

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1970.

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70-4 The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: MCALLISTER, COCKRELL, JAMES, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, CALDERON, TORRES; BURKE; Absent; NONE.

Invocation was given by Rev. S. H. James, Councilman.

"FIESTA COMMISSION STUDY"

70-4 The Mayor asked Mrs. Cockrell, Chairman of the Council Committee composed of Mrs. Cockrell and Councilmen Burke and Torres to study the Fiesta Commission problem, to make the committee report.

Mrs. Cockrell made the following report:

Settlement of Fiesta Commission - Conservation Society - Festival San Jacinto Association Dispute

Attached is a copy of the document which constitutes the settlement agreement among the parties involved.

"The Committee recommends that the City Council ratify this agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the Council. Also, there are some additional requests by the Conservation Society which were not made a part of the settlement agreement but were requested for Council consideration. These are:

1. That the City Council cause the staff at City Hall to examine and report to the Council on the feasibility and the legality of closing Villita Street as a dedicated public street. The Society urgently requests the members of the Council that they cause to be enacted (if legal and feasible) an ordinance closing Villita Street as a dedicated street, leaving only those necessary accesses and easements as might be necessary to preserve the right of ingress and egress to property owners owning property immediately adjacent to Villita Street.
2. That the Council leave the Council committee in existence and charged with the responsibility for continuing to work with the Chamber of Commerce, business and professional groups and other interested citizens in the reorganization of the Fiesta Commission and the long-range solution to the existing problems.

The Committee recommends that these requests be granted. There were also some additional matters involving administrative agreements between the Fiesta San Antonio Commission and the Festival San Jacinto Association which were incorporated into a letter to the committee chairman and made a part of the total report.

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Mrs. Cockrell then read the settlement agreement as follows:

AGREEMENTS AND COVENANTS

1. The Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc. hereby agrees and covenants that the management fee of ten percent of ticket sales, required in the recent amendment to the by-laws, will not be raised for the next ten years. The Fiesta San Antonio Commission agrees to actively seek additional sources of revenue which, if obtained, would enable the Commission to reduce or repeal the management fee required in the by-laws amendment.
2. The San Antonio Conservation Society, in consideration of the above covenant, hereby withdraws its resignation from the Fiesta Commission and states that it will voluntarily comply with the by-laws change. It is understood that the ten percent fee applies only to tickets sold at the gate and to none other. It is further understood that this percentage fee is in lieu of any other contributions to the Fiesta Commission.
3. Since San Antonio Conservation Society is not the recipient of any funds from Fiesta Commission but only a contributor, Fiesta Commission explicitly would agree that it would not be permitted to audit the books of San Antonio Conservation Society, but would accept the count of the Society on the number of tickets sold.
4. The Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc. further covenants to designate the Conservation Society as the organization to produce a Fiesta event in the LaVillita area for the next ten years, subject to passage of an ordinance by the City Council designating the Fiesta San Antonio Commission as the organization to coordinate all activities for Fiesta Week for the next ten years.
5. The Council would take note of the fact that the San Antonio Conservation Society intends as an additional function to cause a Night In Old San Antonio to be held and conducted both at Fiesta time and in September of each year. Accordingly, it would also be implicit in the understanding that the Council members would take cognizance of the fact that the Conservation Society would be granted a permit to use the same identical facilities during four nights in September (the dates to be selected by the Society) including the street, which the permit would authorize to be closed during the period, for the usual and customary fees payable to the City; except that the ten percent fee provided during Fiesta Week would not be involved in the use of the facilities during that period.
6. The Fiesta San Antonio Commission covenants to designate the Festival San Jacinto Association as the organization to produce and stage the Fiesta Flambeau parade on Saturday night of Fiesta Week for the next ten years.
7. In consideration of the above agreement, the Festival San Jacinto Association agrees to withdraw its request from the San Antonio City Council for a separate ordinance for staging of the Fiesta Flambeau Parade and will work with the Fiesta San Antonio Commission in matters of coordination.

