

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 1969 AT 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES.

69-44 The invocation was given by Reverent Allen Guthrie, Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church.

69-44 The minutes of October 2, 1969 Council meeting were approved.

69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 37,958

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED
BID OF EQUIPMENT SERVICE COMPANY OF
SAN ANTONIO TO FURNISH THE CITY OF
SAN ANTONIO CENTRAL SHOPS WITH THREE
FLOOR JACKS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,532.40.

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69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks and after consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINED: Torres.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,959

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS AS LISTED BELOW TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN RADIO TUBES FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,586.05. (RADIO & TELEVISION PARTS CO., SOUTHWEST SOUND & ELECTRONICS, INC., STERLING ELECTRONICS, AND STRAUS FRANK CO. ELECTRONICS DEPT.)

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69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks and after consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,960

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF MISSION ELECTRIC SUPPLY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,008.00.

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69-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,961

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED QUALIFIED BID OF CENTURY SOUVENIR COMPANY, INCORPORATED FOR THE COMPLETE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF THE SOUVENIR CONCESSION CONTRACT FOR THE RETAIL AND WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIR ITEMS UTILIZING THE NAME AND REPRODUCTION OF THE TOWER AND CONVENTION FACILITIES BUILDINGS AND OTHER CITY OWNED BUILDINGS IN THIS AREA FOR PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1969.

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Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that this was a five-year contract beginning November 1, 1969. The high qualified bid was submitted by the Century Souvenir

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Company, who offered 26% of the gross revenue. The contract also calls for a \$12,000.00 minimum guarantee per year. There is a clause in the agreement that the City has a right to cancel and terminate the contract by giving sixty days written notice to the concessionaire in the event that the City by ordinance changes the intent and purpose of the area.

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,962

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE APACHE CREEK PROJECT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELMENDORF LAKE DAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE MODEL CITIES PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT TO THE AUTHORITY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

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Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Assistant Director of Public Works, explained that this agreement spells out the responsibility of the River Authority in connection with Apache Creek Project for flood control and the construction of the Elmendorf Lake dam. It provides for payment of administrative costs based on the actual costs of the service. Payment will be made from the Apache Creek Project Model Cities fund.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,963

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER SAN ANTONIO SAFETY COUNCIL FOR LEASE OF OFFICE SPACE IN THE HEMISFAIR PLAZA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

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Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, explained that this is a lease of 132 square feet of office space in the HemisFair Plaza Administration Building. They will pay \$15.00 per month to defray expenses incurred by the City in providing janitorial and maintenance service. The lease is for a one-year period.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,964

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$56,290.00 TO THE BRUSSELLS INSURANCE AGENCY FOR FIRE AND EXTENDED COVERAGE INSURANCE PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN INSURANCE COMPANY ON HEMISFAIR PLAZA PROPERTIES.

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Mr. Fred Cook, Property Records and Insurance Supervisor, explained that the protection is on the basis of rates and types of construction and occupancy of buildings in the HemisFair area. There is a 20% deduction from the minimal rates in addition to the deduction of the City's fire credit. These are the lowest possible rates that can be obtained. This is still being reviewed and is subject to revision before then. The premium could rise to as much as \$60,000.00. Coverage is for a three-year period beginning August 1, 1969. The Convention Center is not included in this policy. The properties are insured for \$3,453,320 for 64 items. As occupancy changes for each building the policy can be adjusted. The Insurance Advisory Committee has recommended this coverage be placed with the Brussels Insurance Agency. Brussels Insurance Agency has waived its commission on this fire insurance. However, there are 164 agency members of the San Antonio Insurance Board who will participate in the commission even

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though the insurance is placed with only one company.

After consideration on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

69-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,965

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 116 AND 118 INDEPENDENCE CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY 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 that the owner of the property is Mr. Joe Casillas, Jr., who was notified by certified mail of the hearing being held today. He presented pictures of the abandoned one-storey wooden structure which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated and asked that the Council declare the property to be a nuisance, fire, health and safety hazard in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner or a representative was present at the hearing.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,966

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 820 S. WALTERS CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY 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 that the owner of the property is Mr. Paul Casillas and that he was notified by certified mail of the hearing being held today. He stated that the building has been demolished and presented pictures showing the rubble left on the property which is creating a nuisance. He reviewed the efforts to have said nuisance abated and asked the Council to declare the property to be nuisance, a fire, health and safety hazard in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner or a representative was present at the hearing.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,967

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 814 AND 816 S. WALTERS STREET CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE OF SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDING AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, advised that the owner of the property is Lillie S. Casillas, Administratrix of the Estate of Joe Casillas, who was notified by certified mail of the hearing being held today. He presented pictures of the abandoned one-storey wooden structure which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated and asked that the Council declare the property to be a nuisance, fire, health and safety hazard in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner or a representative was present at the hearing.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,968

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PERTAINING TO THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT THE INTERCHANGE OF VANCE-JACKSON ROAD WITH LOOP 410.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, explained this was the regular contract entered into for signals which are installed by the Texas Highway Department. They install the signals and the City maintains them.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,969

TERMINATING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE
BOYS' CLUBS OF SAN ANTONIO PERTAINING
TO CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED
AT 504 MATAMORAS STREET.

