

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 1975.

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: PYNDUS, BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE, NIELSEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

75-48 The invocation was given by The Reverend Claude W. Black.

75-48 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

75-48 The minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 1975, and the Regular Meeting of August 7, 1975, were approved.

75-48 PLEASANTON COWBOY HOMECOMING

Mayor Cockrell recognized Miss Linda Porter of the Pleasanton Cowboy Homecoming Association and invited her to the podium.

Miss Porter then introduced six young ladies, candidates for Queen of the Cowboy Homecoming in 1975. Each of the candidates introduced themselves and invited Council members to attend their gala celebration in Pleasanton on August 23 and 24. Gifts were presented to Mayor Cockrell in the spirit of the occasion.

75-48 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,576

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF R. L. JONES CO., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,619.95 FOR THE THUNDERBIRD HILLS LIFT STATION ABANDONMENT PROJECT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE STANDARD CITY PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT; AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,050.95 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE BID PRICE TO THE CONTRACTOR AND PROVIDING A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF \$431.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,577

AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS UNDER THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,578

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF \$430,742.59 FROM THE A & F CONSTRUCTION CO. OF SAN ANTONIO TO PERFORM THE STARCREST DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SAID CONTRACTOR; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE CONTRACT AND CONTINGENT PROJECT EXPENDITURES, AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TRANSFERS FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS TO FUND THE PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,579

ADOPTING SCHEDULES FOR THE WPC-TEX-1211 AND T-072 PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS THROUGH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,580

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$17,000.00 TO SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ON THE REQUIRED LOCAL INTEREST CASH CONTRIBUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE APACHE CREEK PROJECT, UNIT 5-3.

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75-48 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,581

MANIFESTING THE CONSENT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE NO. 84 AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FROM PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY TO CHAPARRAL AVIATION, AND EXTENDING SAID LEASE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR TERM.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,582

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, TO EXTEND THE PRESENT LEASE AGREEMENT AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LEASE NO. 85, AND PROVIDING THAT EITHER PARTY MAY CANCEL SAID AGREEMENT DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS OF SAID TERM, UPON GIVING SIXTY (60) DAYS' NOTICE.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,583

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND ARMOND LAUREL D/B/A JALISCO TRADE DEVELOPMENT, INC., FOR BUILDING 506 AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 45,584

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE U. S. DEPT. OF LABOR - MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION FOR GRANT FUNDS TOTTALLING \$6,634,573.64 TO FUND THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMERGENCY JOBS PROGRAM FOR TWELVE MONTHS FROM JULY 1, 1975 TO JUNE 30, 1976.

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The following discussion took place:

MR. EDWARD GARCIA: The Manpower Consortium currently has an on-going emergency jobs program funded from January 7, 1975 to February 6, 1976, for \$2,380,955 under Title VI of CETA. The consortium has been notified of an additional allocation of \$5,087,893.00 to extend the program at the maximum level possible through June 30, 1976. The Department of Labor has also requested the City to strike a balance in the program as of June 30, 1975, and to submit an application for the program from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976.

On June 30, that balance was \$1,546,680. To that was added the \$5,098,893.00 to arrive at the total program cost of \$6,634,574.00 for this application. The memo Council received in their packets reflects the distribution of the last increment of Title VI funding, the \$5,098,000. All members of the consortium will be making adjustments in their respective programs to provide the maximum level of employment through June 30, 1976, the termination date of the new contract.

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: Are there any questions about the program?

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: Mr. Garcia, the thing that I'm concerned about is the efficient use of these emergency funds or the federal funds for emergency jobs and the previous funding carried it how far?

MR. GARCIA: The initial two increments were set up to carry the program from January to February at the level that was set up around May. If you recall we had received some Title II funding at several

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stages in the first program here, and we had a high level employment there. What DOL did was give us a dollar figure for the Title II program that would sustain about 270 some odd positions. We had an excess of about 348 positions in Title II which we shifted to Title VI which accelerated our costs from July 1 to today under Title VI. What this new money does is continue those positions with an additional number of positions and mainly in the rural counties and the Bexar County Hospital District contract through June 30th. We will have a total of about 1,290 positions under Title VI through June 30th.

