

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
 OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
 THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT CITY HALL ON  
 THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1969 AT 8:30 A.M.

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

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69-47 The invocation was given by Reverend C. Don Baugh, Council of Churches.

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 The minutes of October 9 and 16, 1969 Council Meetings were approved.

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69-47 Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained the following ordinances which were read by the Clerk. After consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,001

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF MOORE BUSINESS FORMS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MUNICIPAL COURT WITH CERTAIN MOVING VIOLATION TICKETS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,498.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,002

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SARGENT-WELCH SCIENTIFIC COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT WITH ONE MICROSCOPE FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,792.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,003

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF BARBERA SPORTING GOODS COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION WITH FOUR OUTBOARD MOTORS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,162.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,004

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF DON WITTIG OFFICE FURNITURE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH SIX CARD FILE CABINETS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,110.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,005

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ALAMO FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN EMERGENCY WARNING LIGHTS AND SKIRTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,220.00.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,006

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ROYAL LUMBER & HARDWARE TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH CERTAIN CREOSOTED ROUGH LUMBER FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,961.70.

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Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that three bids were received for two items of lumber. One item was for rough lumber to be used in a pedestrian bridge. The second item was lumber for a vehicular bridge which called for a different type of rough lumber.

Prassel Lumber Company met specifications on Item One but not on Item Two. They qualified their bid on an all or none basis. Mission Hardware Lumber Company bid on Item One but not on Item Two. They also bid on an all or none basis and their bid was considered incomplete.

He recommended the low qualified bid of Royal Lumber & Hardware Company be accepted.

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

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69-47 Purchasing Agent John Brooks explained the following ordinance which was read by the Clerk. On motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Hill, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,007

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS AS LISTED BELOW TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$61,656.00.  
General Electric Co. - \$12,145.00  
Items # 1 & 5 - net  
Motorola Communications and Electronics  
Item #2 - net - 30 days - \$35,347.00  
R.C.A. Corporation - \$11,674.00  
Items # 3 & 4 - net - 30 days  
Vision Electronics Inc. - \$2,490.00  
Item #6 - 2% - 30 days.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,008

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE CERTAIN MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS FROM KAAR ELECTRONICS CORP. FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,297.00.

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Purchasing Agent John Brooks explained that this is two-way communication equipment for the Airport. It will contain airlines and tower type frequencies. They also have requested that the receivers carry local frequencies such as the Police Department. Because of the requirements this is a single source item and recommended that the equipment be purchased from Kaar Electronics Corporation. The equipment will be put in five airport vehicles.

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, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,009

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH HALLMARK  
AVIATION, INC. TO AMEND STINSON MUNICIPAL  
AIRPORT LEASE NUMBER 410.

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Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained that this agreement allows one insurance policy to cover three leases which Hallmark Aviation has.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,010

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEE  
HOWARD COMPANY, LESSEE, TO EXTEND SAN  
ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO.  
7-A FOR 2 MONTHS.

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Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, explained that the Dee Howard Company is building new facilities at another location to replace those which they now occupy. The lease is being extended with the provision that they vacate the premises by December 31, 1969.

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

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Councilman Hill congratulated Aviation Director Thomas Raffety on his new job.

City Manager Henckel announced that the City has again received recognition. Tom Raffety has been elected President of the International Board of Directors of the Airport Operators Council International, the highest position in his profession.

Mr. Raffety responded by saying this is a membership of the City and is recognition of the International status of San Antonio.

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Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting, and in the absence of the Mayor Pro-Tem, Dr. Herbert Calderon was designated to preside as Acting Mayor.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,011

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 2343 DAKOTA 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, stated that these premises contain two vacant one-story wooden structures in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. The owner of the premises, Lydia Belle La Rue, was notified by certified mail of the hearing this morning. He recommended the nuisance be abated under the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative were present at the hearing.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,012

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 729 S. GENERAL MCMULLEN 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 explained that this is a vacant one-story structure in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. The owner of the premises, Martimiano Rocha, was notified of the hearing today by certified mail. He recommended the nuisance be abated under the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative were present at the hearing.

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

69-47 The Clerk read the following ordinance which was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and on motion of Mr. Torres, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Cockrell.