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Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, advised that the Boys' Clubs have indicated their intention to vacate the building. This Ordinance would terminate the lease agreement effective September 12, 1969. The Parks Department will recommend that the building be destroyed and removed. They added that this property is in the Model Cities area and is in one of their projects. Mr. Frazer believed that the property will go for commercial use. If it turns out to be residential, they may be able to add to the present property and make a park out of it.

After consideration on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,970

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER
INTO A CONTRACT WITH ELECTRIC CARRIER
CORPORATION FOR OPERATION OF THE
ELECTRIC GOLF CART CONCESSION AT
BRACKENRIDGE, OLMOS BASIN, AND WILLOW
SPRINGS GOLF COURSES FOR A SIX YEAR
PERIOD.

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Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that this contract was for a six year period. It calls for replacement of all carts within three years. They will pay the City 42.6% of the gross receipts. They are required to post a performance bond of \$8,000.00. It provides that in the event that more than 10% of the carts are not in operation, each cart will carry a 10% penalty to the contract.

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Mr. Frazer explained that this firm has been the only successful operator that the City has had. Last year they paid the City for Willow Springs \$12,903.00, for Olmos Basin \$14,070.00 and at Brackenridge Golf Course \$5,000.00 for part of the year under a new contract. They feel the City will get \$45,000.00 per year under this contract.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,971

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
AMENDING AND EXTENDING FOR A FIVE YEAR
PERIOD THE FOOD AND DRINK CONCESSION
AT THE BRACKENRIDGE GOLF COURSE
CLUBHOUSE CURRENTLY HELD BY JOYCE OWEN.

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Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that this was a contract for a five year period for the operation of the food and drink concession at the Brackenridge Golf Course Clubhouse. There will be no sale of beer. Mrs. Owen took the concession on a one year contract at a flat fee of \$75.00 per month. She has done an outstanding job and everyone is pleased with the operation. The new contract is based on 10% of the gross revenue to be paid the City. It is estimated the City will receive \$3,500.00 per year. He recommended the passage of the Ordinance.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,972

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$100,000.00
TO THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY, BEING
THE CITY'S SHARE OF RECONSTRUCTION COSTS
OF ESPADA DAM IN CONNECTION WITH FLOOD
CONTROL WORK.

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City Manager Henckel explained that this provides for early payment to the River Authority. This releases the City from the obligation it had to contribute funds for the Berg's Mill bridge. This payment completes the transaction.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by City Manager Henckel and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,973

MANIFESTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OPERATION OF AN ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 1969 TO AUGUST 1, 1969.

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69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief. After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,974

APPROPRIATING \$44,930.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS, 1961, FUND #479-19 FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY PERTAINING TO U.S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; \$11,350.00 TO J. J. AND MARIA MACIEL, LOTS 24 AND 25, BLOCK 3, NCB 11967; \$12,080.00 TO SAN ANTONIO LODGE #216 B.P.O. ELKS, LOT 54, BLOCK 7, NCB 11971; AND \$21,500.00 TO RUTH AND J. D. AARON, LOTS 48, 49 AND 50, BLOCK 7, NCB 11971.

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69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and after consideration on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Hill, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,975

AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 422.5 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND TO W. B. MARTIN, JR., FOR FARMING AND GRAZING PURPOSES FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1,267.50.

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69-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,976

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT TO RENDER CERTAIN SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHING A MAJOR HEALTH FACILITY IN THE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD AREA.

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Mr. Roy Montez, Model Cities Administrator, explained that this was a contract whereby AACOG will furnish all services necessary to compile a detailed plan of operation for establishing a comprehensive health service for residents of the Model Neighborhood area. The planning is to be completed no later than July of 1970. The City's cost is \$13,050.00. This represents one-fourth of the cost. The other 75% comes from a grant from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Councilman Torres spoke against the Ordinance. He felt that it was a duplication of services and questioned why the Metropolitan Health District or the Hospital District could not do this job. He was concerned with AACOG's becoming an action agency and eventually becoming another taxing entity.

