

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1977.

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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: CISNEROS, WEBB, DUTMER, WING, EURESTE, ORTIZ, ALDERETE, PYNDUS, HARTMAN, STEEN, COCKRELL; Absent: NONE.

77-57 The invocation was given by The Reverend Keith Fox, Grace Lutheran Church.

77-57 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

77-57 The minutes of the Meeting of November 3, 1977, were approved.

77-57 RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Mayor Cockrell read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-77

WHEREAS, life came to a close for Amanda C. Taylor on November 2, 1977, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Taylor was a founder, past president and honorary life president of the San Antonio Conservation Society, and

WHEREAS, she was an inspired leader who led the way in preserving the River, restoring the Missions and protecting the natural and man-made heritage of our City, and

WHEREAS, she was an active civic leader in San Antonio and served as founding Chairman of the Board of the San Antonio Museum Association and it was under her leadership that the Witte Museum was built, and

WHEREAS, because of her efforts and undertakings, San Antonio is a better place to live in and it is the desire of this City Council to express its deep sorrow at her passing; NOW, THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1, That this Council, on behalf of the City Officials and employees as well as the citizens of this great City, does hereby express profound regret on the passing of Mrs. Amanda C. Taylor.

SECTION 2, That this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City Council and a copy thereof be delivered to the bereaved family.

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Mayor Cockrell then presented a copy of the Resolution to Mrs. Vivian Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett.

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77-57 Mayor Cockrell expressed her sympathy at the passing of Mr. Steen's brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Gossett; and at the passing of Mr. Milt Stein, one of Mr. Pyndus' business associates.

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RESOLUTION TO MR. RAY ELLISON

Mayor Cockrell read the following Resolution:

THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
(State of Texas)

Hereby Presents This

RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-78

to

MR. RAY ELLISON

AS AN EXPRESSION OF SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS GIFT OF A TRACT OF LAND TO BE USED FOR THE VALLEY HI BRANCH OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY. THIS GENEROUS GIFT DENOTES HIS CONTINUING SUPPORT AND CONCERN FOR OUR CITY.

A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY SAYS THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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Mayor Cockrell, on behalf of the City Council, expressed their appreciation to Mr. Ellison and presented him with a copy of the Resolution.

77-57 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mrs. Dutmer, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-79

SUPPORTING CERTAIN TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION ACTIONS WHICH COULD REDUCE GAS COSTS TO SAN ANTONIO.

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77-57 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-80

SUPPORTING CERTAIN LO-VACA GAS SALES IN THE INTERSTATE MARKET.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved to approve the Resolution. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion.

Mr. Alderete stated that he would not be in favor of approving this Resolution because in his opinion if Lo-Vaca were allowed to sell more gas than the City of San Antonio would be forced to pay higher rates sooner.

After discussion, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete; ABSTAIN: Pyndus; ABSENT: None.

77-57 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,686

ESTABLISHING A WINTER RATE RELIEF PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL UTILITY USERS WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved the approval of the Ordinance. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Mr. Pyndus then made the following statement:

I would like to vote "no," Mayor and put my reason in the record that the rate relief plan penalizes businessmen who have to pay into it and do not receive any of the benefits, and I don't think it's equitable to all customers and I would register a "no" vote.

Mr. Wing stated that businesses receive commercial rates while residences do not.

Mayor Cockrell then stated that this program is meant as a pilot project and, after its conclusion, an evaluation will be made. The Council then discussed other projects such as an averaging of utility bills throughout the year. The Council also discussed the sales tax on utility bills.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus; ABSENT: None.

77-57

NATIONAL YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

Mayor Cockrell recognized a group of students from high schools throughout the City who participated in "Youth in Government Week" which is sponsored annually by the Optimist Clubs.

Mayor Cockrell then introduced Miss Jerry Jensen and Mr. Joe Strauss who were selected to receive outstanding government awards.

A representative of the Optimist Clubs then addressed the City Council and described this annual program and the manner of selecting the students.