AN ORDINANCE 38,013

APPROPRIATING FROM VARIOUS FUNDS CERTAIN SUMS IN THE TOTAL SUM OF \$272.50 IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U. S. 281 NORTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECT AND SALADO CREEK OUTFALL SEWER LINE.

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69-47 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 38,014

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF HOBBS DEMOLISHING, INC. FOR DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS LOCATED IN HEMISFAIR AREA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$2,887.00 TO SAID CONTRACTOR.

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Mr. C. W. McKennon, Assistant Director of Public Works, explained that the job is for the demolition of five buildings and the open air area in HemisFair Plaza known as Project Y.

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Hobbs Demolishing, Inc. is an Austin firm and they have received good reports as to their reliability as demolishing contractors. The buildings to be demolished were of temporary construction. The City has stripped the buildings of all useable items and there is only the shell left to be demolished. The City does not have the staff to do this work. The City's estimate for this job is \$7,000.00.

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

Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

69-47 Mayor McAllister informed the Council that Mr. Robert Van Dyke, General Manager of the City Water Board has been recognized by his profession and the Water Board has again been named the winner of the Annual Advancement Awards Contest sponsored by the American Water Works Association. He stated it is always a satisfaction when the City's utilities are recognized by like utilities throughout the United States.

69-47                    MAYOR'S HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor McAllister asked the City Clerk to reactivate the Mayor's Housing Advisory Committee. He is to contact Mr. Bob Jones, Chairman and Mr. Dick Jones, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, and arrange for a meeting to discuss common housing problems.

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69-47 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance which would authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 to the Police Department budget in order to provide funds for increased costs pertaining to housing of city prisoners in the Bexar County Jail.

Mr. Douthit explained that the City had agreed by contract to pay the same daily rate as the Federal Government and, since the Government has agreed to an increase to \$4.50 per day, the City is also obligated to agree to the same rate. The transfer of \$100,000.00 in the budget is the estimated amount necessary for the remainder of this year.

Mr. Burke moved that the ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. James.

A question was raised by Dr. Nielsen regarding changes being made in the jail operation and what the additional money would be used for. He also asked if the matter of library service or counseling had been acted on at the jail as discussed by the Council recently. There was no one present to answer such questions.

Mr. Henckel stated that midnight is the start of a new day. If a prisoner is booked, say, at 11:00 p.m. and released at 8:00 a.m. the City is obliged to pay two full days. This matter is being discussed with the Sheriff and will be worked out administratively.

The Council felt that there were so many unanswered questions that action on this ordinance should be delayed for a week. Mr. Burke was in agreement and withdrew his motion.

69-47      NORTH EXPRESSWAY ROUTE

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I have something in the way of a question, Mr. Mayor. There was an item in yesterday's newspaper referring to a letter which the Mayor received concerning the North Expressway on August 15. This letter was dated August 15, addressed to the Mayor and it's from John A. Volpe. I'm sure you're familiar with the letter, in which Mr. Volpe says, "I have asked Frank Turner, Federal Highway Administrator and J. D. Brayman, Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems, to develop such a proposal, that is, the proposal of using the highway route through Devine Road" and he comments, "They believe that the route generally following Devine Road through a narrow portion of the City of Olmos Park and under the Stadium parking lot would result in a minimum amount of damage to the entire park and recreation area." I mention this to the Mayor because the last time we discussed this situation and I brought this up during one of the September meetings, I mentioned to the Mayor that in view of the visit of the Secretary of Transportation, or better yet, of

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Mr. Mason in late August, that the possibility of this Devine Road route had been discussed, and it is for this reason, Mr. Mayor, I of course feel that the Mayor should have brought up this letter and this information that you had received from Mr. Volpe. I haven't heard the Mayor discuss this particular letter or Mr. Volpe's feelings on the situation. My understanding has always been that Mr. Volpe was going to come through with a decision and yet you have conducted your private meetings with Mr. Volpe and not passed any information along in a public council meeting, and certainly I think it is a shame that this matter had to appear in yesterday's newspapers resulting from a letter dated August 15--