Mrs. Cockrell, the City Council representative to AACOG, explained that this organization has been designated as the agency to do the health planning for the entire San Antonio area. There is representation from the Health District. Dr. Ross is a member of AACOG and he will be called on, as well as the Hospital District and other health agencies, to help in the project.

Mr. Bob Jamison, Executive Director of AACOG, explained the representation on the committee and recommended adoption of the Ordinance.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Mr. Hill, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: Torres; ABSENT: None.

69-44 The following Ordinance was explained by Mr. Ed Koplak, Youth Opportunity Director, and after consideration on motion of Dr. Nielsen, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,977

ACCEPTING A FEDERAL GRANT OF FUNDS IN THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FOR THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, SUMMER 1969, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER TITLE II, PART B OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ACT AS AMENDED: EVIDENCING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF SAN ANTONIO TO ADMINISTER AND OPERATE THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: ESTABLISHING TRUST FUND NO. 743 TO PROVIDE FOR ACCOUNTING TRANSACTIONS FOR SAID PROGRAM, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID PROGRAM.

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69-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,978

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 670 WITH ALCOR AVIATION, INC., LESSEE.

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Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained that this was a twenty year lease beginning October 1, 1969. He explained that this firm presently employs 200 persons and will add 50 to 75 new employees to the operation upon completion of their expansion.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Torres, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,979

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FLEETWAY AIRLINES, INC. TO CANCEL SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 30-6 EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 1969.

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Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained that this firm has been absorbed by Texstar Aviation. The space leased is 120 square feet in the baggage wing which they used for a ticket counter. All obligations of this lease have been taken over by Texstar Aviation.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,980

EXERCISING THE CITY'S OPTION TO RENEW FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH DON'S AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS: SAID RENEWAL SHALL COMMENCE DECEMBER 1, 1969 AND TERMINATE NOVEMBER 30, 1970.

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City Manager Henckel explained that the City has a one year option to renew the contract under the same terms and recommended passage of the Ordinance.

Mayor McAllister advised that the Council had received a letter from the Bexar County Medical Society recommending that the Council insert in the contract that all electrical or electronic sound devices on ambulances be eliminated since they tend to cause the same bad effects as sirens.

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The matter was discussed and after consideration Mr. Burke made a motion that the Ordinance be adopted and that the contractor be subject to any new ordinance that the Council may pass in the future.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

The letter from the Bexar County Medical Society was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report back to the Council, with recommendations.

69-44 The City Manager explained the following Ordinance and after consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,981

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER: AUTHORIZING SEVEN (7) SUCH POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE TRANSFER OF \$25,740.00 FROM OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET.

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69-44 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 37,982

AMENDING ORDINANCE #36248 THAT AUTHORIZED THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE IN LA VILLITA BY INCLUDING THE McALLISTER BUILDING AND LA CASITA BUILDING AS BEING AVAILABLE FOR LEASE.

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Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the McAllister Building was formerly occupied by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at \$600.00 per month. They are partitioning the building and rooms will be leased out for arts and crafts. The rooms will not be rented for simple office space.

After consideration on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

DR. CALDERON: At this time I would like to renew and reopen the subject on Turnkey III. Two weeks ago, I failed in an attempt to have the Housing Authority terminate its Turnkey III projects. At this time I would like to make a second attempt. Accordingly, I would again make a motion that we ask the San Antonio Housing Authority to terminate all Turnkey III Projects and further that the Mayor reactivate the Mayor's Housing Advisory Committee for the purpose of conferring with the Housing Authority to study other avenues for developing the remaining units authorized under the 1967 cooperation agreement.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Any discussion.

MRS. LILA COCKRELL: Second.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I have a question. Isn't this superfluous to the action that we did take two weeks ago. In view of the fact, or as a practical matter, what are you accomplishing. The Housing Authority is going to base their action on final contracts anyway. I suspected the reason we took our action two weeks ago was for the specific purpose of waiting to get the answers and explore other possibilities. I believe on page 17, in explaining the motion, Mrs. Cockrell stated that the negotiations proceed but the contract not be signed until the Council has had a further opportunity to act. And further on page 18, the specific motion appears to want the final action held until the Council has all the information. At that time there was a discussion. I commented on the restricted and stringent HUD requirements. There are still some legal inhibitions which the practical effect of having other avenues open to us is not, I don't think, properly consented. I think the motion would be and is out of order.

DR. CALDERON: Of course, notwithstanding the action of the Council two weeks ago, I still elect to make this motion. In other words, if the Council chooses to again vote it down, that is fine. But I am still electing to restate my motion that in hopes this two weeks of time will be sufficient in view of all the information we have got and further reflection on this matter. This is just an attempt on my part to have this Council do what I feel is the proper thing to do.