MR. PYNDUS: Is it possible to monitor the project to this point or say in the next 30 days to see whether some of this labor can be utilized productively. We had problems with picking up brush in the City, and we were trying to alleviate that problem and, of course, the Director of Public Works had a crash program on it. My thoughts to utilize this labor on projects might come before the committee, and it would make it more effective.

MR. GARCIA: Yes, sir, as you recall, you requested a report on what the projects were that identify this program, and we've been developing that. We lack, I think, two departments and one sub-agent to get the report in. We should have that for the Council in the next two or three weeks. Just to give you an idea of what they've been doing to date, what they're doing as of now and what the projects are. They have been using some CETA people for the crash program or brush pickup, and I believe they'll continue using them until that problem is more or less caught up.

MR. PYNDUS: Thank you.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right.

MR. HENRY CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, just not on the program but a note here as I look at some of the data. Some of the counties around here - Atascosa and Comal and some of the others, have been designated as Economic Development Districts by the Department of Commerce because of their high unemployment rate and depressed local economies. Yet as you look through, the pages aren't numbered but the fourth one from the back, the City of San Antonio has the highest unemployment rate of all. I think that's just a damning fact that we have to keep in mind every - on almost every policy decision we make that the City of San Antonio as of this moment has an unemployment rate of something like 8.3 percent. That's just a statistic that jumps out at you. There's 23,000 people in the labor force that are unemployed in our City, and I think this is a very serious statistic.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Thank you. Yes, Dr. Nielsen.

DR. D. FORD NIELSEN: When do we know about the bonus?

MR. GARCIA: The discretionary funding has already been announced. We did not receive any discretionary funding in this consortium. We did last year under Title II but we have not received discretionary Title VI funding.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, we may not then, or we will not?

MR. GARCIA: Evidently, we will not. The discretionary was announced at the same time the allocation was announced, and we did not receive any.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Would it be possible to reapply or to request if any funds are not fully utilized that we be reconsidered?

MR. GARCIA: the Secretary of Labor retained ten percent total funding for his discretionary funding and these are the funds that are distributed to the severely affected areas across the nation. For some reason or other, the Secretary of Labor decided that our area was not as severely impacted as other areas across the country. We could attempt to get from the Department of Labor those areas that were funded and compare our data against their data but we tried it once before and they don't change thier minds too often.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, I suggest that we write a letter or resolution from the Council whatever to either protest or to ask that a re-evaluation or reconsideration be granted.

MR. CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, I'd like to go further than that, I think it's an excellent suggestion, but I'd like to go further and suggest that maybe we can be provided over the course of the next week with the unemployment statistics by neighborhoods if we can get them. Because I think what we find is that 8.3 maybe the City wide mean but we're going to find figures triple and quadruple that in certain neighborhoods of the City. I'd like to see that written in the resolution and passed by the City Council and sent to the Department of Labor indicating our intentions to really make a strong appeal to them.

MAYOR COCKRELL: May I ask to what extent is this type of information by neighborhood available and.....

MR. GARCIA: We requested this from the Texas Employment Commission by census tract and we requested information on 52 census tracts which are Title II target areas. Now, the census tract figures are used for the Title II allocations. This is our target area. Under Title II we only recruit from the core of the City. Some tracts have unemployment up to 16 percent. Now, Title VI allocations to be used City wide, jurisdiction wide, our Title II target area averages about 12.2 percent unemployment. The City wide unemployment is 8 percent. So, we are developing information. TEC promised us the results. Two weeks elapsed last week. So late this week or next week we should get that information. Again, we can develop that and send it to the DOL indicating our needs in the core City, which is where the problem is.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Well, may we leave it that we will urge that every appropriate follow-up be made to continue placing our needs before the Department of Labor on any extra funds that may be available. All right. Rev. Black.

REVEREND CLAUDE W. BLACK: It seems to me that we might, as a Council, sort of emphasize while we're getting government money in connection with this kind of employment that the business interests of this community might also be made sensitive to this growing unemployment rate because this affects everybody. This just doesn't affect the unemployment. It affects the total economy of this community and it seems to me that this kind of effort ought to be a joint effort of both government and business. I don't know how we would address this to our Chamber or what facility they have for taking care of this kind of problem, but it seems to me that this is not just a government subsidy issue. It's an issue of the whole economy and business interests of our City.