MAYOR McALLISTER: August 6th.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, the letter I have, Mr. Mayor, is a copy of a letter from Mr. Volpe and that's dated August 15, Mr. Mayor, that's what I'm talking about. Mr. Mayor, we're all elected officials of the City, and I don't take my responsibilities lightly and I sure hope that the rest of the Council doesn't. I think that this entire matter should have been brought before the Council. Mr. Volpe's letter should have been made public and brought before the Council, as it were, even with the knowledge of Mr. Volpe's feelings on the thing. I think he went to a number of community groups asking that the North Expressway route, the present North Expressway route, be approved, and frankly, Mr. Mayor, I'd like an explanation of the situation. I'd like to know what the status is from the Mayor's point of view on the North Expressway situation.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Well, as none of the members of the City Council are engineers and qualified to pass upon the validity and the soundness of that proposal, I immediately referred it to the Highway Department in Austin. They've made their survey, they've made their answer to Mr. Volpe, and the proposal is entirely impractical from the point of view of a transportation route. Mr. Volpe's office knows that.

MR. TORRES: Well, Mr. Mayor, I wasn't elected to the City Council because I was an engineer, but I was elected because I certainly represent the people of this community and because I take information and let information be disseminated concerning matters that are of vital public interest. I think that you have maintained a reticence over the situation, I think that this whole affair has been cloaked with something of secrecy on your part, and I think, Mr. Mayor, that when there are matters that do affect the entire community, matters of which the Council should know, I think that these things should be brought out into the open. Mr. Mayor, I suggested a month ago that we should look at the possibility of an alternate route. You say that you referred the letter to the State Highway Engineers. This certainly was not done with the acquiescence of the Council. I don't think that you can continue to act unilaterally in this matter, Mr. Mayor. This has already embroiled us in difficulties

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for over the last six or seven or eight years because there have been unilateral actions on the part of a few in this community and I think that if we are going to reconcile the situation that the entire Council ought to play a role in it and the entire Council ought to be informed of exactly what is transpiring, Mr. Mayor. I think that the root of our difficulty in this matter is unilateral action, and I'm going to say, Mr. Mayor, that I think any further communications and conversations with Mr. Volpe should be done with the concurrence of the entire Council. I don't think that you can act as an individual in the situation. You certainly don't act as Mayor of San Antonio when you discuss these matters with Mr. Volpe of which the Council is not aware. The whole problem of the North Expressway route, at least for so long as I have been a member of the Council, has not been publicly brought before the City Council and the citizens of San Antonio, especially the recent developments concerning the North Expressway. I'm as interested in resolving the situation as you are, but there are situations and matters such as this letter that have transpired of which I have not had knowledge. If there are discussions concerning this problem that are developing, that are transpiring, I think that this is the place where they should transpire because this involves a vital public matter.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Excuse me just a moment. May I ask a question, Mr. Mayor? You said something had been forwarded from the Highway Department to the Secretary. Do you know specifically what it is, have you seen a copy of whatever their recommendation is, and first of all, is this a recommendation saying that it's impossible to do any kind of a parkway through Devine Road or are they just saying you can't do anything with Devine Road, or what, now? Because we need to know this. It seems to me it ought to be public information.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Oh, I think you're just getting a little excited about the proposition. In the first place, let me say to you that I don't consider myself competent to pass on the engineering feasibility of the proposal. I immediately submitted this to the Highway Department in Austin, Texas. They made a study of it. I haven't seen a reply, but I've been informed that they pointed out the utter impracticality of the proposal.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Of which, now?

MAYOR McALLISTER: And furthermore, all of the Devine Highway.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, now, is it an expressway?

MAYOR McALLISTER: I also say to you that the Highway Department made a formal request to the City of Olmos Park to run the expressway through Olmos Park. The City of Olmos Park very

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definitely said, "No soap, we don't want the highway through Olmos Park." Now you can't widen Devine Road with Olmos Park owning the property on both sides at one point without their consent.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Now was the request, I'm asking you again now, in terms of a parkway or an expressway? It is my understanding that the City of Olmos Park when it was approached was considering an expressway through Devine Road and that's where you take about 800 feet and all that sort of thing. If you're talking about a parkway that's a vastly different kind of an operation.

MAYOR McALLISTER: The Highway Department has stated that a parkway is entirely impractical to solve the transportation needs of San Antonio so far as the North Expressway is concerned.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But there may be other opinions to the counter, right?

MAYOR McALLISTER: What?

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: There could be other experienced and expert opinions to the counter.

MAYOR McALLISTER: I question it.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, we can all question it, but still it is possible that there are, right?

MAYOR McALLISTER, Oh, I don't think so, but then somebody can say that they've got a different opinion.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K., so it's what the Highway Department was recommending again was a parkway or an expressway, do you know?