MR. TREVINO: Did you say to reactivate the Housing Committee? It does not say that either the Housing Authority or this Committee can come back to the Council with recommendations, possibly something in its place, not to be called Turnkey III, and do a better job. Is this what you are saying?

DR. CALDERON: Obviously, my motion certainly indicates that the Committee would report back to us.

MR. TREVINO: What I am asking is, does this mean that Turnkey III would be out completely?

DR. CALDERON: Exactly.

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MR. TORRES: I think you are jockeying for a favorable political position here in view of the fact you are saying we are going to take an action which has already been taken two weeks ago. You are saying we are going to refer this matter back to the Mayor's Committee on Housing.

MAYOR McALLISTER: That's not what he said. He said to reactivate the Mayor's Committee to discuss other avenues and to discuss the use of the remaining two thousand authorized houses.

MR. TORRES: Of course what got us in trouble in the first place, when the thing came to us, Mr. Mayor, was the recommendation of Mr. Bob Jones, who was Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Housing. What we are doing is compounding the problem if not the agony that we have gone through in the last two or three weeks in trying to come up with a solution to the problem. Of course I have expressed reservations as much as the other Council members have. But this thing came to us on May 29 when you endorsed the San Antonio Housing Authority. It was given to us as our responsibility subsequently here last month after we met with the Housing Authority. The matter originally came on May 29 by Mr. Jones, the Chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Housing. I think the responsibility is ours now to seek alternatives to housing problems and to seek alternatives to the fiasco by which we are confronted. We have referred this matter to a number of committees, we have met with the Housing Authority. I don't see what we are going to accomplish by repeatedly saying that we are first take action, then say we took that action out of ignorance, as it was intimated at the Council meeting we had at the Convention Center, then turn around and do away with the action we took May 29, until we have those alternatives available to us or until we have discussed those alternatives. We have not done that.

DR. NIELSEN: I cannot see, Dr. Calderon, where in any way your motion resolves any of the basic conflict that exists apparently in this community. All we are doing is, based on public feeling, reacting. I think the Council should certainly get together, the Mayor's committee on Housing and the Housing Authority and some of those who are most opposed and very quietly and rather restrained public discussion, not any huge group, but certainly open to the public and sit down and discuss this matter and bring those people very specifically up to date. I don't think any of them has seen any of this material and I don't see how we can vote this morning. We just a few minutes ago got the statement from Mr. Walker which I would like to review and spend some time at. I just can't see your motion as anything other than a reaction.

DR. CALDERON: My motion does not end discussion insofar as the housing issues are concerned. We must look to other alternatives. I think this question of Turnkey III has been discussed and overdiscussed enough to where I have reached my conclusion regarding this alternative.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, I haven't.

MR. TORRES: I thought you reached a conclusion May 29, when you voted on this thing. Are you saying now that you voted out of ignorance at that time? Is that what you are saying?

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DR. CALDERON: What I am saying, he has mentioned this point about ignorance and very maliciously, in that respect...

MR. TORRES: I am being very frank...

DR. CALDERON: I know you are...

MAYOR McALLISTER: Would you please address the Chair. Proceed Dr. Calderon.

DR. CALDERON: At the time the Council acted on this ordinance in May of this year, I must be frank to say that I had mixed feelings, mixed emotions, at that time. My feelings got the best of me. Since that time, looking and meditating and certainly soul searching on this whole concept, on this whole matter as to the philosophy of Turnkey III, it is my sincere feeling that this is not the solution. It is my feeling that a house does not make the person. The person makes the home. You can change the exterior of a person, but you can never change the interior. The change must come from within. Now, this community must face up to the fact that if we are to accomplish a task of rehabilitating people, we need to look toward motivation and orientation of these people. Once they are motivated, once they are reorientated, they can enter conventional society on their own two feet. This is my feeling.

DR. NEILSEN: That's all beautiful, Dr. Calderon, but those are some somewhat reductionistic arguments that do not in fact aid an individual in an inhibited society to deal head-on with the issues that confront us, San Antonio, the City and everyone of those citizens, both those for and against. To retreat, and that's what this is, in the face of a basic reactionary upsurge of feeling is not going to move this city into the Twentieth Century and I want to say that over and over again.

MR. TREVINO: Let me say this. I have attended many meetings in the past couple of months that have to do with Turnkey III and I have heard expressions for, by public officials, by social workers, by clergymen and by people possibly connected with builders and by one or two civic organizations. But I haven't heard a mass expression of the people that might be eligible that are for it. The reason, I feel, is because some of the statements that are being made have done a job of overselling. Telling the people, you are poor, you are uneducated and you need this type of help. I think the people that would be eligible are beginning to resent this. They don't like to be branded. They would like to get away from the stigma of being poor, being isolated and put in a showcase. I certainly for one, feel that all the people eligible would much rather have a loan and they themselves should purchase their homes where ever they themselves think they could afford it. I think this would be a better solution than going out and telling someone you were selected and you are going to be in that showcase.