MAYOR COCKRELL: It is a problem and a lot of the problem, of course, is matching up the unemployed person with jobs where their skills match the job. There are apparently at least a number of positions open in the community, but we're having problems in matching up people with the available jobs.

REV. BLACK: Then I think we ought to bring our educational people together with our employment people and with these persons and see if we can begin dealing with this as a real problem. I think you're right that we can't match up many of these things, but I don't think there's any concrete effort being made by the educational leadership, training leadership and the economic leadership.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We might want to ask for a full report from our Manpower Board because we do have a very fine advisory board on manpower and we might like some recommendations from them. All right. Mr. Cisneros and then Mr. Pyndus.

MR. CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, I'd like to - we've talked before in our Planning and Priorities Committee about this whole area of the Labor market, and economy and so forth being a real important area for us to get into. I would just like to urge Mr. Hartman, and I have talked that we ought to really give it a good shot at the first opportunity. A study came to my attention just the last few days - a really interesting study of - about a ten year analysis of the top ten percent of the students in five high schools in San Antonio. In other words, the top ten percent of five of the high schools. What we found is that in the Black community, for example, 80 percent of those honor students are no longer in town. The economy just isn't available, they don't find jobs. Similarly, from some of the other high schools in some of the other neighborhoods of the City, the poor neighborhoods of the City, the largest percentage of the bright kids, do not stay in town and those that do best in their later careers, it went on to analyze how they do in their later careers. Those that do best in their later careers do so because they left San Antonio and found opportunity at other places and stayed away. I don't think that we as a City can afford to lose our brightest talent, our most aggressive future civic leadership, and governmental leadership and business leadership because we haven't been able to provide an economy to meet needs equally across the board. I really, really hope that our Planning and Priorities Committee can jump into all the elements of this - the unemployment picture, vocational education, the element of it, the industrial attraction of the Economic Development Foundation and the whole ball of wax.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, I think that's very helpful. Mr. Pyndus was next.

MR. PYNDUS: I would just like to echo all the remarks made. Many, many business people in town cannot find people that want to work. They have a very dim view of federal funds coming into the area for the unemployed because there are jobs available. I do think the whole manpower situation should be put into focus and we should have the leadership from private industry. We should certainly have the educational and the governmental, but I think that this is a big project, and I hope that we can have the sufficient figures, the results of your programs, to find the direction that this community - it's a community effort - if this doesn't belong in - we shouldn't just bring our hand and say, we have a high number of unemployed people because there are jobs offered right now, and we're not filling those jobs. But a situation that we need understanding and working together on it, I would suggest, Mayor Cockrell, that we give this a high priority rating.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, it certainly is something that is on everyone's high priority list, and I think the suggestion that the Planning Committee undertake this would be very good.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: We would be happy to undertake this. In fact, we have - as Dr. Cisneros indicated - we have discussed this as an agenda item.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I do point out that we have a very fine Manpower Commission and their expertise should be called on.

MR. HARTMAN: Absolutely. In that context, I was just wondering if I might ask, what sort of coordination is there between the training side of the house and the educational functions here?

MR. GARCIA: The Manpower Planning Council is made up of several components. There are, I believe, 25 members. Membership is represented by the community sector, business sector, the clients receiving the training, educational fields from SAC, from the skill centers and then just people in the community, concerned citizens. Theoretically, they all have input into how training is done. For example, the question you all addressed is the Title I problem, how to link up the unemployed with skills with the available vacancies in the community right now. TEC is involved in the MAPC, so there is linkage within the MAPC now. Beyond that, like to the Chamber of Commerce, I don't know how strong the linkage is, I'm not involved with Title I that much. I'm not familiar with it. My main thrust is Title II and Title VI, the employment end of it. But there are links that have developed between the community group, TEC instruction, skill training, and the academic area of San Antonio.

MR. HARTMAN: There is identification as to whose job it is to match these then.

MR. GARCIA: Yes, sir.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine. Are we ready.....

MAYOR PRO-TEM RICHARD TENIENTE: I think that being on the committee, I see what Mr. Garcia is saying and if this - there's just not enough outreach on this and I think that's what we're talking about. Some of these programs are doing a good job but many of these programs that we were not working with because we were not here last year have been evaluated by Monitoring and Evaluating people and have been told there are some things you have to do and so in that respect, our City staff is doing a good job. But, I also know that there's more to be done, and I think we can work in those lines too and address ourselves to the needs as has been suggested.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine. I don't believe we've had a motion yet on the.....