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Agreements and Covenants

8. It is agreed by all parties that the Fiesta San Antonio Commission will be reorganized during the next year and that such reorganization would include the provision that each of the five organizations sponsoring the largest events in Fiesta Week, namely, The Battle of Flowers Association, Texas Cavaliers, Order of the Alamo, San Antonio Conservation Society and Festival San Jacinto Association, will have a representative on the executive committee. It is further agreed that if this reorganization is not accomplished to the satisfaction of any of the parties to this agreement that such party may withdraw unilaterally from the agreement on or before February 1, 1971, also if the Fiesta Commission finds it is not adequately financed by this agreement it may terminate its obligations under this agreement by February 1, 1971.

9. The City Council will grant a ten-year contract to the Fiesta San Antonio Commission Inc. to coordinate Fiesta events. The City Council further pledges its efforts to see that all agreements in this document are carried out.

/s/ Stewart C. Johnson, President  
Fiesta San Antonio Commission

/s/ Mrs. Brooks Martin, President  
San Antonio Conservation Society

/s/ Reynolds Andricks, President  
Festival San Jacinto Association

Walter W. McAllister, Mayor  
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Mrs. Cockrell read the following letter:

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Mayor Pro-Tem Mrs. Lila Cockrell  
City Hall  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear Mrs. Cockrell:

Attached is a copy of the Policies and Standards & recent By-laws change determining the grants of Funds and Permits of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission, and its member organizations.

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At your request, the Fiesta San Antonio Commission will determine the amount of the grant to the Festival San Jacinto Association of each year and will pay to the Festival San Jacinto Association, 50% of that grant on or before February 1st; 25% will be paid by March 1st; 10% by April 1st; and the balance, less any monies due to the Fiesta San Antonio Commission will be paid not later than thirty days following receipt and acceptance of the Festival San Jacinto Association, certified audit which is required of all organizations receiving funds.

It will be our policy that the grants given each member organization staging a parade, will be at least equal to the income received from the net street chair permits of their parade. The net income revenue from the sale of the street chair permits at parades, will be given to the sponsoring organizations without restrictions.

In return for receiving monies from the Fiesta San Antonio Commission Inc., all organizations agree to abide by the By-laws, Policies and Standards of the Fiesta San Antonio Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stewart C. Johnson, President  
Fiesta San Antonio Commission, Inc.

All of the foregoing is a part of the total committee report.

Mrs. Cockrell then said that the committee members feel happy to be able to come to the Council with this agreement. She expressed appreciation to each organization with whom they worked for their cooperation in reaching a solution.

Mrs. Cockrell then made a motion that the committee report on Fiesta be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

Mrs. Brooks Martin, President of the Conservation Society stated they were pleased to have worked with Mayor Pro-Tem Mrs. Cockrell and other members in reaching a compromise. She hoped that the Council would lend its efforts in seeing that the spirit and intent of the compromise are pursued.

Councilman Torres commended Mrs. Cockrell for her efforts in pursuing a compromise which he said is to her credit.

70-4 Councilman Torres introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States on January 26, 1970 vetoed an Appropriations bill designed to provide \$19.7 billion to meet the country's needs in health, education welfare, etc. and to continue existing programs of assistance to schools, medical research, and economic opportunities, and

WHEREAS, said bill includes funds which are vitally needed in San Antonio and particularly impact aid funds for local school districts all of which support the heavy education demands of local federal installations and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress will consider on January 28, 1970 whether to sustain or override the presidential veto, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of this community that the United States Congress override said veto and reestablish national priorities in terms of meeting the needs of human life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
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that our Senators and United States Representatives be urged to override the president's veto and that copies of this resolution be immediately sent to our Congressmen as an expression of our concern for the successful passage of the said bill.

Mr. Torres then made a motion that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen.

After discussion, the motion failed by the following vote:  
AYES: Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Hill; ABSTAIN: James.