DR. NIELSEN: Nobody was telling them, they have an opportunity to apply.

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MR. TREVINO: I haven't heard an expression of the people, and I live in an area where there would be a lot of people eligible, and I haven't heard one of them come over and say, 'I'm for it'.

DR. NIELSEN: I personally have heard a lot of people who say they are eligible for it, say they would like it.

REV. JAMES: My point of concern is still as it was two weeks ago. Basically, in the present form of the proposal, I still think they are too high. My point of concern is perhaps semantics or intent, but I would be for the rejection of the present price level. I would be for the inclusion, in Dr. Calderon's motion, that in consideration of other alternatives that we still pursue the matter of negotiating this price down. I think if we can get the price down as far as these programs are concerned, I think we will have a much more acceptable position and then consider all the alternatives along with the idea of a more acceptable presentation of Turnkey III with a downward revision of the price.

MR. TORRES: I couldn't agree with Rev. James more. Of course I agree with you too, Mr. Trevino. I don't think really anyone has said that we are going to accept the program under its present concept, as it is presently constituted, lock, stock, and barrel, or in toto. I think that all of us have expressed reservations on the existing proposal, but the point is that we moved two weeks ago to abate the action and instruct the Housing Authority to abate action because there were some legal inhibitions that had been presented. We still haven't obtained a clear, concise answer as to an alternative to those legal inhibitions. I think we are still confronted with a problem of providing housing needs in this community. I think that Dr. Calderon's action would effectively refuse to deal with the problem of housing needs which we have in our community. I don't think there is anyone who was as prompt in initiating the questions as I was on the matter. I just hesitate, Dr. Calderon, in taking the arbitrary action that you are seeking to initiate here because I think this will effectively kill this thing without really seeking a real solution. As I said, we originated this project May 29, and the Mayor's Committee on Housing and the Housing Authority appeared before the Council and at that time it was unanimous. I don't think any of us can negate the facts that there was a clear comprehension of what we were getting involved in and the effort being made to provide the housing needs of our community and to join in the national effort of Secretary Romney's 'Operation Break Through' to provide housing in our community and in the nation. I expressed reservations at that time over the methodology of the program's operation with the hope that we could combine Turnkey III resources with the Model Cities effort in our community. As you recall, I indicated then that a Model Cities study indicated that 92% of the housing needing rehabilitation in all of San Antonio was confined in the Model Cities area. I had hoped that we could have confined 92% of Turnkey III and that was rejected. I went along with the Council in that. I had very dear hopes, when Mrs. Cockrell made her recommendation of three or four weeks ago, that we could come up with at least a pilot or a part of a pilot project and this was a recommendation, or one of the alternates which you offered to the Council.

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Mr. Torres...continued...

And yet I think the action we are taking this morning negates going into any of those alternates at this time. As a matter of fact last Thursday, when you appeared with Miss Buchanan on her program on Channel 4, Mr. Mayor, I believe that you referred to a pilot project. Be that as it may, at the Special Meeting of the Council on Sept. 22, I raised the question of the high costs which Rev. James has joined me in doing. Due to restrictive HUD requirements and specifically the application of commercial construction standards to residential housing as well as the national uniformity under the federal law of cost allowances at \$2400 per room. I tried to show in particular that there would have to be some changes made in the HUD requirements. I don't think we are even considering going to our federal officials and asking what changes can be made.

This is why I think the action is premature. The action that Dr. Calderon suggests. I state again too that I didn't think we are justified in eliminating the program but that we should seek to amend the HUD specifications. We should amend the authority we gave to the Housing Authority to restrict final approval of a project until it was presented to the City Council on a project by project basis. We began to take that action two weeks ago and yet we have not had a presentation on a project by project basis come to us. I felt this was the effect of the action we took two weeks ago and that is on page 17 and 18 of the Council minutes which I read which was Mrs. Cockrell's comments explaining that motion. The legal inhibitions cited by Mr. Walker are substantial and I think his comments are the only new light we have had on the subject in the last few weeks. But if I understand his opinion, Mr. Mayor, here on page 7, the door is still open for at least a modified housing proposal and I emphasize this because I do not think we can shut our eyes and stick our heads in the sand and say the housing needs are not there, even if we have reservations to the existing proposal. But before the Council takes any action to eliminate the program, and I think it is essential what we are doing, I think we ought to go further to determine from our federal officials can the HUD requirements be modified to reduce the cost and secondly, recognizing there are continuing housing needs in our community, what alternatives are available to meet these housing needs. I think therefore that any action to eliminate the program would be strictly a political solution to the problem and would be premature until we make the determination we cited.

