

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1968 AT 8:30 A.M.

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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.

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68-200 The invocation was given by Reverend William Montague, Highlands Christian Church.

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68-199 The minutes of Regular Meetings of February 15, 22, 29, and March 7, 1968, were approved.

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The Mayor stated that members of the Community Relations Commission were present to have a clarification of responsibilities of the Commission and Director and their relationship with the Council. He said that specific questions had been asked by the Community Relations Commission concerning this and the City Manager had written a memo to the City Council listing the questions and giving answers as follows:

QUESTION #1 - Who is responsible for setting the policy under which the Executive Director of the Commission works? Is this the responsibility of the Commission, or is this the responsibility of the City Manager? The City Manager has left this responsibility to the Commission in the past, but a clear statement on this crucial question is needed.

ANSWER: The Community Relations Commission does not have an Executive Director. Under the City Ordinance, the Director is a department of the City, and as such is under the supervision of the City Manager. The City Council, upon recommendation of the Commission sets the policies of the Commission, but the administrative procedures of the Director and staff are those set forth by the City Manager.

QUESTION #2 - To whom is the Commission responsible? Is the Commission truly free to investigate and advise in the area of community relations?

ANSWER: The Commission is responsible to the City Council. It is free to investigate and advise in the area of community relations.

QUESTION #3 - To whom will the Community Relations Commission report? Are we free as a Commission to work directly with alleged offenders, or are we to report all findings to the City Council and look to the Council for implementation.

ANSWER: The Commission reports to the City Council. They are free as a Commission to work with alleged offenders and to resolve the problems. If the Commission is unable to resolve a problem, it should then make recommendation to the City Council. It is the City Council's prerogative to take whatever action they deem necessary. The City Council and City Manager have not in the past, and do not have any intentions to interfere with the workings of the Commission, as long as the Commission works within the framework for which it was created. In order that there not be any misunderstanding, the Ordinance creating the Commission and the City Charter, give it advisory powers only. The Council cannot delegate its legislative powers, nor can it delegate the administrative powers of the City Manager as provided by the Charter.

Commission recommendations to the City Public Service Board.

After hearing and investigating complaints of employment practices of the CPSB, the Commission has filed a report with the City Council and made ten recommendations. This constitutes final action by the Commission under the authorities and powers within which it operates. It is incumbent upon the Council to take what action they deem necessary concerning the recommendations of the Commission.

The Mayor then stated that in this respect he would like, with the Council's consent, to appoint a committee from the Council to meet with a committee from the City Public Service Board to go over the specific recommendations made by the Community Relations Commission.

He then designated Dr. Calderon, Mr. James and Mr. Jones as a committee of three to discuss the matter with the City Public Service Board.

Mr. Torres stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Trevino did so much with coordinating the work of the Community Relations Commission and participating in the hearings that the Community Relations Commission conducted pertaining to City Public Service Board employment practices, and while he had not talked to Mr. Trevino, felt he should be a member of the committee.

The Mayor then appointed Mr. Trevino to serve on the committee.

Mr. Torres then pointed out that the reply the Mayor read was a reply of the City Manager to the questions raised and this certainly does not constitute the reply of the City Council.

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The Mayor commented that he felt this was the reply of the City Manager and the City Attorney.

City Manager Henckel explained that this had been put in memo form for consideration by the City Council.

Mr. Torres stated that on his part, he had been studying the answers and had certain questions. In Reverend Baugh's letter to the Council, dated March 13, he points out that specific provision is made in Section 48 of the City Charter for appointing a committee to investigate the conduct of any department. He felt that before the Council adopts the replies as a matter of policy, Reverend Baugh's communication should be considered and given equal weight.

The following is Reverend Baugh's communication of March 13:

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: C. Don Baugh, Chairman, Community Relations Commission
COPIES TO: City Manager
SUBJECT: Legal Opinion, 3-5-68, Pertaining to CRC

Date: 3-13-68

Several of the members of the Council expressed surprise at receiving the legal opinion regarding the Community Relations Commission at our joint meeting 3-7-68.

As I expressed at that meeting, it seemed that the opinion which we had been handed was contrary to legal opinions that had been rendered by the legal department from 1964 to 1968.

After having sufficient time to study the opinion as well as the Charter, I feel the following pertinent facts need to be considered:

AUGMENTIVE POWERS OF THE COUNCIL

The intent of the Charter is set out in Section 161, which states, "it is directed that all provisions of this Charter shall be liberally construed, and the Council is hereby vested with all legislative powers required to augment these provisions and to insure at all times the effective operation of this Charter."

