

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1998**

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98-02 The City Council convened in an informal "B" Session at 10:00 A.M.,
Municipal Plaza Building, "B" Room, to consider the following items(s):

**Presentation of Convention Headquarters Hotel Cost/Benefit Analysis by Texas
Perspectives, Inc.**

The Council members present were: Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez,
Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster and Peak. ABSENT: None.

"B" Session adjourned at 11.25 A.M.

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98-02 The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the Presiding
Officer, Mayor Howard W. Peak, with the following members present: Flores, Salas,
Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster and Peak.
Absent: None.

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98-02 Invocation - Father James Lambert, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic
Church.

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98-02 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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98-02 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for November 13, 1997 and
November 20, 1997 were approved.

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CEREMONIAL ITEMS

DELEGATION FROM MONTERREY, MEXICO

Mayor Peak recognized two members of Monterrey Mexico City Council present today to observe the meeting.

Mr. Jose Luis Garcia, Chief of Protocol, International Affairs Department, introduced Dr. Ernesto Chapa, third-ranking City Council member, and Mr. Joaquin Callejas, eleventh-ranking City Council member, City of Monterrey, Mexico. He then spoke to the purpose of their visit to San Antonio and their study of various aspects of San Antonio during this time.

Mr. Menendez welcomed the visitors from Monterrey and spoke to the close relationship between the two cities, noting that the two represent a new generation of leaders in both Monterrey and in Mexico.

Mr. Flores stated that San Antonio is honored to host these two visitors, and he addressed a brief history of San Antonio.

In response to a question by Mr. Prado, Dr. Chapa noted that the Monterrey City Council often has debate over various items.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MONTH/DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Peak noted that members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission are in Council chambers today to accept a formal proclamation designating "Martin Luther King, Jr., Month/Day" in San Antonio, and introduced Ms. Arlene Washington, Chairperson of the Commission.

Ms. Washington introduced members of her delegation, present in the audience, and noted that this proclamation honors Dr. King and his vision. She then highlighted the many events of the celebration in San Antonio.

Mayor Peak then read the formal proclamation and presented it to Ms. Washington and the delegation.

Mr. Salas thanked all involved in planning the various events, and spoke to the central theme of the celebration. He spoke against the need to re-enact the national civil rights laws every 20 years by Congress, and spoke to San Antonio's MLK march as among the largest in the nation.

Mr. Menendez noted that Dr. King was a true leader whose truths must be recognized, and he thanked members of the City staff who helped coordinate this celebration.

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98-02 **BRIEFING ON PROPOSED NEW ETHICS ORDINANCE**

Mayor Peak introduced Professor Vincent R. Johnson, chairman of the Ethics Task Force.

Mr. Johnson introduced other members of the task force, present in the audience, and spoke to the background of the task force's approach to the 50-page study of a proposed new ethics ordinance for the City of San Antonio, which represents a rebuilding of the entire Ethics Code of the City. A copy of his presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He noted that the proposal calls for the same ethical behavior required of all involved in the comprehensive study, and spoke to details of the recommendations and an overview to the Executive Summary of the document. He noted that the proposal has only a few enforcement provisions, and spoke to the recommendation for the establishment of a new Ethics Review Board, whose proposed powers and requirements he then addressed. He spoke to some of the ramifications of violation of the proposed new ethics provisions, noting that the heart of the document is a control on economic benefits to City officials and employees. He addressed the recommended 'zero tolerance' for violations and conflicts of interest, and spoke to the matter of perceived 'insider' favoritism and recommended bans on the influences of former City employees for a two-year period.

He spoke to the proposed registration for lobbyists and their financial disclosure requirements. He then addressed proposed limitations on gifts, and the fact that enforcement of the proposed new ethics provisions will be by the City Attorney. He spoke to new disclosure requirements and the duties of the new Ethics Compliance Officer in the City Attorney's Office. He spoke to the City of Phoenix' ethics handbook, and spoke to the need to provide adequate funding for all aspects of the ethics enforcement provisions.

Mayor Peak thanked the task force for its work and its final report, and spoke to a background of the development of the proposed new ethics provisions. He spoke to the need to develop strong ethics rules and enforcement of these rules in order to increase public confidence in city government

Professor Johnson noted that a public hearing on the proposed new ethics provisions will be held in the City Council chambers next Tuesday evening at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Marbut spoke to the need to regulate lobbyists and their influence, stating that this is a matter of perception to the public. He stated his belief that the City needs better disclosure requirements.