I am going to make a motion at this time that we table Dr. Calderon's motion.

DR. NIELSEN: I second the motion.

MR. HILL: Mr. Mayor, could Dr. Calderon restate his motion?

DR. CALDERON: It's not debatable.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Call the roll on the motion.

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AYES: Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; ABSENT: None.

MAYOR McALLISTER: The motion fails.

MRS. COCKRELL: Mr. Mayor, I would like to speak in favor of Dr. Calderon's motion. Last spring, along with all the other members of the Council, I voted to approve authorization for the planning of the additional units allocated to the Housing Authority by the San Antonio City Council. Since that time we have seen the implementation of this planning. We've all had ample time to review the implementation and further review the intent and the provision of this Turnkey III project. While I certainly concur with the basic need for more planning, for more housing in San Antonio, and while I still support the basic authorization of the 2,000 additional units, I no longer feel the Turnkey III proposal for San Antonio represents the best approach for providing housing for low income families. In particular, in San Antonio, unfortunately we have approximately 25% of our population, I am told, although I will certainly try to substantiate these figures by further research, lies in the bracket of \$3,000 and below in total family income. It seems to me that in directing our priorities that our first priority should be making any federal funds that are available to our community for the purpose of housing available for housing those in the greatest need which would be those in this income bracket below \$3,000. This particular housing program is directed to the housing needs of those in the \$3,000 to \$6,000 bracket. So this is one of the strongest points I think in consideration of approval of this motion which would then permit these units to be redirected to another program which would be truly for the housing needs of the lowest income families in San Antonio. Therefore, I support the motion.

MR. HILL: I want to state that my position is basically just what Mrs. Cockrell said and my questions are in reviewing the program I feel we can provide better housing for more people, in particular in the lower income bracket. This is why I support the termination of Turnkey III.

REV. JAMES: I just want to make this statement. Basically, I can support Dr. Calderon's motion if we simply leave open the door if we can have further consideration on the revised price for Turnkey III, downward. My point is that we not just absolutely shut the door for any other consideration, that we just leave a crack for further consideration.

MR. TORRES: Well, this was the idea of the motion to table Dr. Calderon's motion. This is the action we took two weeks ago.

REV. JAMES: No, I don't go along with tabling it. Basically, the way it is now, the basic form, the prices that have come in on this proposal, I think they are too high. I think there needs to be further study of the program and further study says that perhaps these prices can be revised down. If they cannot be revised downward, if the developer is no longer interested in revising them downward, that is a horse of a different color altogether. My point is to just keep the door open for further consideration.

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MR. TORRES: Well this was the idea of the action we took two weeks ago in putting off the matter and the authority that the Housing Authority had in asking that any action or contractual agreements be abated until such time that they did come before the Council. We have got to remember that this whole thing came up on the recommendation of this Mayor's Advisory Committee on Housing. Here it is, you were the sponsor's of this thing, and you Mr. Mayor, your committee was the sponsor of this thing, and it would seem to me that if you sponsored it you would be seeking to resolve the dilemma that we are in.

REV. JAMES: My point, Mr. Torres, is this. They have had a first round of negotiations on revising these prices down. The first round of negotiations reads \$15,236.00, \$15,902.00, \$16,335.00, \$17,975.00. These were the proposals from the four developers. It is my understanding that as late as 11:00 o'clock last night that the developers are anxious to have a second round of negotiation.

DR. NIELSEN: We won't have a second round though if you pass this motion. You are just staying with Turnkey III.

REV. JAMES: This is my point, this is exactly my point. They are anxious to have a second round of negotiations to get these prices down. They say they can get them down. It was their understanding that a second round would be possible. Now, we all know that profit is the basic motive in our society and perhaps they are not to be faulted for turning in this proposal the first time. But they say that if they have a second shot at it they can get these prices down.

DR. NIELSEN: Well let's give them the opportunity.

MR. TORRES: Well, if you remember your Shakespeare, Sam, Laertes said to Polonius: 'To thine own self be true and as night follows day thou canst not be false to another.' I think you are demagoging.

REV. JAMES: No, I'm not demagoging.

MR. HILL: Rev. James, how optimistic are you as to how much further they are going to reduce the prices on this?

DR. NIELSEN: We don't know until we try.

REV. JAMES: I'm saying give them a chance. If they don't reduce the prices we have a chance to react to that. If they do reduce them we have a chance to react to that.

MR. TREVINO: We have the need of the citizens to look after, not the need of the builder, Rev. James.