INVESTIGATIVE COMMISSIONS NOT PROHIBITED

Section 49 prohibits the Council from establishing additional boards, commissions, committees or authorities for administrative functions, although they may be created to advise department heads. Neither Section 49 nor any other portion of the Charter, prohibits the City Council to appoint a commission for investigative purposes.

In fact, specific provision is made in Section 48 for the Council to appoint a committee to investigate the conduct of any department, agency or office of the City, even providing for the power to administer oaths.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOT SUBJECT TO CITY MANAGER

Since it is clear that the Community Relations Commission is not, and not intended to be, an administrative department, the Executive Director thereof cannot be considered to be a department head. Therefore, he does not properly fall under the provisions of Section 51, which provides that the City Manager shall appoint department heads and may remove them. This Section applies only to administrative departments.

FILING OF COMPLAINTS IN CORPORATION COURT

The provision in Ordinance No. 33863 for filing complaints in Corporation Court does not direct the Commission to file the complaints itself. It provides a procedure whereby such complaints are to be filed by personnel of the Legal Department, after the Commission has submitted a written request that a complaint be filed along with a certificate that the Commission has been unable to resolve the complaint.

Mrs. Cockrell stated that she would like to ask the Council to refer Reverend Baugh's memo to the City Attorney and asked whether the Council committee appointed to meet with the City Public Service Board is going to bring back a report to the City Council.

Dr. Calderon, a member of the committee, felt they could have something practical to report within two weeks.

Reverend Baugh then stated that the question of the Executive Director should be referred to the City Attorney for study as he felt this was most crucial and hoped the Council would give this real close scrutiny as it means the difference between whether they have a Director or not.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney to study the matter at his earliest convenience and submit a report to the City Manager and the City Council.

The Mayor then added that he felt he could speak for the Council, and expressed appreciation for the attitude and fine work of the Community Relations Commission. Because of this work, the attitude of people in San Antonio is much better and a more tolerant one.

Councilman James then stated that the whole point gets back to the intent when the Community Relations Commission was established, as was brought out in Reverend Baugh's memo. He felt this should be given serious consideration, even over the opinion of the City Attorney.

The discussion was concluded with the Mayor stating he had discussed the matter with Mr. Leroy Denman, Chairman of the City Public Service Board and they are willing to meet with a committee of the City Council.

Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, explained the following ordinances and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

68-201

AN ORDINANCE 36,317

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF NATIONWIDE PAPERS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN ASHTRAYS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,482.00.

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68-202

AN ORDINANCE 36,318

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF R.W. JONES - CONTRACTOR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOW WATER CROSSING ON SAN ANTONIO RIVER, BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$4,428.00.

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68-203

AN ORDINANCE 36,319

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF C. V. R. COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH TREE MOVER EQUIPMENT FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$8,900.00?

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68-204

AN ORDINANCE 36,320

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF MODERN SALES & SERVICE, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION FACILITIES - TOWER WITH THREE TICKET ISSUING MACHINES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,853.85 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FROM TOWER STRUCTURE BONDS # 469 FOR PAYMENT OF SAME.

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The following ordinances were explained by Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each Passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Parker.

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68-205

AN ORDINANCE 36,321

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF WALLACE & TIERNAN, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH ONE ELECTRICALLY HEATED LIQUID CHLORINE EVAPORATOR FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,800.00.

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68-206

AN ORDINANCE 36,322

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SOLO SERVE NURSERY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH CERTAIN GRASS SOD FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER AREA FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$4,950.00.

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68-207

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 35,323

ACCEPTING THE BID AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH ITT CONSUMER SERVICES CORPORATION FOR OPERATION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING LOT CONCESSION FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

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Purchasing Agent Al Tripp explained that this was the high bid submitted and has been checked out and he recommended its acceptance by the City Council. He added that under the previous contract the City is receiving 77.9% of the gross and during the last twelve months the parking lot took in \$159,778.00, with the City getting \$124,291.00 of this. Applying the 89.1% the City would gross \$18,071.00 additional under this contract. He said he spoke to all of the bidders and answered some of the questions that were brought to his attention. He stated there is a representative of one of the bidders present who wanted to speak concerning their proposal. Mr. Tripp added that the bid requirements stipulated that they put in lighting, controls such as ticket dispensers, stripping and fencing needed to operate the parking lot. He concluded by stating that the Staff's position is that the bid of ITT Consumer Services Corporation meets the City's minimum requirements.

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Mr. Kenneth Jordon, representing the Valet Parking Incorporated, San Antonio Manager for the Avis Rent-A-Car, stated that in their bid they proposed to construct an entrance structure to the parking lot which would enhance the beauty of the airport. Cost of these improvements would be an additional \$30,000.00. He showed a sketch of the proposed improvements.