MAYOR McALLISTER: They're in favor of an expressway through Olmos Park.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Who is, now? The Highway Department?

MAYOR McALLISTER: The Highway Department is perfectly agreeable.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: If Olmos Park is agreeable.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Yes.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But is the Highway Department agreeable to a parkway, do you know that or not?

MAYOR McALLISTER: A parkway is no good.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But are they agreeable to it, do you know?

MAYOR McALLISTER: It would be a waste of money to make a parkway.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: That still doesn't answer the question, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Well, I'll say to you, just go ahead and get the answer from the Highway Department.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, Mr. Mayor, you're the one who has had your private conversations with them. As I say, this is the source of the difficulties that we're embroiled in.

MAYOR McALLISTER: If it's the pleasure of the Council that every communication that I receive be read to the Council, I'll be glad to have it done.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, I would think that all the important ones, yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Mr. Mayor, just as an additional note, the Mayor says or mentioned to Dr. Nielsen that he's a little excited over this thing. I certainly think that we should be a little excited over something that has taken five or six years, when we are in need of a North Expressway, when there really has been a recalcitrance and a stubbornness on your part, among others, who have insisted we cannot run an expressway through the City of Olmos Park. If the Highway Department wanted an expressway through the City of San Antonio, and even if there are some citizens in the City of San Antonio who would not be agreeable, I can sure say to you that, and I'd be convinced that, they would build their highway even if they took condemnation, so I recognize that there are some affluent individuals along Devine Road who would not want an expressway through there, but what is good for San Antonio might be good for Olmos Park. They are going to benefit from this expressway, and I think the matter could be compromised, Mr. Mayor, if we were to sit down and discuss the matter with the City Council of Olmos Park. I would certainly make that proposal at this time. I think that we are going to have to sit down and discuss this entire controversy with them in order that we can build a North Expressway even if it involves a parkway along a certain part of that route. Something has got to be compromised, and as we can not go on the way that we have gone on in this matter with the delays that have resulted from it.

COUNCILMAN BURKE: Mr. Mayor, I think it should be the resolution of this Council that the City of San Antonio is anxious to have an expressway built and it is my understanding that the delay insofar as Olmos Park is concerned is the reluctance of the State Highway Department to condemn land in a city for expressway purposes. As a solution I would suggest that the City inform Mr. Volpe and the Texas Highway Department to come up with a plan so that it could be submitted to the City Council for approval. I don't care where this North Expressway goes. I'm anxious for people to start using one, and let them come up with

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a solution. If the Highway Department wants to change their mind about going into Olmos Park and condemning land let them do it, but let's advise them that we want an expressway.

MAYOR McALLISTER: They know that.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: They know that we want an expressway, but I don't think a resolution would so any good unless of course we push this route through Olmos Park as we would any other project that we needed doing, Mr. Burke. I think that if we were solidly committed to a route using Devine Road and if we went to the Olmos Park City Council, along with the Highway Department officials, I think we could resolve this matter. Nothing like this has been tried. All I'm saying is that in an attempt to resolve the situation we ought to sit down and discuss the situation with the people, with the City Council of Olmos Park and with the Highway people. I'm not saying, Mr. Mayor, or pretending to be an engineer, all I'm saying is that we have a problem that demands a political solution and I am a politician. Well, I don't think politician is a dirty word. I'm proud to be a politician. I have another situation pertaining to the safe streets money, Mr. Mayor, if we're through with this item.

MAYOR McALLISTER: We're through with it as far as I'm concerned.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, what are we going to do on the North Expressway?

MAYOR McALLISTER: The matter is in the hands of the Highway Department. If you'd care to pass any kind of a motion you're privileged to do so.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, see, we're playing the Highway Department's political games too, again. That's one of our problems. That's exactly where we get caught every dadgum time. We're going to as long as we have a basic conflict in terms of highway theory or ecological theory and all this sort of thing. I think they'll come around eventually. We may just have to sit here with egg on our faces a little while until they do, but . . . .

