manager was asked to submit the legal opinion in writing, with copies to each member of the Council and to the Community Relations Commission so that it could be discussed next week.

67-404 Mrs. Cockrell stated that she had sent a memo to the City Council and City Manager regarding taxi cabs operating in San Antonio. In a memo from the City Manager giving information, there were no figures as to the model and years of the taxi cabs in use. She stated that she would like to know more about the inspection of cabs and the certification for use. She recommended that the Council authorize a committee to look into this matter.

City Manager Henckel advised that last summer a complete study was made of the entire taxi cab ordinance, and, if the Council so desired, he would make a report on the study. He added that the City now has a Transportation Committee and felt they would be the appropriate body to make a study of this request.

The matter was then referred to the Transportation Committee for study and report to the Council.

68-235 Mr. Ray Vale, 5362 San Benito, representing the citizens in the area of 36th Street and West Commerce Street and Broadway & Pettus off of Culebra Avenue, presented the following petition signed by 320 persons:

We the undersigned, residents of Northwest San Antonio and Bexar County, Texas, having just recently received information that private non-profit organizations are soliciting the F.H.A. rent supplement housing project being underwritten by the Prudential Insurance Company, have acquired property on N.W. 36th Street and West Commerce, and privately considering the acquisition of property on Broadview and Pettus for the intention of building low rent public housing projects, hereby respectfully protest such a move and petition against such proposals.

We believe that these housing projects are too costly and that San Antonio is over-burdened with these types of public housing projects. Furthermore, such housing projects will result in the elimination of property from the ad valorem tax rolls and will decrease unnecessarily the value of the thousands of homes in the area, which for the most part have been bought and paid for by hardworking and saving people throughout the last 15 years. We further believe that the influx of residents for such housing projects would result in overcrowding the already overcrowded public schools in these areas as has been pointed out by public school officials.

In addition, the afore mentioned locations are grossly unsuited for such housing projects due to lack of proper drainage which makes the entire areas inaccessible and isolated in time of intemperate weather.

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We believe the intention behind these non-profit organizations is in the right perspective; however, the monies placed in such efforts could be better directed to other tasks which could benefit the poor as well as the whole community. We can only suggest that these funds be used in the following ways: to facilitate the less fortunate to purchase their own homes; to provide scholarships for deserving students from depressed areas; to establish centers for day-time nurseries; to built better recreational facilities, schools, etc.

We respectfully request that you consider this petition, and hope you understand our dilemma.

Won't you please help us to correct this unfortunate and distressing situation?

Mr. Vale then asked the Council to pass a Resolution endorsing the petition.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was the opinion of the City Council that the construction of these housing projects were not under the jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, and the City had no authority in the matter other than checking to see that the developer complies with the requirements of the subdivision ordinance.

The City Manager was instructed to make a report to the Council concerning the drainage problem set forth in the petition.

66-1287 Councilman Jones stated that the Council should be brought up to date on the lack of implementation of the authorization it gave the Housing Authority to acquire individual units for re-habilitation, and to implement this program through the rent-supplement program. Somewhere along the line between here and Washington, they decided that these houses would have to have a 40 year economic life, which is unnecessarily restrictive. FHA and VA require only a 30 year economic life. He stated that he would like to have Mr. Dick Jones, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, make a report on why they have not implemented the authorization the City Council gave to them.

Mayor Pro-tem Gatti asked the City Manager to contact Mr. Jones and ask that a report be given on this this part of the City's housing program.

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68-247 Rev. Charles Kimble, Chairman of the "Town East" Action Council, thanked the Council for designating their area as "Town East", as well as appointing a member from that area to the Parks and Recreation Board. He expressed the hope that other citizens from the "Town East" area will be called upon to fill vacancies on other boards and commissions in the City. He then discussed a traffic problem at the intersection of East Houston Street beyond Loop 13 at the Sam Houston High School and Portwood Junior High complex and requested that a traffic signal be installed to correct the problem.

He then made an emphatic plea that the Council direct that funds be provided for in the new budget for a new park and recreation facilities.

The question of how to finance park improvements for the area was discussed at length, and it was the concensus of the Council that it would take a bond program to finance capital improvements.

Mr. Henckel stated that it was difficult to budget major capital improvements. When the budget is presented to the Council, the items requested can be included, but then the Council has to make the decision of what is going to be cut out in order to provide the improvements. The City is faced with many other problems of the City. It is faced with employee raises which it can not meet, faced with additional drainage problems, all of which have to be considered together. The Council can not consider an item of this type individually without looking at the overall budget. It is then when it can be determined whether a capital improvement program is needed, and, as large as the item requested is, Mr. Henckel indicated to the Council that he could not see how it can be put in as a budget item.

Rev. Kimble stated that he had been told there was \$100,000.00 available for land purchase.

Mrs. Melvin Yow, President of the Portwood PTA, stated that in yesterday's Light, it stated there was \$500,000.00 in a slush fund which was supposed to be used for park areas.