REV. JAMES: I think they go hand in hand.

DR. CALDERON: Mr. Mayor, I am not willing to accept Rev. James' amendment. My motion still stands.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Will you please restate your motion.

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DR. CALDERON: I make a motion that we ask the Housing Authority to terminate all Turnkey III projects and further that the Mayor re-activate the Mayor's Housing Advisory Committee for the purpose of conferring with the Housing Authority to study other avenues for developing the remaining units authorized under the 1967 cooperation agreement.

MR. TORRES: I would like to offer a substitute, Mr. Mayor, that the City Attorney investigate the secret meeting that was held by the Housing Authority earlier this week to determine what action can be taken. What is the criminal sanctions under that particular statute Howard?

MAYOR McALLISTER: The Housing Authority meeting with the contractors to discuss the question of the changing of the specifications and these bids, these revised bids, members of the Council, I can say to you, have come because of reduction of the specifications as originally demanded by the Housing Authority.

MR. TORRES: Did they undertake, Mr. Mayor, the discussion of the purchase of land or did the land already belong to the developers which was included in the proposals that were made?

MAYOR McALLISTER: In their original proposal they invited all kinds of proposals and they received all kinds of proposals. Some of this land here is not owned by the developers and is optioned by them. In one particular instance, I believe the land is owned by the developer.

DR. NIELSEN: There is nothing wrong with that.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Not a thing.

DR. NIELSEN: Now, what was your substitute motion again, Pete?

MR. TORRES: I withdraw the substitute.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Alright, no further questions? Call the roll.

DR. NIELSEN: May I ask one further question? I know Dr. Calderon doesn't feel that home ownership is an incentive. May I just ask each Council member if they feel home ownership is a valid incentive in San Antonio, today? I'd like very much to do so, for the record.

MAYOR McALLISTER: I don't think there is any question but that all of us agree.

DR. NIELSEN: Well, I've heard Dr. Calderon say time and time again he doesn't really feel it is a valid incentive. Is that correct? Mr. Burke, do you feel home ownership is a valid incentive in the lives of people in San Antonio?

MR. BURKE: I've always thought so.

DR. NIELSEN: Mr. James?

REV. JAMES: I agree.

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DR. NIELSEN: Mrs. Cockrell?

MRS. COCKRELL: I agree, but it is a question of priorities.

DR. NIELSEN: Do you agree Mr. Hill?

MR. HILL: Basically, yes.

DR. NIELSEN: Mr. Torres?

MR. TORRES: Oh by all means, Dr. Nielsen. I agree with you most of the time.

MAYOR McALLISTER: No further discussion, call the roll.

AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, Cockrell, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: James, Nielsen; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: None.

MR. TORRES: I abstain, Mr. Mayor, because I think this entire matter has degenerated into a three ring circus, in which I don't usually participate.

REV. JAMES: On the basis that this motion will preclude any other consideration of Turnkey III and that it precludes the downward revisal of these proposals, which is my main concern, I will have to vote against the motion.

MAYOR McALLISTER: The motion prevails.

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REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Councilman Torres discussed the valuation of property in the vicinity of Ruiz and General McMullen Drive on which there is an offer to purchase for \$134,000.00 but which is on the tax rolls for \$20,000.00.

City Manager Henckel advised this property is being reappraised. He agreed there are many properties that are lower than they should be and every one that is brought to their attention is reassessed. He stated it was impractical to have a reappraisal of the city every year.

Mr. Carl White, Assistant Director of Finance, advised that the last city-wide reappraisal was in 1953, which was done by an outside professional firm and established the values being used today. There are 20 real property appraisers and 10 personal property appraisers.

Mr. Torres felt that they are not doing the job with present personnel. The City should hire additional appraisers. This would encourage development of vacant land in addition to getting more tax money.

Mayor McAllister asked the City Manager to investigate the cost of having a professional firm do a complete reappraisal of property.

Mrs. Cockrell suggested that the Manager find out if Bexar County could participate in the cost.

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HEMISFAIR PLAZA--SYMPHONY CONCERT

City Manager Henckel advised that the San Antonio Symphony is staging free concerts in various parts of the City. One is to be at HemisFair Plaza on Saturday, October 18, 1969 at 7:30 p.m. They have asked that the entrance fee to HemisFair Plaza be waived for this event.

On motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Hill, the entrance fee to HemisFair Plaza was authorized to be waived for the free concert to be given by the San Antonio Symphony on Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Bill Kinman of Leon Valley stated that 3 or 4 years ago the City of San Antonio annexed Rolling Ridge Subdivision and left out Evers Road and Pat Neff Junior High School. The city limits of Leon Valley go to the south side of Evers Road. This leaves the road in the county. He asked that the City of San Antonio annex Pat Neff Junior High School and the strip of Evers Road adjacent to the school for the purpose of giving police protection.