MR. PYNDUS: I so move.

MR. HARTMAN: Second.

MAYOR COCKRELL: It's been moved and seconded.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the adoption of the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart C. Fishcer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,585

APPROPRIATING \$52,763.00 PAYABLE TO THE STATE TREASURER IN CONNECTION WITH THE WEST COMMERCE STREET RE-CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Chief of Police Emil Peters and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros.

AN ORDINANCE 45,586

AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE BY TWO POLICE OFFICERS AT A NINE-MONTH TRAFFIC POLICE ADMINISTRATION COURSE AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY; ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,940.00 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING FUNDING AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES.

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CRIME STATISTICS

Councilman Rohde commented to Police Chief Peters that he had reviewed crime rate figures which had been supplied to him and expressed concern about the rise in burglary and theft and other categories. He said he would like to meet with Chief Peters and the City Manager at an early date to discuss ways that the City Council might help in the war on crime.

A general discussion of the subject of crime followed regarding steps that are presently being taken and possible future actions.

75-48 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,587

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTE ORDERS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, DELINEATING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CITY AND THE STATE

IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO
COLISEUM ROAD, PERRIN-BEITEL ROAD,
FREDERICKSBURG ROAD, HARRY WURZBACH
ROAD, PLEASANTON ROAD AND MOURSAND
BLVD.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,588

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL,
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT
WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR IMPROVE-
MENTS TO RITTIMAN ROAD FROM HARRY
WURZBACH ROAD TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 35.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,589

APPROPRIATING \$49,800 FROM 1970 PARK
BONDS FOR PURCHASE OF BASE, ASPHALT
AND OTHER SUPPLIES REQUIRED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE WILLOW SPRINGS
GOLF COURSE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,590

PERMITTING ERECTION OF A FENCE IN
EXCESS OF SIX FEET AT 5123 RIGSBY
TO MR. CHUCK WALLACE.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,591

PERMITTING CONSTRUCTION OF A 10" HIGH
CURB ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 127 JONATHAN.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,592

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN
LEASES WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL AGENCIES
FOR OCCUPANCY OF THE EAST SIDE MULTI-
SERVICE CENTER.

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Bexar County Adult Continuing Education
Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department
Health, Incorporated
Texas Department of Public Welfare
Texas Employment Commission
Texas Vocational Rehabilitation Commission
Women In Community Service
Worden School of Social Work

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AN ORDINANCE 45,593

ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$151,437.00 FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION FOR ONE YEAR BY THE HEALY-MURPHY LEARNING CENTER OF A PROGRAM PROVIDING EDUCATION, TRAINING AND REHABILITATION FOR TEENAGERS WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SAID CENTER AND ADOPTING A BUDGET.

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75-48 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and explained by Dr. William R. Ross, Director of the Metropolitan Health District, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-48-74

EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD PUBLIC HEALTH CLINIC TO THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER.

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75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,594

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$11,300.00 TO THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED DURING THE 1975-76 FISCAL YEAR.

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75-48 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-48-75

GIVING NOTICE THAT BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED FOR SELECTION OF A DEPOSITORY FOR FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,

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The Resolution was explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, who said that it implements a policy that was set out by the previous City Council. A prime depository contract is awarded to cover about 70 percent of the City's banking requirements. The balance of the funds are then made available to other San Antonio banks on a bid basis. This Resolution sets out the procedure to be followed now and in the future. He said that there is a total of \$25 million in this bid to mature at various times. Bids will be in increments of \$500,000. Copies of the bid invitation will be sent to all of the banks in the City. Mr. White, in answer to questions, said that he did not know if a savings and loan association or a credit union could legally qualify for this bid. He said he would check with the Legal Department and if it is legal, copies of the invitation would be sent to them also.

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

75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 45,595

MAKING AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FROST NATIONAL BANK OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, RELATING TO THE MAKING OF LOANS BY SAID BANK TO SAID CITY DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 1975 AND ENDING JULY 31, 1976, AND TO PAY INTEREST ON DEPOSITS TO SAID CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

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75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Archie Titzman, Assistant Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Dr. Nielsen, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black.