Mr. Jordon stated the primary difference between the two bids amounted to 3½ percentage points. He felt that the City also wanted something in keeping with other improvements and beautification projects now going on in San Antonio. He concluded by stating they are qualified to operate a parking facility and asked the Council to consider their bid.

Mr. John West, CPA for Valet Parking, stated that taking into consideration the improvements offered over a five year period, their bid was 1½ to 2% lower than the high bid.

After consideration, Mr. Jones made a motion that the high bid of ITT Consumer Services Corporation be accepted and the ordinance adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Torres and on roll call was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

68-208 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 36,324

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ALAMO IRON WORKS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH ONE CENTRIFUGAL TRASH PUMP FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,535.00.

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68-209 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, and on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, Gatti.

AN ORDINANCE 36,325

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CLAUDE WRIGHT, JR. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN BOOSTER HOSE FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,688.00.

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The following ordinances were explained by Mr. Al Tripp, Purchasing Agent, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, James, Gatti.

68-210

AN ORDINANCE 36,326

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SAF-WAY SCAFFOLDS COMPANY OF SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN PORTABLE STAGE PLATFORMS FOR A TOTAL OF \$18,906.00 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FROM COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER BONDS 489-05 FOR PAYMENT OF SAME.

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68-211

AN ORDINANCE 36,327

ACCEPTING THE BID OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH McDONOUGH BROTHERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF FLEXIBLE BASE (CRUSHED STONE) FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING ON DATE OF ACCEPTANCE AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1969.

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66-265

The following ordinance was read by the City Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE 36,328

AMENDING AND EXTENDING FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH VELMA AWALT FOR THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRINK AT THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM.

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Purchasing Agent, Al Tripp, explained that the present contract terminates on March 31, 1968 and it is the desire of both parties to extend the contract for an additional year with the provision that the percentage of gross receipts to be paid the City shall be reduced from 35 1/3% to 30 1/3%. He stated that the concessionaire at the Convention Center pays 25% of gross receipts and felt this is a good return to the City, however, there is no experience on this as it is a new operation. He felt that this would be in line, and recommended the Council extend the current contract of Velma Awalt on the basis stated.

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After discussion, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, James, Gatti, Torres.

68-200 The Mayor inquired of the Purchasing Agent the possibility of furnishing coat racks and facilities for checking coats and hats at the Convention Center.

Mr. Tripp advised that under the concession contract for the Convention Center, it is the concessionaire's responsibility to set up a check room. This operation might be needed in the River Room or in the big dining room and the concessionaire would use one of the small meeting rooms for this purpose. He added that for smaller meetings the City was planning to purchase small coaster type coat racks and will be owned by the City. For larger events, it will be the responsibility of the concessionaire.

The Mayor stated that he felt the City should set up a check room and asked the Purchasing Agent to take this matter under advisement.

Mr. Ely Bergman, representing the United Mission Foundation stated that he had, at his own expense, designed a key to the City to be given to distinguished visitors on arrival in San Antonio. He then presented the number one key in solid gold to the Mayor as a memento.

The Mayor expressed appreciation for Mr. Bergman's interest in the City of San Antonio and for the gift of the first key to the City.

68-188 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,329

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE ALARM BOXES AND OTHER SIGNALLING DEVICES IN THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS.

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Administrative Assistant John Brooks advised that they had looked into how much the City would save on insurance with or without this service. They contacted the Insurance Advisory Committee and the Fire Prevention Bureau and they informed the City that if it did not have this service, no insurance company would give fire and extended insurance coverage. With the service there would be a 50% reduction in insurance costs.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: Jones, James, Gatti.

The following ordinances were explained by Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote:
 AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres;
 NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, James, Gatti.

68-212

AN ORDINANCE 36,330

CHANGING THE NAME OF ROUND OAK DRIVE TO GLEN RIDGE DRIVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

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68-213

AN ORDINANCE 36,331

NAMING THE NEW STREET EXTENSION FROM GARNER STREET WEST TO GROWDON DRIVE, MATEO LANE, AS PER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.

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68-214

A hearing was held on the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,332

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 227 JEAN STREET, CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS DIRECTED TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, advised the Council that the owner of the property, Mrs. Emilia C. Cruz had been notified by certified mail of the hearing. He then reported that this is an abandoned building in a condition beyond repair and reviewed the inspection reports from the Building, Health, and Fire Departments recommending the building be demolished. The owner of the property was not present at the hearing.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: James, Cockrell, Gatti; ABSENT: Jones.

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68-215

A hearing was held on the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,333

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 107 HIDALGO STREET, CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS DIRECTED TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, advised the Council that the owners of the property, Mr. & Mrs. De Cisneros had been notified by certified mail of the hearing. He then reported that this is an abandoned building in a condition beyond repair and reviewed the inspection reports of the Building, Health, Fire and Police Departments recommending the building be demolished. The owners of the property were not present at the hearing.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Gatti, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones, James.