Professor Johnson differentiated between the two-year and the seven-year bans on appearances before the various City boards, commissions and other bodies, as spelled out on page 19 of the proposed new rules.

Mr. Marbut questioned the impact of the proposed new regulations on former City Council members appearing before City Council and other municipal bodies, and addressed examples, noting that this needs to be clarified.

Professor Johnson stated that City Council needs to decide this issue.

Mr. Frank Garza, City Attorney, noted that the regulations cannot be made retroactive, nevertheless.

Mr. Bannwolf questioned the regulations on conflicts of interest, and whether an abstention from a vote is sufficient, under the new proposed regulations, to which Professor Johnson stated his opinion that the Council member involved also should leave the Council chambers.

Mr. Bannwolf spoke to the need to change the language of the document relating to 'intent' to violate the rules, rather than an 'inadvertent violation'.

In response to a question by Mr. Bannwolf, Professor Johnson noted that the City Charter prohibits the Ethics Review Board from issuing binding advisory opinions, which is the purview of the City Attorney's office. Nevertheless, this is a matter of choice for the City Council.

Mr. Bannwolf spoke to the need for the City Attorney to issue binding opinions, then have the Ethics Review Board concur in that opinion.

In response to a question by Mr. Menendez, Professor Johnson spoke to how the proposed new rules would affect City Council aides and interns, who are 'independent contractors'.

City Attorney Garza noted that his office would need to review this matter.

Councilman Garza spoke to the need for an improved level of trust.

Mr. Vásquez asked for additional data on such matters as contracting and competitive bids, and stated his desire to 'tighten loose ends'. He also spoke to his support for requiring that City board and commission members be prohibited from contracting with the City, City Public Service, San Antonio Water System, and non-profit organizations, as an example.

Professor Johnson spoke to provisions in the recommended new rules as outlined in Section 11, prohibiting conflicts of interest. He spoke to the need to 'beef-up' current City Charter provisions, and recommended that the Council not define 'City' to include CPS, SAWS, etc. He noted that the City Attorney may need to decide this issue, or the Council more clearly spell out this matter.

Mr. Vásquez questioned certain lobbyist registration provisions as to 'compensated' and 'non-compensated', stating his belief that there is a loophole here.

Mayor Peak noted that the City Council is paying attention to this entire ethics issue, and spoke to his hope that the public will attend next week's public hearing on the recommendations. He then asked the City Attorney 'collecting point' for City Council members' comments or questions in the next few weeks, prior to the full Council considering any changes and adoption of any new ethics provisions.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Webster made a motion to approve Agenda Items 6 through 13c, constituting the Consent Agenda, with items 7, 12, 13-a, and 13-b having been pulled for individual consideration. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Prado, Marbut.

AN ORDINANCE 87224

ACCEPTING THE BEST PROPOSAL, SUBMITTED BY TEXAS AUTO AUCTION SERVICES, D/B/A, SAN ANTONIO AUTO AUCTION TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH AUCTION SERVICE FOR AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87225

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF R.L. JONES CO., INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$275,620.28 IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRURY: LOGWOOD TO DEAD END COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; ESTABLISHING A PROJECT BUDGET; AUTHORIZING \$22,089.00 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$9,277.30 FOR PROJECT OVERSIGHT COSTS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87226

APPROVING FIELD ALTERATION NUMBER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,288.00 PAYABLE TO CLARK CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SLURRY SEAL 1997 PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 4, 7, 9 & 10; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 86384 DATED AUGUST 7, 1997)

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AN ORDINANCE 87227

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$3,400.00 PAYABLE TO GERRY RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK, FOR THE DEFENDANTS IN CONDEMNATION CAUSE NO. 97-ED-0021, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. BLAKE W. DEWITT, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARIA RUIZ DEWITT, DECEASED, ET. AL., FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO ONE PARCEL AND THE SUM OF \$2,834.12 FOR COURT COSTS, FOR A TOTAL OF \$6,234.12 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MISSION TRAILS, PACKAGE 1 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87228

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,155.98 TO THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87229

APPOINTING FRANK GONZALEZ (DISTRICT 4) TO THE SAN ANTONIO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MAY 9, 1999.