77-57 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mr. Steen, and seconded by Mr. Webb, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 48,687

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF DISPOSITION PARCEL I-b-25, ALSO

KNOWN AS LOT 13, BLOCK 35, NEW CITY BLOCK 290,  
LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL VISTA VERDE  
PROJECT, TEX. R-109 TO THE BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL  
DISTRICT FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$86,000.00.

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77-57 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete.

AN ORDINANCE 48,688

PROVIDING FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN  
PROPERTY IN MATAGORDA COUNTY, TEXAS, TO  
THE STATE OF TEXAS. (City Public Service  
Board to the State of Texas)

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AN ORDINANCE 48,689

GRANTING PERMISSION TO L. W. FOX TECH HIGH  
SCHOOL TO HOLD A BONFIRE ON NOVEMBER 10, 1977,  
AT 7:00 P.M.

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77-57 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Pyndus, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete, Hartman.

AN ORDINANCE 48,690

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL TO HOLD A BONFIRE ON NOVEMBER 11, 1977,  
AT 7:00 P.M.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,691

GRANTING PERMISSION TO LUTHER BURBANK HIGH  
SCHOOL TO HOLD A BONFIRE ON NOVEMBER 10, 1977,  
AT 7:00 P. M.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,692

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT FOR A ONE YEAR  
EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY AND MRS. DUNCAN MCKINLEY FOR A  
CITY OWNED BUILDING ADJACENT TO BRACKEN-  
RIDGE GOLF DRIVING RANGE.

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## AN ORDINANCE 48,693

APPROPRIATING \$9,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE  
OF TRAFFIC EQUIPMENT FOR THE INTERSECTION  
OF NACOGDOCHES AND DANBURY.

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Mr. Steen moved to approve the Ordinance. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus; ABSENT: Alderete, Hartman.

Mr. Pyndus stated that he would vote against the Ordinance because the Traffic Director had specifically recommended that this light not be installed.

77-57 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and explained by Councilwoman Helen Dutmer, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Steen, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Pyndus, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Alderete, Hartman.

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-81

REQUESTING THE EXTENSION OF PARK ROAD 39.

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77-57 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 48,694

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH  
ROSS, HARDIES, O'KEEFE, BABCOCK & PARSONS TO  
REVISE THE CITY'S ZONING AND SUBDIVISION  
ORDINANCES AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER SERVICES.

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Mrs. Dutmer moved the adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Mr. Bill O'Connell, Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, stated that they are not opposed to the revision of the City's zoning and subdivision ordinance. They do wish to question the method as outlined by the contract.

Mr. O'Connell then stated that the Planning Department has a staff consisting of 31 persons at an annual budget of \$488,000; the City Attorney's staff consists of 37 persons at an annual budget of \$707,000; and the Building and Zoning Department consists of 102 persons at an annual budget of \$1,322,945. He stated that these departments are well-qualified and capable of handling these revisions. He further stated that the City staff will still be performing all the research and legwork in accordance with the provisions of the contract. Mr. O'Connell stated that if a consultant is necessary to serve as a neutral third party, then a firm should be hired from within the region or the state since they would be more familiar with Texas State Law. He stated that the firm that is named

in the Ordinance is already involved in defending the Council in highly controversial growth issues.

City Manager Huebner commented that the firm that is named in the contract has represented developers in California and also municipalities in Florida so they have worked on both sides of the issue.

Mr. Bob Hunter, Director of Planning, then explained the valuable expertise which this firm could provide his employees. In response to Mr. Pyndus, Mr. Hunter explained the cost of the contract.

Mr. Pyndus asked the City Manager to have the Legal Department give him an analysis so that he could see the difference between the opinion rendered by former City Attorney Jim Parker and the Ordinance prepared by the Chicago lawfirm.

City Attorney Jane Macon stated she will report to the Council on Mr. Pyndus' request.

Mr. Webb then moved to call the previous question. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pyndus. On roll call, the Chair declared that the motion had carried by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Dutmer, Ortiz, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: Cisneros, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Cockrell; ABSENT: None.