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, in the meantime, we have people on the north side of San Antonio who do need an expressway. We pretend to want to do everything we possibly can to provide the service of a North Expressway. Frankly, as I said before, I thought it should have been built a long time ago. I think we'd all be in agreement with that, and yet we can't be passive about the things that need doing in this community. I think that we have got to vigorously pursue them and I don't want to sit back and just wait to see what the Highway Department is going to do. This is why I'm looking to you in this particular situation, Mr. Mayor, to provide something more than just a passive solution and one that would involve all the members of the Council. I think that we could go to the City of Olmos Park. I would like to see us, if

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the Council would be in agreement, I would like to see us get together with the City Council of Olmos Park to see if--in discussing this matter with them--if we could come up with a solution involving highway engineers. Would this be possible? Could we arrange such a meeting, do you think?

MAYOR McALLISTER: I have no objection at all to this Council meeting with the Council of Olmos Park. Not at all. I never have expressed such an objection. I'll say to you that I've discussed the matter with the Mayor of Olmos Park and he has stated flat-footedly that the decision of the Council is "No," to a request to run an expressway through Olmos Park. Now a parkway will do the City of San Antonio but very little good.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: If that's the only way we can go is between a parkway and no expressway at all, I should think that the solution might have to be a parkway. Perhaps we could. . . .

MAYOR McALLISTER: Well, who said no expressway at all? I'll say to you yet that I'm confident that we're going to get the North Expressway on the route that's been proposed.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: By 1980, maybe?

MAYOR McALLISTER: So you'll still be here.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: And in spite of Mr. Volpe's letter, is that correct, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR McALLISTER: Mr. Volpe's...that letter is two months old.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Do you have another letter since then, Mr. Mayor, where you have a different. . . .

MAYOR McALLISTER: In this case, it's taken place between Mr. Volpe and the Highway Department.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, this is what I'd like to know, Mr. Mayor, what has been the result of those communications?

MAYOR McALLISTER: No action yet. You probably would have read it in the paper if there had been.

COUNCILMAN: No, Mr. Mayor, because this letter is two months old. It just appeared in the paper just yesterday, Mr. Mayor, so I don't think that's the correct. . . .

MAYOR McALLISTER: All right. Any further discussion?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Yes, I have another matter, Mr. Mayor. You know, I was real enthused here last year when this matter of the Safe Streets was adopted and subsequently went to the City Council and we initiated our own discussions and decided that through AACOG we were going to participate in this thing. I notice that the National Council of Mayors at their last annual meeting criticized the actual operation and flow of funds of the Safe

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Streets money to the local government, but I think that the same criticism that was made by the National Council of Mayors applies in our own situation, Mr. Mayor. I spoke with one of the staff members, Rita Showhower, is that the woman's name?

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: I'm sorry, Pete.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: O.K. I spoke with one of the staff members at AACOG yesterday, mentioned in reply to a question I raised, that the only money that we have received was money for the Worden School, a juvenile delinquency project amounting to \$12,000.00 and that money had been received for the New Braunfels Police Academy, a training school, for one training school an amount of \$1,500.00, and that there was another application going in for another \$1,500.00. Now, when this Safe Street's Act was adopted, it was proposed to have been to meet a problem of crime in the major metropolitan areas, a problem of major crimes, and yet we actually, I don't think, have received, in view of statistics which would show the crime rate in our own city of major crimes, I believe in 1968 we had a 34% increase over the prior year as compared to 22% in the rest of the country, I just don't think that we are receiving any kind of transfusion for law enforcement purposes through the Safe Streets money in accordance with the intent of the Act, Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council. I notice that numbers of proposals like this helicopter proposal have been taken by the Department of Public Safety in Austin which controls, as I understand it, the flow of funds at the state level down to the local level. We're still trying to obtain funds that we were supposed to get in June, 1969. I'm advised that Dallas and Houston have each received \$100,000.00, Ft. Worth has received \$66,000.00 and to date San Antonio has received less than \$30,000.00. Half of the funds that we want are still in Austin waiting for action and when this thing was implemented here last year I suggested San Antonio ought to make direct proposals. I want to urge, Mr. Mayor, that we ask our staff to look into the possibilities of making these direct proposals, either that or going to Austin to see what action it's going to take to get some of the action funds which we have applied for, and secondly, Mr. Mayor, if we are not receiving, if our own local government, the City of San Antonio, is not receiving money that we're entitled to under the Safe Streets Act, I think that we ought to resolve or send a resolution to our national representatives advising them of the dilemma that we are confronted with, because in spite of the fact that the State of Texas has received \$2,000,000.00 this year under the Safe Streets Act, here we are not receiving our own pro rata share of it, and here again, to conclude, I can't see how in the world we can justify establishing a Police Academy in our small neighboring community of New Braunfels when we are having to bear the brunt of maintaining our own Police Academy and continuing our own Police Academy here. Here is where we have the real problem that the Safe Streets Act was supposed to resolve in the major cities, in the urban areas, and I'd like to see us, Mr. Mayor, take some action where we can obtain the necessary funds that we're entitled to under this Act.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Mr. Henckel, have you any comment about that?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No, sir, the staff will certainly do whatever the Council directs.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Has there been anyone following up on that juvenile program through the Justice Department we let slip through? Has anyone picked up that ball?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No, sir, not that I know of.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K.