68-216

A hearing was held on the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,334

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 204 ALTA VISTA, CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND THE CITY ATTORNEY IS DIRECTED TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, advised the Council that the property is owned by an estate and the notice was mailed to Mr. Guy Allison, Attorney for the Estate, giving notice of the hearing. He reviewed reports of the Building, Health, Fire and Police Departments recommending the building be demolished.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Dr. Parker, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon, Jones, James.

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Mr. George Vann reported on progress concerning sub-standard houses on the Eastside in the vicinity of HemisFair. He stated that out of 33 property owners notified, 20 of them are in the process of doing something with the abandoned buildings that are sub-standard and they are still working with others.

68-217 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Jones, James; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 36,335

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY AUTHORIZING ONE ADDITIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY GUARD AND THREE ADDITIONAL CUSTODIAL WORKERS IN THE AVIATION DEPARTMENT, SUCH PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY AND CUSTODIAL SERVICES FOR INCREASED ACTIVITY AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND APPROPRIATING \$2,000.00 OUT OF THE AIRPORT UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS INTO ADMINISTRATIVE FUND 8-04, AND APPROPRIATING \$4,000.00 OUT OF THE AIRPORT UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS INTO REVENUE FUND NO. 8-01.

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Mrs. Cockrell pointed out that there is a problem on San Pedro avenue near the end of the runway where people park to watch the airport planes land and take off. These people leave litter on the ground and she suggested litter barrels be placed in the vicinity to help alleviate the problem.

Mr. Raffety, Aviation Director, stated they propose to put some large containers at that location with the hope that people will use them. While this location is on State right-of-way his people do make periodic clean up of the area.

67-85 The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Torres, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 36,336

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH ALL AMERICAN MAINTENANCE, INC. FOR RENTAL OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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Ordinance Number 36337 Void.

67-218 The Clerk read the following resolution which was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief.

A RESOLUTION

REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR A STREET CROSSING THROUGH I. H. 37 RIGHT OF WAY.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Parker, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Calderon.

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

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: Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Calderon.

68-219

AN ORDINANCE 36,338

AUTHORIZING A LICENSE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN A 12" WATER LINE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE FORT SAM HOUSTON MILITARY RESERVATION ON THE OLD AUSTIN ROAD.

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68-220

AN ORDINANCE 36,339

APPROPRIATING \$7,625.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY AND EASEMENTS PERTAINING TO SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER PROJECT; U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; CALLAGHAN ROAD SUBDIVISION SEWER PROJECT; UTILITY EASEMENTS IN NEW CITY BLOCK 10127; "G" STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT; WIDENING OF THE INTERSECTION OF OLD AUSTIN ROAD AND PERSHING STREET; AND ROBARDS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 36,340

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF KILLIAN-HOUSE CO., A PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE PROJECT OF PAVING PACIFIC AVENUE (SOUTHCROSS) FROM MISSION ROAD TO SOUTH PRESA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$472,158.20 TO SAID CONTRACTOR; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$15,000.00 TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$5,000.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$3,978.39 TO CANTY AND BROWN, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR ENGINEERING FEE, ALL OF THE ABOVE PAYMENTS TO BE PAID OUT OF NO. 489-01, STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND, 1964 SERIES.

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68-222

The following ordinance was explained by Mr. Sam Granata Director of Public Works, and on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Calderon, Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 36,341

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF N-L LEASE SERVICE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS FOR DREAMHILL ESTATES, UNSEWERED AREA NO. 15; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$69,342.43 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BOND FUND NO. 404 PAYABLE TO SAID CONTRACTOR; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$2,500.00 TO BE USED AS A CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$900.00 AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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68-223

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,342

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$4,089.00 FOR FIRE AND EXTENDED COVERAGE INSURANCE TO THE BRUSSELLS INSURANCE AGENCY, 408 GUNTER BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS FROM THE GENERAL FUND 101 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$493.00; AND, FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION FUND 804 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,596.00.

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Mr. Fred Cook, Property Records Supervisor, stated that \$422.00 was in payment of an adjustment to the premium of the Landa Library; \$71.00 was an adjustment in premium for Pioneer Memorial Hall, and \$3,596.00 for the coverage of the premium for insuring the North Satellite Building at International Airport in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 (80% co-insurance applicable).

After consideration, on motion of Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones, Parker.

68-224

The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,343

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 18.32 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning stated that this annexation is requested by the owner of the property, Community Properties, Inc., and is known as Shenandoah Subdivision Unit 6, located in the northwest part of the town, near Wurzbach Road and Vance Jackson Road.