Mr. Eureste said that under Robert's Rules of Order, a two-thirds majority or eight votes would be required to pass this motion. He did not choose to argue with the Chair's position, however.

On roll call, the motion to approve the Ordinance carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus, Steen; ABSENT: None.

(Later in the meeting, City Attorney Macon confirmed to the Council that Mr. Eureste's comment regarding the two-thirds vote was correct.)

77-57 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,695

AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF ALL RISKS INSURANCE  
ON POLICE DEPARTMENT PORTABLE RADIOS AND  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE PREMIUM IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$6,649.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,696

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND  
TO THE U. S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS FOR MEMBER-  
SHIP DUES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30,  
1978.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,697

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$17,045.00 OUT OF  
VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING  
TITLE AND/OR EASEMENTS TO CERTAIN LANDS;  
ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF EASEMENTS TO  
CERTAIN LANDS; ALL TO BE USED IN CONNECTION  
WITH CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

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CLOSING AND ABANDONING A 0.0051 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE CORNER OF HEIMER AND BITTERS ROAD INTERSECTION, AND AUTHORIZING A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO NATIONAL CONVENIENCE STORES, INC., FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00 AND THE DEDICATION OF STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN THAT CERTAIN UNRECORDED PLAT OF "WILLOW RUN TERRACE," DATED JULY 26, 1977.

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77-57 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mr. Alderete and seconded by Mr. Webb, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-82

INDICATING THE CITY'S INTENT TO ASSUME THE ADDITIONAL COST FOR UPGRADING THE CITY'S SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE 3B, OVER THE COST OF ALTERNATIVE 2B.

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77-57 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mr. Steen, and seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,699

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH OPITZ AND ASSOCIATES AND WITH HARRY JEWITT AND ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES AND PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN SEWER PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT AND PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

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77-57 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,700

ESTABLISHING A DEVELOPMENT PERMIT SYSTEM AND ADOPTING REGULATIONS REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT PERMITS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN FLOOD PLAIN AREAS HAVING SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARDS, PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF SUBDIVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY'S DESIGNATED FLOOD PLAINS.

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Mr. Pyndus moved the adoption of the Ordinance. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion.

In response to Mr. Alderete's question, City Manager Huebner stated that the City has submitted plans to the federal government which calls for special consideration to the River Bend area. Adoption of this Ordinance will enable the City to continue with the development of the River Bend area.

In response to Dr. Cisneros' question, Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, stated that the requirements for signs has been removed by the Federal Flood Insurance Agency. As the Ordinance now stands, the River Bend area has been designated as a special non-hazardous area. He did state, however, that a large portion of the downtown area is in the flood plain, and these areas will require flood proofing.

On roll call, the motion, carrying with it passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

77-57 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,701

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF DELTA MACHINE CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH A CENTRIFUGAL PUMP FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$3,290.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,702

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF THOMPSON HAYWARD CHEMICAL CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WITH INSECTICIDE FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$6,582.60.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,703

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF ALAMO AMC, INC. AND O. R. MITCHELL MOTORS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AUTOMOBILES THROUGHOUT THE 1978 MODEL YEAR AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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77-57 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mrs. Dutmer and seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,704

CHANGING THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 8, 1977.

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77-57 The following Resolutions were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-83

MANIFESTING THE DETERMINATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT RAY ELLISON HOMES, INC. HAS VESTED RIGHTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3, ORDINANCE NO. 48484 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1977, TO 154 BUILDING PERMITS AND WATER SERVICE AT BABCOCK UNITS 7 AND 9, AND THEREFOR DIRECTING THE BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE SAID BUILDING PERMITS UPON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE, AND DIRECTING THE CITY WATER BOARD TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE BOARD'S SERVICE REQUIREMENT.