AN ORDINANCE 45,596

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE SEWAGE LIFT STATION FROM CRANE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,566.00.

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75-48 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Archie Titzman, Assistant Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 45,597

APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CONTRACT FOR MORGUE TRANSFER SERVICE FROM PROFESSIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE TO GOLD CROSS AMBULANCE SERVICE.

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AN ORDINANCE 45,598

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF PAUL ANDERSON COMPANY, INDECO SALES COMPANY, INC., WITTIGS, INC., AMERICAN DESK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND VIRCO MANUFACTURING CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY WITH OFFICE FURNITURE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$21,818.52.

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75-48 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Nielsen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde.

AN ORDINANCE 45,599

APPOINTING FRANK McLAREN AND MANUEL AMESTOY TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ADVISORY BOARD.

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Mr. Frank McLaren is hereby appointed to replace Mr. Rudy Haberman for the remainder of the term expiring November 30, 1976.

Mr. Manuel Amestoy is hereby appointed to replace Mr. Roy Wheeler for the remainder of the term expiring November 30, 1977.

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75-48 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, questioned the City Manager's wisdom in hiring Mr. Robert Hunter, an employee of the Urban Renewal Agency, to replace Mr. Charles Stromberg in the Planning Department. He accused the Manager of firing Mr. Stromberg to make room for Mr. Hunter.

MRS. ORETHA WOOMER

Mrs. Oretha Woomer, 730 Verne Street, complained that a building is being erected next door to her property and is being built right on the property line. She claimed also that the property had been filled in so that water is directed onto her property.

Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration, said that both properties are zoned for business and it is perfectly legal to build on the property line. He said that he would have the matter investigated to ascertain what has been done to the drainage.

HELEN DUTMER

Mrs. Helen Dutmer, 739 McKinley, said that there was no need for the Council to authorize \$200 per month for expenses as the matter was clearly taken care of in the City Charter.

Mr. Rohde said that there had never been a clearly stated policy concerning Council members expenses and this was simply a means of establishing policy.

Mrs. Dutmer then referred to the recently published increase in rate for use of school buildings for elections. She said that the City should review its policy of free tax collection for the school districts in light of this big increase.

RAMON RODRIGUEZ, JR.

Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, Jr., 603 S. W. 39th Street, discussed the poor bus service provided by the S. A. Transit System. He said that there were several hundred buses in storage instead of being put to use.

Mayor Cockrell explained to Mr. Rodriguez the charges being made in the Transit System's operation. She mentioned park and ride, new bus routes, mini-buses and others.

MR. ROBERT THOMPSON

Mr. Robert Thompson, President of Local 694, thanked the Council for the promised pay increase for Transit System employees, effective November 1st. He said that he will soon be back with a list of 50 grievances to negotiate with Transit management.

TONY RAMIREZ

Mr. Tony Ramirez, 122 Shropshire, said that some San Antonio citizens habitually dump trash and dead animals on streets where there are no houses. He had photographs of huge trash piles to illustrate his point. He said that City ordinances are ineffective because they can't be enforced. He suggested that a \$50.00 reward be paid for information leading to the arrest of guilty parties. These persons could be fined \$200.00 which would be beneficial to the City.

Mayor Cockrell said that it would be illegal for the City to pay a reward but she hoped that the news media would take it up as a project.

Assistant City Attorney Luis Garcia said that his office is studying ways to strengthen the enforcement of the City Code and should have a recommendation in a week or two.

ARCINEAGA PROPERTY

Dr. Leon Tolle, representing St. John's Lutheran Church, said he wished to correct certain misleading statements being made following the church's bid on the Arcineaga property to be used as a housing development for the elderly. He said that the entire property with the exception of the medical facility would be on the tax rolls just as other property owned by the church has always been on the tax rolls.

Mr. Pyndus said that he had stated that the property would be tax free and his statement had been published. He said that he has been publicly corrected. He wished to retract his statement.

MRS. EDWARD DUNCAN

Mrs. Edward Duncan, 110 Ferris Street, said that the timing of the Citizens To Be Heard portion of the Council meeting is bad. It should be early in the morning so citizens don't have to wait. She said also that sometimes five minutes is enough time to talk. In closing, she thanked the Council for its efforts.