The hearing will be held on March 28, 1968 at 10:00 A.M.

On motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones, Parker.

68-225

The Clerk read the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Calderon.

AN ORDINANCE 36,344

APPOINTING MRS. JACK FORBES AS A MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

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Mrs. Jack Forbes was in the audience and Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti thanked her for accepting appointment to this board.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,345

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE SUM OF \$50,000.00 FROM OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT 70-01-01 TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 09-04-16 FOR MATERIALS TO BE USED IN PAVING INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 37 RIGHT-OF-WAY NORTH OF COMMERCE STREET TO PROVIDE PUBLIC PARKING.

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City Manager Henckel explained that this is the first appropriation for the paving of the parking lot north of Commerce Street. The City will charge for parking and the money will come back to the City during the Fair. There will probably be two additional requests for the same amount as the other lots become clear of improvements. He added that the lots will probably be operated through an operational management contract.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES : Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones, Parker:

68-227

The following ordinance was read by the Clerk and on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Jones, Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 36,346

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH RUDD AND WISDOM CONSULTING ACTUARIES TO MAKE A SPECIAL STUDY OF THE FIREMEN AND POLICEMEN'S PENSION FUND AT A TOTAL COST OF \$1,100.00.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,347

PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND MAKING VIOLATIONS A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00.

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Mr. Tom King, representing the San Antonio Hotel Association and the San Antonio Motel Association, stated they had come before the Council last November and advised they would voluntarily submit to such a tax. He stated the ordinance that has been proposed follows along word for word the State law and has been enlarged to cover other facilities because of HemisFair. He stated that this provides for monthly reporting of the tax to the City but hoped that after HemisFair it would be changed to a quarterly basis so that the report is made at the same time it is made to the State. He estimated the tax would bring in \$300,000 during HemisFair and between \$200,000 and \$225,000 after HemisFair. He felt this would enable San Antonio to have a Convention Bureau on a par with Houston and other cities. San Antonio now has a thirteen million dollar Convention Center to promote tourism. Experience has shown that tourists come first, then industry comes. This is what happened in Florida. He urged the Council to adopt the ordinance.

Councilman Torres asked Mr. King if he did not feel that this duplicates the same money paid to the Chamber of Commerce for tourist purposes.

Mr. King stated he did not know what the City is paying to the Chamber of Commerce but he did know the Chamber of Commerce budget for conventions is \$35,000 and this is what it was five years ago and is the same today. He added that he understood that the Convention Bureau is to be operated by the City and not the Chamber of Commerce. He felt it should be properly manned and should go out and get conventions and should be under the direct control of the City Manager.

To other questions from Mr. Torres, Mr. King stated that only one establishment that could be considered a hotel is not a member of the organization and that is the Robert E. Lee Hotel. As to motels, there are sixty or seventy and the Association is comprised of forty-five members. Three or four of the large motels are not a member of the Motel Association, but are members of the Hotel Association.

Mr. Jones then made a motion that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Parker.

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Mr. Torres then stated he had a substitute motion, as he felt a better way to promote tourism would be to provide better police protection for tourists. He then moved that the Council provide that it give the Police Officers a raise in the maximum amount possible from the Hotel Tax.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Torres stated that his recollection was that the hotel tax was not originally proposed by the Hotel and Motel Association, but by the Mayor on June 15, 1967. He stated that the Chamber of Commerce already gets \$290,000 from the City for the very purpose for which this additional tax is proposed and has determined such a tax would bring in \$500,000 annually. He added that it was almost unreal how, when friends of the Council want more money from the City, it can usually be found and referred to this as an incestuous act by the Council. His concern was that if they were to admit the \$290,000 that has been sent annually to the Chamber of Commerce is not doing the job, they should terminate the contract before embarking on another. They ought to bear in mind before they undertake this approach that Visitors Service, Inc. is already taxing restaurants, motels and hotels. A lot of the hotels and motels are members of the Association and can't speak and the Association can't speak for other motels and hotels that would have to bear the brunt of the tax.

He then cited the opinion of the City Attorney dated June 20, 1967 stating that such a tax has been preempted by the State law and that it is not authorized by State law and it is clearly unconstitutional. He presented a copy of that opinion for the record. (A copy of said opinion is filed with the original of these minutes).

The Mayor then stated that he saw that Mr. Torres was very concerned about the legality when he made a substitute motion.

Mr. Torres stated that he was.

The Mayor then commented that Mr. Torres should have spoken about it at that time.

The question was called and the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: Calderon.

Mr. Gatti stated that Mr. Torres, in his wisdom, should avail himself of the information the Chamber of Commerce submits to the City and if he would spend the time in going over the report which gives in minute detail where the money is going, he would not, knowing he is a very intelligent man, make such irresponsible statements.