Mr. Torres then made the following statement:

"That, if you will check the story, is the statement that I gave the San Antonio Light. It is a statement that I gave in behalf of the policemen who are seeking a pay raise. A statement about which an inquiry was made this morning. As I explained the statement to Dr. Parker this morning, the statement was made in reference to items. I did not refer to a slush fund. I referred to items which could be put off, and using revenues in available funds and putting off items, we could provide, in other words, set up a priority for police pay raises, that we might

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accommodate the policemen. I also spoke about revenues which were unbudgeted and money that did come in which wasn't previously budgeted, which was above our anticipated revenues from the CPSB. Other revenues, again as I stated earlier, from the Hotel and Motel Use Tax, which is going to start coming in on April 1, and on the basis of previous projection, that is supposed to bring in half a million dollars a year, although last week, a statement was made by the people from the Hotel and Motel Association that this would bring in during Hemisfair \$300,000.00 a year. The comment I made was that there are available revenues; however, I agree with Dr. Calderon, and I have his apprehension that it seems like this would be a capital expenditure, and I think that when I met with you last November at the Sam Houston High School, I made that statement then that your group would have to make arrangements and try to see how we could include this as part of a bond program or a capital improvements program. There again, I agree with Mr. Henckel that this item would have to be part of a capital improvements program. I don't see how we could go about it any other route."

Mrs. Melvin Yow stated that they realized that with Hemisfair going on, and certainly they were all for it, and they further realized they were asking for many things, but that this request was first started 7 years ago, and she hoped that they might not have to wait another 7 years.

Mr. Torres replied: "I see what you mean. Of course, I've never been a great proponent of Hemisfair either, and since 1964, when this 1964 bond issue came up in January of 1964, there were several million dollars in improvements that were going to the Urban Renewal Tract #5 in the amount of \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000 which were improvements in Urban Renewal Tract #5, and, of course, as far as I am concerned, this resulted in having to put off projects like the one that you are talking about."

Dr. Parker then stated: "I'm real surprised that Mr. Torres, being an attorney, would make a statement that you could use voted park money for other purposes.. I didn't think he would even want to do anything like that. Certainly I would think he would know better."

Mr. Torres commented: "I certainly have expressed my position on this. I think you understand my position. I think you are misconstruing what I said this morning."

Mayor Pro-tem Gatti then advised Rev. Kimble that despite all the varied ideas that had been presented, he assured the "Town East" Action Council that the City is concerned not only with that area, but other areas. He felt that the City is going to have to take another look in the near future on a five-year capital improvements program that will be prepared for the voters to decide. It will include not only parks, but drainage,

streets, and other requirements.

Mr. Henckel stated that if a new five-year program is approved by the voters, there is no reason why this project, if placed in the first priority, could not be started in the first year.

Mrs. Jack Forbes, a new member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and a resident of the "Town East" area, asked if there was something that could be done for the children this coming summer, as there were no programs of any kind for the teenagers.

This matter was discussed, and Parks and Recreation Director Bob Frazer was asked to look into the possibility of establishing a recreation program of some kind for the summer.

Rev. Kimble asked that if they were to discover a tract of land that they felt the City could buy at this time for a reasonable price, perhaps it would be possible in some way for the City to enter into some transaction for its purchase.

Rev. Kimble was advised that should they find a site, that the matter should first be taken up with the Parks Director. In the meantime, the City will look into the recreation program for the area and make a survey of the traffic problem on East Houston Street.

68-235 Dr. Alvaro Silva, Administrator of Mexico's Medical Institute for Alcoholics, explained to the City Council their program of the treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics.

He stated that the Institute is offering two scholarships to doctors specializing in the treatment of this disease. He also invited the doctors to have two local patients accompany them so that the local doctors could study the merit of their system of treating these cases.

Mayor Pro-tem Gatti thanked Dr. Silva for the offer of two scholarships and advised that Dr. W. R. Ross, Director of the Metropolitan Health District would work with him in selecting recipients of the scholarships.

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

- 3-14-68 Petition of residents of Hunstock Park requesting that a proper flood drainage system be started in the Hunstock Park area due to extensive water damage to homes during the recent rains.
- 3-14-68 Petition of Mr. Don Douglas, 8315 Briargate, requesting permission to operate a bus from the Pan American Trailer and Camping City, located on Highway 281 (five and one-half miles south of Loop 410), to HemisFair and back to the camp ground as an accomodation to its customers.
- 3-15-68 Petition of Frito-Lay, Incorporated, requesting permission to conduct a fireworks display at HemisFair 1968 in connection with the Los Voladores Flying Indians spectacular sponsored by Frito-Lay/Pepsi-Cola.
- 3-15-68 Petition of D. McCurdy, T. Jungman, and B. Roberts, requesting the City Council to grant a variance for temporary construction and operation of a Camper Park during the period of HemisFair located on Lot 1, Block 3, NCB 13822; Lot 4, Block 2, NCB 13736; Lot 5, Block 1, NCB 13735, between I.H. 10 on the north, Upland Road on the east, and St. Hedwig Road on the south and consisting of 14½ acres and being zoned "J" Commercial.
- 3-19-68 Petition of Memorial High School and residents of the Knokes Street area requesting the City to open up Knokes Street to West Martin in order to facilitate the transportation problem for students and residents of this area.
- 3-19-68 Petition of HemisFair '68, on Grounds Enterprises, Opening Day Committee, requesting permission to have a "Class C" fireworks display on the opening day of HemisFair, April 6, 1968, near the lake on the HemisFair grounds at approximately 11:00 P.M.

J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D:

W. McAllister

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ATTEST:

J. H. Inelmann
City Clerk

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