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A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-84

MANIFESTING THE DETERMINATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL THAT RAY ELLISON HOMES, INC. HAS VESTED RIGHTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 48484 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1977 TO PLAT APPROVAL AND BUILDING PERMITS AT BABCOCK PLACE TOWNHOUSE UNIT 1-A, AND DIRECTING THE BUILDING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE BUILDING PERMITS UPON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE, AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROCESS SAID PLAT.

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77-57 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made by Mr. Pyndus and seconded by Dr. Cisneros, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,705

AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A .311 ACRE TRACT OF LAND TO PLAZA NACIONAL GROUP, LTD., A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, UPON PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF \$27,840.77, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 48682 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1977, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRANSACTION.

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77-57

GERMAN-ENGLISH SCHOOL

Dr. Cisneros asked City Manager Huebner about the status of the German-English School in regard to leasing or selling this facility.

City Manager Huebner stated that he would not recommend that the City sell this piece of property. The leasing can be open for competitive bidding and a report including this property will be made to the Council within the next several weeks.

77-57 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

AN ORDINANCE 48,706

APPOINTING COUNCILMAN BERNARDO EURESTE  
TO REPLACE COUNCILMAN RUDY ORTIZ ON THE  
ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE.

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AN ORDINANCE 48,707

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

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Mr. Victor San Miguel -- appointed as regular member to position previous held by Mr. Harold Foster, for term expiring July 31, 1979.

O. L. McNary -- appointed as alternate member to fill position vacated by Mr. San Miguel.

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77-57 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion of Mrs. Dutmer, seconded by Mr. Webb, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Ortiz.

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 77-57-85

REQUESTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION TO DESIGNATE THE RIVER CORRIDOR AREA AS A PILOT PROJECT UNDER SECTION 204 OF THE PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1965, AND THE AACOG REGION AS A PILOT REGION UNDER THE EDA METROPOLITAN STRATEGY CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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77-57 The meeting was recessed at 2:25 P. M., and reconvened at 3:00 P. M.

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PUBLIC HEARING

At 3:00 P. M., Mayor Pro-Tem Eureste opened a Public Hearing.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 48,708

REVISING THE THIRD YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO INCLUDE UNEARNED GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDING AGREEMENT NO. TEX. A-8 (LG), PROJECT NO. TEX. A-8; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT SAME TO THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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Mr. Marcus Jahns, Director of Budget and Research Department, said that certain funds were leftover from N.D.P. funds. The following projects were recommended by the City Manager for Council's approval:

Fairchild Park	\$582,385.31
Pleasanton McCauley	
Area Topographic Map	12,834.00
Probandt Street Bridge	<u>120,000.00</u>
	\$715,219.31

It was pointed out that a former Council had adopted Ordinance No. 46270 on January 29, 1976, approving the expansion of Fairchild Park but no funds were allocated for the project.

Mrs. S. Zapata, a representative of C.O.P.S., spoke in support of the Probandt Street Bridge as recommended.

The following individuals spoke in support of the Fairchild Park Project:

Janie Gonzales  
Ann McMullen  
Eddie Williams, Jr.  
Rick Green  
T. C. Calvert  
Cruz Sellers  
Benjamin Jones

Councilman John Steen expressed his criticism of the practice other Councils have followed by approving projects by Ordinance but failing to have funds available for the projects. He said that he would like to have Ordinances and Resolutions of this type that have been passed since 1967 reviewed, if possible.

Mr. Justin Arecchi spoke concerning the historic loan fund.

Mr. Arthur Veltmann, President of the River Road Neighborhood Association, outlined a serious traffic problem on North St. Mary's Street and asked that Community Development funds be made available to correct it.

Mr. John Buentello addressed the Council concerning the Kingsborough Ridge Park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Eureste declared the hearing closed.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mrs. Dutmer, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

77-57

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

BOYS, INC.

Mr. Paul Herder, President of BOYS, Inc., addressed the Council and outlined the program conducted by his organization. He cited the dire need to have a place to house boys 12 through 17 years of age in a type of half-way house. They would like the facility to be on the west side of the City and said that the property formerly leased to SANYO would be very good. He requested that the City staff assist in getting the arrangements completed.