Mrs. Cockrell made the following statement:

"I would like to add one more clarifying remark. Our contract with the Chamber of Commerce covers primarily two areas. It covers civic advertising in the form of tourist promotion. It also covers industrial advertising and promotion. The Chamber, on its own, as I understand, maintains the Convention Bureau that was referred to that was funded in the amount of about \$35,000.00. With the new facilities which the City has provided through a bond issue the City has a direct stake in specifically convention business, not just tourist business. The citizens have an investment now of over \$12,000,000 in these Convention Center facilities. These will operate at a deficit if the Convention Center is not kept filled with activities including getting some of the major conventions. The entrance of the City directly into the field of promotion of conventions is a very logical step for the City to take as our Convention Center facilities are about completed and any overlapping it would have with our existing contract with the Chamber of Commerce is a matter which the City will study. The present contract with the Chamber of Commerce is on a yearly basis and as review is made of all things in our City budget, certainly if there is any overlapping, it will be reviewed. I think it is a very wise step to have the City entering into the full responsibility of managing the Convention Bureau because we certainly want our Convention Center to operate at its highest level. This method of funding, which does not take from presently used funds is certainly one that I am personally glad has become available."

The Mayor made the following statement:

"I would like to express my appreciation to the Hotel and Motel Association for their cooperation and willingness to implement this program. I think that all citizens of San Antonio are deeply indebted to them for a forward looking attitude and for a willingness to cooperate in a matter in which they themselves were the ones responsible for suggesting it."

Mr. Torres made the following statement:

"As a matter of personal privilege, in view of Mr. Gatti's remark, that anytime I disagree with Mr. Gatti, or anyone disagrees with Mr. Gatti for that matter, 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. This is the reason that I brought out Mr. Wolf's opinion. Now I haven't yet heard that particular opinion refuted, and I would seek Mr. Walker's opinion of the legality of this particular room occupancy tax at this particular time. I feel that because I object to the majority that the statement that I am irresponsible is not justified. Mrs. Cockrell, I am not disagreeing with the purpose of a tourist promotion program, but the purpose of it would take a different direction in accordance with comments and suggestions that I have made to the Council majority. I would beg you, Mrs. Cockrell, to please not think that I am disagreeing with the tourist promotion program. I do read the materials that are sent to me and to the Council by the Chamber of Commerce, and I am not disagreeing with the reports or with the manner in which the program is conducted. The only thing that I am saying now is that especially in view of the fact that since 1960 we have given to the Chamber of Commerce over \$1,000,000 to perform the function which we are duplicating this morning."

Mr. Gatti made the following statement:

"I did not question your questioning the legality. I questioned your questioning my integrity when you said that this City Council, in dealing with the Chamber of Commerce, was performing an incestuous act. I resent that very deeply. In the long seven years that I have been on this Council, we have never had a member of the Council question the integrity of the people on this Council. I don't want to get into any argument with you. I just merely said that if you would apprise yourself with more details, with the facts that have been presented concerning the Chamber of Commerce-City Council activity, in your intelligence, you would have had another answer."

Mr. Torres made the following statement:

"There has never been any question raised over the seven years that Mr. Gatti has been on the Council, and perhaps that is what is wrong with the City today and why we are bankrupt, Mr. Mayor, because of the very fact that no one has come up and thought to question this Council of the things that the Council majority does."

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,348

ESTABLISHING A CONVENTION BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING MEMBERS THERETO.

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Dr. Parker made a motion that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Torres asked if Mr. Melvin Sisk who was appointed to the Convention Bureau Advisory Committee is the same one who is the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Being advised that it was the same person, Mr. Torres stated this is why he had referred to an incestuous act on the part of the Council.

Dr. Calderon stated that he felt the City needs people who are experts in the field of getting conventions in San Antonio to serve on this Committee.

After further discussion, the question was called and the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: James, Trevino.

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68-230 The Clerk read the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Gatti, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: James, Trevino, Torres; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 36,349

APPROVING A RATE OF \$1.50 (MAXIMUM) PER DAY FOR PUBLIC PARKING ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 37 RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN INDIANA AND COMMERCE STREETS.

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68-231 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 36,350

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT FROM MR. AND MRS. JAY LEWIS RUBIN, THROUGH THE JOSEPH RUBIN FOUNDATION, OF SIX MOSAIC MURALS TO BE INSTALLED ON THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS AND AUTHORIZING THE ENDORSEMENT BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF CHECKS RECEIVED BY THE CITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF MANOLIO D. CAVALLINI AND TOM STELL FOR SUCH MURALS.