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(At this point, Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Webster presided.)
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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87230

AUTHORIZING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 2 - FINAL IN THE DECREASED AMOUNT OF \$54,080.03 IN CONNECTION WITH THE SAN FERNANDO: SAN JOAQUIN TO 36TH STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 85950 DATED MAY 1, 1997)

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Mr. Bannwolf made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Menendez, Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, explained this final Field Alteration and its implications on the project, noting that this constitutes a decrease in the project cost.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Bannwolf, Webster; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Marbut, Peak.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87231

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) FOR \$56,475.00 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FOR THE RUNAWAY YOUTH, TECHNICAL UNIT, AND FOR POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FY 1998-99.

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Ms. Terry Brechtel, Director of Budget and Management Services, explained the grant applications.

Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, and Ms. Julie Oldham, Citizens Advisory Council, both spoke in support for the Runaway Youth program, and addressed an example of its good work.

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(At this point, Mayor Peak returned to the meeting to preside.)

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Guerrero, Prado, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Salas, Vásquez.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87232

APPOINTING SCOTT FARRIMOND (DISTRICT 9) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 25, 1999.

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Mr. Bannwolf made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, stated his belief that the citizens do not know the Council board and commission appointees, and asked the Mayor to insure that their backgrounds and pictures are made public before their appointments.

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Mayor Peak replied that the information on pending board and commission appointees is made public well ahead of the City Council meeting at which the appointment is to take place.

Mr. Bannwolf also noted that board and commission applications are on file and open for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** None.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87233

APPOINTING CHARLIE CONNER (DISTRICT 8) TO THE INDEPENDENT PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE (CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT) FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO BE UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE REVIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN BARTLETT COCKE-INCORE-HARDIN (BIH) AND THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, reiterated his earlier comments relative to board and commission appointments, and threatened a recall election.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Guerrero, Prado, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Salas, Vásquez, Menendez.

Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

Ms. Jelynn Burley, Director of the Convention Center Expansion Office, explained details of the proposed materials testing contract.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to the need to add contracts such as these to the proposed new ethics ordinance, and require competitive bidding. He spoke to his concern that this firm has many other City contracts, and addressed the need to know the firm's sub-contractors and its liability for work performed.

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In response to a question by Mr. Prado, Ms. Burley noted that her office will be reporting each quarter on the project status.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Webster.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87236

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

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Mr. Bannwolf made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, summarized details of this program given to Council members in a recent "B" Session presentation, narrating as video presentation on the subject.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, addressed several project requests by name, including sidewalks to accommodate disability access provisions.

Mr. Alex Halff, Chairman, San Antonio Medical Foundation, asked for Council support for these recommended improvements along Medical Drive, including an underpass under Fredericksburg Road. He spoke to the importance of this project for access to trauma centers at hospitals in the Medical Center area, noting that those needing such care cannot any longer rely on the area's military hospitals for future trauma care.

Mr. Tom Staubitz, representing the Fox Run Homeowners Association, addressed the need for improvements to Stahl Road and O'Connor Road, as well as other thoroughfares in the area. He addressed certain streets and drainage problems in the area and the need for VIA Metropolitan Transit to pay more to the City for such work.

Ms. Suzanne McAnelly, representing Texas Paralyzed Veterans, asked for sidewalks to be constructed along De Zavala Road, between Northwest Military Highway and Vance Jackson Road, to accommodate handicapped traffic in the area.

Ms. Ann Maestas, representing High Country Neighborhood Association, spoke to the need for Stahl Road improvements.

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Mr. German spoke to several issues raised by various speakers today and the status of previous-year Metropolitan Planning Organization projects. He specially spoke to why the sidewalk issue is not being considered for Year 2002, because of programs already underway.

Mr. Marbut noted that Ms. McAnelly's project is included, in part, in current MPO recommendations, although not as extensive as she desires. He addressed the importance of access to the Medical Center area, and questioned new ramping, being planned by the Texas Department of Transportation, leading traffic onto already-congested streets leading into the Medical Center area.

In response to a question by Mr. Vásquez, Mr. German noted that, of the 33 recommended projects on this list, perhaps \$19 million worth will be funded, perhaps reaching as far down the recommendation list as Project 13, 14, 15, or perhaps 16. He

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noted that the Medical Center work is vitally needed, and spoke briefly to the status of the Pavement Management Program.

Mr. Webster spoke to the need for the Stahl Road improvements.

Mr. Salas agreed with the need for the Medical Center work to relieve traffic congestion and improve access. He also spoke in support for the Stahl Road work, and spoke to the need to improve the quality of roadway materials.

Mr. German spoke to the roadway standards of the Texas Department of Transportation and the need to upgrade our subdivision road standards.