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: Mayor, if I may just add these comments, when the appropriations of funds were considered by AACOG, it's just my off-the-cuff recollection without having figures before me, that the City of San Antonio's major push was to be in the asking for this helicopter and that cost was judged at about \$55,000.00, which would have been the largest single appropriation of the funds which we thought were going to be forthcoming. It's also my understanding that this was tabled in Austin and that we were advised that it would be handled in the next fiscal year, which I believe begins in about November, so let me ask if Mr. Douthit has any other information than that.

MR. DOUTHIT: Well, that's the latest information that we've been given. What I would like to add is this, that we are sending some policemen to San Antonio College through the Safe Streets Act and they're paying for it.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, I was aware of that, but that doesn't amount to too much in terms of money. Ancil, let me ask you this, what is the state agency that overlooks these appropriations, what is the name of the state agency?

MR. DOUTHIT: That's under Brooks Lanham, and I've forgotten the name.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, in any event, what was their budget out of Safe Streets moneys which they received from Washington?

MR. DOUTHIT: Some \$2,000,000.00.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: \$2,000,000.00, and that was action funds for this one year, is that right?

MR. DOUTHIT: Right.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Now out of that \$2,000,000.00 we have received a total of how much?

MR. DOUTHIT: Approximately \$30,000.00, I believe, is that right, Mrs. Cockrell?

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COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: I believe that's correct, because we would have received \$85,000.00 had we gotten the helicopter.

MR. DOUTHIT: Right.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: So you see, this is what I'm talking about. Here you have \$100,000.00 for Houston, \$100,000.00 for Dallas, \$66,000.00 for Ft. Worth, \$30,000.00 for San Antonio, the four major metropolitan areas in Texas receiving \$300,000.00 out of an allotment of \$2,000,000.00 out of a program that was supposed to meet a crisis of crime in major metropolitan areas. This is my complaint.

MR. DOUTHIT: I understand.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Which I think is a good point and it seems to me that we should try to, using that as a basis, proceed to expedite the adequate use of funds to carry out these programs that were designed for the purpose of meeting crime in the cities. Do you have any comment, Lila?

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: I was very disappointed to learn that the helicopter had not been funded because I think that was the major request of our Police Department as a major capital improvement that would help them in crime surveillance and also I suppose in any sort of emergency.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Do you have any idea, Lila, where the remainder of this \$1.7 million is being spent?

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: No, I don't, but I'd be glad to ask.

COUNCILMAN HILL: Couldn't we on our own initiative, initiate requests for grants?

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: Yes, this has been pointed out before. I think that the City felt that it was getting a pretty good share of what would come to this region had the request for the helicopter been funded, you see. In the grants that were approved by AACOG it looked as if we were going to get a very fair share, I think around \$85,000.00, but when it was tabled in Austin of course that did not come true in this fiscal year.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: What was it, the Department of Public Safety, or just which Department, do you know for sure?

COUNCILWOMAN COCKRELL: I'm sorry, I don't know.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: It was, as I understand it, tabled up there by the committee that operates these funds. But I understand here again it is controlled by the Department of Public Safety.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: This is perhaps a portent of things to come if we are ever to get reimbursement to the states and cities, if it all has to go through the state we will have a real struggle on our hands to get a fair share of it.

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PETITION OF FRANKLIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Mr. Carmelo G. Lucio, 314 Merida Street, spoke to the Council concerning a petition which he filed on October 21, 1969 requesting that the City construct a walkway over the Navidad Street Alazan-Apache Creek Crossing to permit children to cross in safety.

The matter was referred to the City Manager.

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

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