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City Manager Henckel advised the Council that the question of identification plaques noting the donor of the gift had been checked out. In connection with this gift there would be a small appropriate plaque acknowledging the gift. He recommended acceptance of the gift with this condition. He added that there will probably be requests for similar identification plaques for the other gifts.

The Mayor felt that this was appropriate and a usual thing.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: James, Gatti.

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The following ordinance was read by the Clerk.

AN ORDINANCE 36,351

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF BILL SHANNON, INC.
 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST COMMERCE STREET
 PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY
 MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK;
 APPROVING PAYMENT OF \$22,430.00 OUT OF THE
 GENERAL FUND TO BILL SHANNON, INC. AND
 \$3,671.23 PAYABLE TO CANTY & BROWN FOR ENGINE-
 ERING SERVICES; ALSO AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF
 \$26,101.23 FROM THE OPERATING CONTINGENCY
 ACCOUNT TO SPECIAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT 09-04-13.

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It was explained that this ordinance was for the construction of the overpass to take care of pedestrian traffic from the City operated parking lots. After HemisFair it will be dismantled. Cost of the overpass will be paid from revenue from the parking lots.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: James, Gatti.

66-1175 At this time, the Mayor called to order the public hearing on the proposed minimum wage ordinance and asked interested citizens to speak.

Mr. Stephen Harvesty, representing the United Councils for Civic Action, read Paragraph (a) of Section 1 of the proposed ordinance entitled "Declarations, Findings, and Statement of Public Policy" and described this as being very good. However, he stated that the list of exemptions include maids and janitors. He wanted these included in the minimum wage ordinance and stated they are not willing to compromise on this point.

Mr. Gilbert J. Murillo, representing the South Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and Chairman of the Social Action Committee of this group, stated that the U. S. Department of Labor Survey on the east and west sides of San Antonio shows that 42% of the workers are under employed. He suggested that consideration be given that only those persons under 16 years of age be excluded from the ordinance. He concluded by stating that he endorsed the ordinance and that it should be followed up with enforcement. He felt that this would be a start to solving the problem, but that it would not be a complete solution.

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Mr. John Winfield, a member of the EODC Board of Directors and member of the Minimum Wage Coordinating Board, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He said that if the ordinance is passed, San Antonio would be the only city in the United States that would have a meaningful wage law. However, he felt that there is no provision in the ordinance to prevent employers from discriminating against employees seeking relief through the minimum wage law. He felt that a strong penalty should be imposed on employers when such steps are taken against an employee.

Mr. Tom King, representing the Hotel Association, stated that he was in full accord with Mr. Harvesty that the ordinance should cover all workers not covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act. The ordinance, however, should exclude all those who do come under the Fair Labor Standards Act, so that the City will not have to police these employers. He stated that he had an interest in the Crockett Hotel and that, while they are not covered by the law, they do comply in order to meet the competition. He said that small operators, those doing \$250,000 business per year, or less, need more relief from tipped employees. He asked that maids be included in the ordinance, but that bellmen and waiters be excluded. He stated that costs have been increasing and his payroll alone has increased from \$5200 to \$9800 per month in the past 18 months.

If this is not done, he felt they would be forced to add a compensatory charge for every meal or a service charge and put up a sign saying, "No Tipping Allowed". He felt sure that the tipped employees would not like this and that it would destroy incentive. He reiterated that tipped employees be excluded, and further, that credit be given for meals, etc., furnished employees.

Mr. Raul Rodriguez spoke about poverty in San Antonio and endorsed the ordinance.

Mr. G. A. Epp, owner of Epp's Smokehouse on N. Zarzamora, stated that he had been in business for 16 years. He asked that the Council not pass the ordinance. He added that he was trying to hold prices within reason. He stated that his payroll was now 28% of his gross sales, which was "skating on thin ice." He added that he was a little businessman, and that the ordinance would require him to keep more records, which would increase the cost of operation. In answer to a question by Mr. Torres, he answered that he paid his dishwashers \$45.00 per week plus meals.

Mr. John Gardner, Executive Vice President of the San Antonio Real Estate Board, stated that the ordinance had been reviewed by his Association and that the Board of Directors feel that certain things should be changed. He submitted the following suggestions for changes:

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(1) Section 2. Definitions (c) Should be changed to read "Employee" includes any individual employed or permitted to work by an employer in any occupation; provided, however, the term "employee" shall not include any individual employed or permitted to work:

- (a) As a volunteer at no salary
- (b) As a salesman paid exclusively on a commission basis
- (c) Any individuals contracting for a specified amount of work for a stipulated fee

(2) Section 4. (c) Regulations. Change the word "Director" to "City Council", so that it reads "The City Council shall promulgate such regulations as they may deem necessary to properly effectuate the purposes of this ordinance and to secure and safeguard minimum wages as described by or pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance." It was the Committee's feeling that it was wrong to make one man, the "Director", the judge and jury.