City Manager Henckel recommended that the City of San Antonio annex the road and the school.

Mayor Kinman then stated that Leon Valley's extraterritorial jurisdiction goes to the rear of John Marshall High School. Eckert Road is in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of San Antonio. There is a problem in policing Eckert Road. He asked that San Antonio release its extraterritorial jurisdiction over Eckert Road so that Leon Valley may annex the road, the high school and John Robles Estates Subdivision.

City Manager Henckel opposed this and recommended that the City of San Antonio annex the road and the high school. Planning Director Steve Taylor presented a proposed plan, known as SA, for annexation of property which would include Eckert Road and John Marshall High School.

Mayor Kinman asked that as long as San Antonio was annexing Eckert Road, it be taken all the way to the Bandera Road. This was agreeable to the City Manager.

After consideration the City Manager was instructed to prepare the necessary ordinances to effect the annexation.

URSULINE ACADEMY PROPERTY, DEL ALAMO PLAN

Mrs. Brooks Martin, President of the San Antonio Conservation Society, made a presentation to the City Council requesting that Ursuline Academy be included as a part and parcel of the Del Alamo Urban Renewal Project for the rehabilitation of the City.

The City Manager was asked to discuss the matter with the Urban Renewal Agency and then make a report to the Council.

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ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Hamilton Savage, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Zoological Society, made a presentation to the Council on operation of the Zoo and the financial problems they are having due to lack of attendance and increase in salaries given employees. He asked for additional support from the City to avoid having a deficit operation.

The matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report to the Council.

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TURNKEY III

Mr. Wesley L. Fisher, 6823 Blue Ash Drive, thanked the Council for terminating the Turnkey III Project and hoped they will work out other suitable plans for the funds allocated for that purpose.

Mr. Prince Morgan, 123 Camacho Walk, from the Federation of Neighborhood Councils advised the Council of his disappointment in the action taken to terminate Turnkey III.

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PETITION OF REVERENC C. C. HOUSTON, 1607 BRENDELL STREET

Reverend Houston, representing the West San Antonio Heights area, presented a petition complaining that a subdivision being developed is building homes in such a manner that the back entrance faces the integrated area already developed. He asserted that the Planning Commission made a mistake in platting the property.

He also advised that Negroes have applied to purchase homes and have been denied this privilege. This matter was referred to the Community Relations Commission.

Reverend Houston also suggested that the Council appoint a committee to study the health conditions of leading grocery stores. He was asked to submit the names of any establishments he considered to be unsanitary to the City Manager for investigation.

Reverend Houston also was disturbed about appointments to boards. He felt that although Negroes are on boards, they should have equal representation, not just representation.

He concluded by stating that the City is growing and progressing very fast and felt the City Charter needs to be amended.

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PETITION OF LAKE VIEW GARDENS CIVIC COUNCIL AND
TAX PAYERS LEAGUE

Mr. Ramon Rodriguez, 603 S.W. 39th Street, Chairman of the Lake View Gardens Civic Council and Tax Payers' League, presented a petition to the City Council requesting better drainage for the area, that streets be repaired with correct drainage, curbs and sidewalks. The petition was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report.

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BOND ISSUE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Councilman Nielsen asked about the status of the bond program and urged the Council to get behind it as he felt there was public support for it.

Councilman Torres stated that people from the Columbia Heights area and many other areas have been asking for improvements and the only way to do it is through a bond issue. He asked the Mayor what his thinking was as to a date for having such an election, and the need for appointing a citizens' committee to work up a capital improvements program.

Councilman Trevino stated that there have been several neighborhood meetings in relation to the petition submitted by Mr. Rodriguez. A large number of citizens know and understand that the improvements will cost money, but they are tired of living under such conditions. He too felt citizens are more aware of the problems and what it takes to solve them. Even though the bond market is not the best at this time, he favored going along with a bond issue.

Mayor McAllister stated that a good time to have a bond election would be around the 15th of January, 1970. He suggested that every member of the Council prepare a list of names, not too large, for appointment of a committee to organize a campaign for the purpose of promoting a capital improvements bond issue.

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Mr. Jose Freire, Chairman of the Citizens' Participation and Policy Committee of Model Cities, made a presentation on four proposals. Three of the proposals were sent back for correction and this has been done. The fourth is a new proposal which has a lot of merit. The new proposal is the Friends' Special School. One is for parks and two are for crime reduction projects. He asked the Council to take action on them today.

After a lengthy consideration the Council advised that they will consider the project at the meeting of October 16. A copy of the petition letter is filed with the papers of this meeting.

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