HEMISFAIR USE PLAN

70-4 City Manager Henckel presented to the Council a written report on the proposed use of Hemisfair which is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

The City Manager then made a visual presentation of the composite plan, which he has summarized as follows:

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: The plan presented this morning to the City Council is a composite plan. A plan composed of the ideas of all the plans submitted with heavy emphasis on the plan by Southwest Research prepared for the Chamber of Commerce, the plan of Mrs. Cockrell, the plan of Councilman Hill. All plans were taken into

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consideration. This plan provides four main bases. It provides public access into a free public area. It provides parking. It provides beautification. It is a business approach to the development of what we have now. As a result of the studies on Tivoli, the area has been reduced--the plaza- from 92 acres to 21 acres. This will be the area under fence to which an admission charge will be made and which will be the central attraction. The Convention Center, the Tower, the Lake Pavilion, the Institute of Texan Culture, the Federal Pavilion, the International Theater, and the USO complex all have been removed from the grounds, and will have free public access. This plan is flexible. It can be changed from year to year. The plan will be funded out of current operating funds. The first year development which will be 12½ acres out of the 21 would include roadways, beautification, etc. This would cost \$195,000 and the money is available if the Council adopts the plan. It can be implemented in 10 weeks time, weather permitting, and is geared to be in operation by Fiesta.

Mr. Torres then made a motion that the City Manager be authorized to implement the suggestions in the composite plan submitted to the Council in the memorandum of January 26, 1970. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen.

The Chamber of Commerce then made the following presentation:

Mr. William Ochse, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, discussed with the Council the study made by Southwest Research for redevelopment of Hemisfair Plaza, which provides for five basic design elements calling for an expenditure of \$8,000,000.

He stated that a revised analysis of the redevelopment plan had been made, which calls for construction to be spread out over a period of years in three phases. He asked that Phase I, which is estimated to cost 3.1 Million Dollars, be included in the bond issue. He felt that when Phase I is accomplished, in time the other 2 phases will be accomplished.

Mr. Ochse stated that the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously recommends to the City Council that they:

1. approve the five basic design elements of the plan;
2. complete the total master plan included in the 3.1 Million cost;
3. place 3.1 million in the bond issue for Phase I;
4. establish a Hemisfair Management Board answerable to the City but not a department thereof.

Mr. Lawrence Prehn, Jr., Director, Economic Division, Southwest Research Institute, then made a visual presentation of the revised analysis of the redevelopment plan. A written copy of the revised analysis is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

The revised analysis was discussed and it was brought out that if the 3.1 Million Dollars in bonds was approved that the first phase would not be completed until the summer of 1971.

Several Councilmen felt that since the Chamber Plan is a bond issue matter, it needs more consideration. The City Manager's Plan does not vary too greatly from the Chamber of Commerce Plan, but it does enable the City to get something going at Hemisfair Plaza this year. Further consideration of the Chamber of Commerce Plan can be given for 1971-72 if funds become available.

After further consideration, Mr. Torres' motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Hill, Nielsen, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: McAllister; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Burke stated that when the Bond Steering Committee report comes before the Council, there should be incorporated in the bond issue the necessary money to implement the Chamber of Commerce Plan. He also asked that there be on an agenda at an early date consideration of an ordinance establishing a Hemisfair Board generally along the lines as set out in the Southwest Research report.

Rev. James made a motion that as soon as possible interested and knowledgeable citizens be appointed by the City Council as an Advisory Committee to work with the City Manager and staff in the implementation of the composite plan. Seconded by Dr. Nielsen, the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Burke, James, Nielsen, Hill; NAYS: Calderon, Trevino; ABSTAIN: Torres; ABSENT: Cockrell.

70-4 Before adjourning the meeting, the Mayor declared that the following items listed on the agenda of today's special meeting would be considered at the regular meeting on January 29, 1970:

1. Six-month financial report in revenues in excess of budget and recommended expenditures from such revenues.
2. Consideration of employee wage increases.
3. Creation of special fund for Tort Liability Law - self insurance.
4. Reorganization of Community Relations and Minimum wage Departments.

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

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ATTEST:

*J. H. Nielsen*  
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