Mr. Webster addressed the need to have one set standard for streets, to be followed by the City and by developers.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** None.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87237

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$165.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 10 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO ASSIST THE VALENCIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S PURCHASE OF THREE (3) CELLULAR ON PATROL (COP) NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SIGNS; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN JEFF WEBSTER.

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Mr. Webster made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Flores seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Ray Hamilton, representing the Crime Prevention Commission, spoke to the integral parts of the training of citizens involved in Cellular On Patrol projects.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Marbut.

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98-02 **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:**

For Mayor Howard W. Peak and Councilman Jeff Webster to travel to Palm Springs, California from Friday, January 16, 1998 through Saturday, January 17, 1998 to meet with Republican National Convention Chairman and Convention Site Selection Committee Members regarding bid to host the 2000 Republican National Convention.

Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Flores seconded the motion.

(At this point, Mayor Peak was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Webster presided.)

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, questioned the costs involved in attracting the Republican National Convention to San Antonio, stating his desire to use those funds instead on fixing sidewalks.

Ms. Julie Oldham, Citizens Advisory Council, spoke to traffic problems and ethics.

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, questioned the use of tax money to pay for anyone's trip to Palm Springs. He also stated his opinion that there is no chance of attracting the Republican National Convention to San Antonio.

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(At this point, Mayor Peak returned to the meeting to preside.)

Mayor Peak noted that the overall project to attract the Republican National Convention to San Antonio is privately-funded.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Prado, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Salas, Guerrero, Vásquez.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87238

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT 5 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,050.00 TO COUNCILMAN RICK VÁSQUEZ FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BENJAMIN MORA (\$1,350.00 PER MONTH) FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1998; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN RICK VÁSQUEZ

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Prado, Menendez, Marbut, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Guerrero, Vásquez, Garza, Bannwolf.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87239

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT 8 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,400.00 TO COUNCILMAN ROBERT G. MARBUT, JR. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH ALLISON WALLACE (\$1,350.00 PER MONTH) FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH MAY 31, 1998 AND SABINE MORA (\$650.00) FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1998; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN ROBERT G. MARBUT, JR.

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Mr. Marbut made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webster seconded the motion.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Prado, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Guerrero, Vásquez, Bannwolf.

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98-02 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87240

AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT 6 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,400.00 TO COUNCILMAN JOSÉ MENENDEZ FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH HECTOR MORALES (\$2,000.00 PER MONTH), DANIEL ORTIZ (\$800.00 PER MONTH) FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1998 AND ELSA RAMOS (\$600.00) FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1998; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN JOSÉ MENENDEZ.

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Mr. Menendez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Prado, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Guerrero, Vásquez, Bannwolf.

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98-02 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

COMMUNITY LINK PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Tony Bosmans, Director of Community Relations, narrated a video presentation on the Community Link Program, and aired two television public service video announcements. He also spoke to first-quarter statistics of the program and its plans for 1998.

Mayor Peak congratulated the City staff on this effort to decentralize City services.

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to adhere strictly to the Robert's Rules of Order and those who don't should be ruled out of order.

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MR. NAZARITE R.F. PEREZ

Mr. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke the City Council about his many memberships including the Initiative Referendum Organization. He also referred to what he had spoken to the Council about in the November 6, 1997 meeting, during the Citizens To Be Heard segment.

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MR. FARIS HODGE, JR.

Mr. Hodge, 140 Dora, spoke to his institutional right of Freedom of Speech and expression. He also spoke to his concern about any Council rule which may infringe on Freedom of Speech, because he will see that the Federal Courts will have to be involved.

He then made references and suggestions to selected council members regarding improvements in their respective districts.

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MR. MICHAEL IDROGO

Mr. Idrogo, 317 Rosewood, spoke to the Council reiterating comments made in previous Council meetings in opposition to the Sunset Depot's re-use.

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MR. DON WILKINS CASTILLO

Mr. Castillo, representing L.U.L.A.C., spoke to the Council regarding his past experiences with the San Antonio Police Department. He then spoke to his powers as a Curandero and Santeria. He also spoke against the new Uniform Policy recently adopted by the San Antonio Independent School District.

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98-02 City Council recessed its regular session at 5:30 P.M. in order to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

Attorney/Client consultation regarding litigation case styled Captain Alex al Torres, et v. City of San Antonio, et al.

City Council adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened the regular session at 5:59 P.M., at which time Mayor Peak stated that City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matter and had given staff direction, but had taken no official action.

98-02 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

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HOWARD W. PEAK
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Attest:


NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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