(3) Section 12. Emergency. The Committee felt that no emergency exists in the time element involved in the passage of these amendments and that a thorough and complete study should be made of this entire ordinance before it is ruled on by the City Council.

Mr. Ernest C. Tolar, owner of Tolar's Restaurant, spoke to the Council regarding tipped employees. He felt that without credit given for tips received, it would make operating impossible.

Mr. Raymond Mendez spoke in favor of the ordinance and pointed out that the citizens, at an election, had voted that they wanted such an ordinance on the books.

After everyone desiring to speak on the minimum wage ordinance had spoken, the Mayor announced that the pros and cons of the suggestions will be considered by the City Attorney and, where possible, would incorporate them into the ordinance. He suggested that copies of the ordinance be sent to the persons who had spoken for their consideration. If they care to express any objections or comments about the ordinance, the Council will be glad to receive written comments if they come in promptly. He stated there would be no further hearings in connection with this matter and asked that those who testified at the hearing leave their name and address with the City Manager and a copy of the proposed ordinance will be sent to them.

It was the sentiment of the Council that final action on the ordinance be considered at the March 28, 1968 meeting.

The Mayor declared the hearing closed. (A copy of the proposed minimum wage ordinance as presently written is filed with the original of these minutes.)

68-233 Reverend Charles Kimbrell, Pastor of the Park East Baptist Church, representing a group of people residing in the extreme eastern section of the City, presented the Council with a petition proposing that the City designate as Town East that area comprised of the following subdivisions: Houston Terrace, Skyline Park, Eastwood Village, Huntleigh Park, Dellcrest, Dellcrest Forrest, Jupe Addition, Cherry Hills, and Eastwood Terrace (being subdivisions within the city limits of the City of San Antonio, Texas and on the east side of said city bounded by Sinclair Road on the south; W. W. White Road to Rigsby to Salado Creek running to the Loop 410 crossover on the west; the Loop 410 crossover on the north; and Loop 410 on the east).

He stated that they are concerned with the needed things for their young people to do and places for them to go as there are no recreational facilities within a reasonable distance. He stated that Mr. Robert Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, had stated he would recommend a fifty acre park with full facilities such as a soft ball diamond, tennis courts, swimming pool and a recreational building. The estimated cost being \$399,000.00. He added that Mr. Frazer further stated that he would cooperate, but the area would need to form itself into a special community with specific lines and they had now done this and had voted to call themselves the Town East Action Committee.

Reverend Kimbrell concluded by stating that he would like consideration to be given to including park funds for this area in the coming budget.

It was brought out that Mrs. Jack Forbes, a resident of that area, had been appointed to the Parks and Recreation Board and various members of the Council assured them that they were sympathetic to their request and would give it serious consideration.

City Manager Henckel advised that he would prepare a resolution for presentation at next weeks meeting designating the area described in the petition as Town East.

68-234 Mr. Arthur Mathis, Jr., President, San Antonio Chapter, American Institute of Architects & Texas Society of Architects, stated that his Association, in considering how best to participate in HemisFair '68, came to the realization that there was no plan for an exhibit or presentation of "The San Antonio Environment." He felt they would be ignoring a tremendous opportunity if they do not tell the San Antonio Story to the HemisFair visitor. The points of interest, historic, cultural, recreational, educational, etc., should be presented to expand the visitor's interest beyond the boundaries of HemisFair '68.

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He described a preliminary outline of the approach to this project and solicited the support of the City Council in locating this exhibit in the Exhibit Building of the new Convention Center. Part of the unassigned area on the River Level, just west of the Merida Mural would be ideal. Should the Council favor this project, they propose to seek the cooperation of the various planning departments and agencies to create a vital exciting exhibit that will encourage people to stay a while and investigate the "San Antonio Environment".

Mr. Mathis stated the Alamo Area Council of Governments had stated they might be able to contribute \$30,000.00 toward the exhibit and the Architects Association would set it up and maintain it and bring it up to date since it is proposed that it be a permanent exhibit.

After consideration, the Council expressed interest in the project but stated they could not give approval at this time. Mr. Mathis was asked to continue with this planning and come back later after they determine whether or not the project is funded.

City Manager Henckel then stated he had received a letter from the Conservation Society requesting that the City waive rent for use of Boliver Hall which the Society is using. He stated he did not recommend waiving rent and felt they should pay the rent the same as any other organization at the same rate.

Councilwoman Mrs. Cockrell felt the Council should go and view the Society Museum to see if it is a community project and in the public interest before taking action.

No action was taken at this time on this matter.

68-200 The Clerk read the following letter.

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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.

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