Mr. Alex Briseno, Assistant to the City Manager, said that he had discussed the matter with SANYO and they agree that BOYS, Inc. should have the property.

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Mr. Pyndus moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cisneros and passed by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

O'CONNOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

A large group of citizens appeared before the Council to request that O'Connor Road be improved as quickly as possible. Those speaking to the Council were:

Mrs. Irene Bolton  
Mr. Ron Olson  
Dr. Joe Burchard  
Mr. David Royer

They described the area and its poor drainage and said that after a heavy rain O'Connor Road is impassable. A new high school opened this fall and a new elementary school will open next fall. They said that it is a very dangerous situation that needs correcting at once.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, said that in 1970 improvements were planned for O'Connor Road which at that time was not in the City. The project was to be funded by the State with the County adding \$100,000. It was determined that Federal regulations would require relocation of the road at the rail crossing and construction of an overpass. Since this would require addition funds, the project was not accomplished.

Mr. Steen said that the need is urgent and cannot wait until a bond election is held and bonds sold in two or three years. He asked if part of the project could be done with funds that are available.

The problem was discussed at length after which Mayor Cockrell asked that the Manager have the staff review the problem and look at the possibility of funding and to prepare a plan of action and report back to the Council in two weeks.

Council members concurred in the request.

After further discussion, Mr. Hartman moved that the matter also be referred to the Transportation Steering Committee to review priorities for highway projects. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eureste and passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Cisneros, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Pyndus, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Mayor Cockrell introduced Mr. Eric Martel, Consul General of Spain. Mr. Martel, in turn, introduced Mr. Juan Jose Rovira, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Rovira. He also introduced a number of visitors from the Canary Islands who were in San Antonio.

Mayor Cockrell read a Proclamation naming Mr. Rovira an Honorary Alcalde of San Antonio and presented him with it.

Mr. Rovira thanked Mayor Cockrell for the Proclamation and his warm reception in San Antonio.

CARL HENRY

Mr. Carl Henry, 225 Linares, spoke of the high cost of gas and the possibility of some users converting to coal. He suggested that City Public Service Board be allowed to sell coal to small users and also suggested some ways that City Public Service Board rates could be revised.

Mayor Cockrell asked Mr. Henry to reduce his suggestions to writing and said she would present them to the City Public Service Board.

HARRY JEWITT

Mr. Harry Jewitt said that in a zoning case in October there was a requirement that a sixty foot right-of-way be dedicated in the platting of the property. The rezoning was granted in Ordinance No. 48610. He said that two houses would be affected by the right-of-way but they would not have need for it until such time as the property is sold. That would be in ten to fifteen years. Mr. Jewitt asked the Council to place an Ordinance on next week's agenda to amend Ordinance 48610 so as to remove the requirement for the dedication.

After discussion, the matter was referred to the City Attorney to determine whether another zoning hearing would need to be advertised and other facets of the matter.

77-57CITY PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD COMPLAINT

Councilman Joe Alderete said he had received some complaints about persons having to stand in line after 5 P. M. outside of the building to pay their electric and gas bills. He said that some kind of arrangement should be made to allow people to at least get in out of the weather.

Mayor Cockrell said that she would bring this matter up at the next meeting of the City Public Service Board.

77-57

The Clerk read the following letter:

November 4, 1977

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

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

October 31, 1977

Petition submitted by Mr. Jerry Jaramillo, on behalf of Jefferson High School, requesting permission to conduct a bonfire on the east side of Jefferson High School on November 11, 1977.

October 31, 1977

Petition submitted by Mr. W. J. Archinal of L. W. Fox Tech High School, requesting permission to conduct a bonfire on November 10, 1977.

/s/ G. V. JACKSON, JR.  
City Clerk

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November 10, 1977  
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There being no further business to come before the Council,  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

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*Lela Lockull*

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ATTEST:

*G. S. Jackson*  
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