MRS. VIOLA PIPER

Mrs. Viola Piper, 3110 Waurika Street, said that she wished to again ask the Council for a permit to operate a day care center. She said that she has a mobile home and Fire Chief Martinez refuses to approve it because he claims it is too flammable.

Fire Chief Martinez said that the type of building Mrs. Piper owns is an extreme fire hazard. There are only two permits in the entire State of Texas for a child care center in a mobile home. The fire code gives him authority to use his judgment in this type of case and it is his judgment the permit should be denied.

After consideration, Mr. Teniente moved that the decision of Fire Chief Martinez in denying the permit requested by Mrs. Piper be upheld by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rohde and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Rohde, Teniente, Hartman, Nielsen, Black, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

HISTORIC ZONING

Ms. Nancy Negley, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society, read a prepared statement urging the Council to act favorably in the request for historic zoning of the Main Plaza and Military Plaza areas. She said that it would raise property values and aid in the development of the downtown area.

MR. JOHN SUTTON

Mr. John Sutton spoke concerning a vacant lot at the corner of South Cactus and Nevada Streets that is overgrown with ragweed and causes much suffering to persons having hayfever in this neighborhood. He asked that the City take steps to have it cleared off and offered to pay for whatever it might cost.

City Manager Granata explained the City's policy regarding vacant lots needing clean-up and said he would have the matter investigated.

ARSENAL PROPERTY

Mayor Cockrell asked about the refurbishing on the Arsenal property which is to be used as a senior center. It is funded with Community Development Funds. She said that there is a desire to have this center opened as a Bicentennial Project if possible. She felt also it might be advisable to have an advisory board from the senior citizens group on the remodeling to be done. She asked for a staff report on these matters.

YTURRI HOUSE

Mayor Cockrell said that in the Community Development Fund there is a historic facade restoration revolving fund to be made available on a loan basis for rehabilitation of historic structures. The City Water Board has started a restoration project on the Yturri House and would like to borrow from this fund.

HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Cockrell asked when staff could report on the four items requested by Mr. Dennis on July 24th, when he announced the proposed new hotel between Commerce Street and the River.

City Manager Granata distributed a prepared memorandum on this subject. (A copy of the memo is included with the papers of this meeting.)

CITY HALL ACTION CENTER

Councilman Cisneros said he had previously brought up the matter of establishing a center in City Hall where citizens could file their complaints or seek information. He said there is a problem in follow up on complaints to see that it is taken care of. He said that his office alone has handled about 150 complaints in

the last 2 1/2 months. He also described what is being done in this area in other cities. He said that he felt there is a need to be filled and would like to see it started.

The matter was discussed at some length by other Council members both pro and con.

City Manager Granata said that he felt that most complaints to City Hall are regarding brush pick-up which is a problem. If there was a complaint center, the departments would still have to be contacted. The Service Centers have been a big help in resolving complaints concerning chug holes and that type of thing. He said that he would be happy to pursue the matter if the Council wished.

After discussion, Mayor Cockrell suggested that the City Manager review the proposal again and in two or three weeks discuss it again in "B" Session.

CHILLED WATER

City Manager Granata called attention to the memo he had distributed concerning the requests made by Mr. Dennis. He said that the City Water Board had estimated a cost of \$1,132,000 to bring the chilled water system to the new proposed hotel site. This would make it possible for other customers to tie into the chilled water line in that area. He suggested that some capital improvements be substituted by this project.

Mr. Pyndus asked that similar information be worked up for the Arcineaga Property and the River Extension site.

75-48 The Clerk read the following letter:

August 8, 1975

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

August 5, 1975 Petition of Mrs. Lucille Perryman, 405 East Barrett Avenue, requesting the City to take action to clean the vacant lot adjacent to 225 Moberly Street.

August 8, 1975 Petition of Mr. Jose Guerrero, 1319 Jewett Street and other residents of the 1300 Block of Jewett Street, expressing opposition to the closing of Jewett Street where it crosses the park area thereby making the 1300 Block of Jewett Street a dead-end street.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN, City Clerk

75-48 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

Lila Cockrell

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ATTEST: *J. H. Inselmann*
City Clerk