STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2008 AND THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 3:00 pm Wednesday, **March 5, 2008**, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. Mrs. Vacek reported that Councilmember Cortez was absent due to assignment for Military Combat Training. **ABSENT:** Cortez and Galvan.

2. **A STAFF BRIEFING ON THE CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION STUDY CONDUCTED BY CS&L INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANTS, INCLUDING HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE, NATIONAL STATISTICS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER.**

Item 2 was addressed at this time. Mr. Michael Sawaya introduced Mr. John T. Kaatz, representing Convention Sports and Leisure International and noted that the last study had been conducted in 1995 with the resulting expansion completed in 2000. Mr. Kaatz presented several charts depicting hall activity, utilization, and occupancy since the expansion. It was noted that the facilities exceeded practical maximum capacity by 6%. He presented results of interviews with current and past facility users which showed that 86% of the users would utilize the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center again.

Mr. Kaatz provided an analysis of industry trends, noting that there has been a steady increase in tradeshows over the past twenty years. He presented a chart of comparable sellable space in large cities across the country and noted that Orlando, Florida had overgrown. He stated that San Antonio would not run into similar circumstances due to Orlando's remote location of their facility. Lastly, he summarized proposals for Phase I and Phase II Improvements to be made to the Convention Center.

Councilmember McNeil asked if the City has turned people away from using the Convention Center and how the expansion would be financed. Ms. Sculley stated that staff tries to accommodate all requests, but in some cases have to suggest other locations due to availability or size. She added that the expansion would allow for multiple events. She noted that the Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax would finance the expansion. Councilmember McNeil suggested that Public Works look into making Commerce Street a two-way street. Ms. Sculley noted that a traffic study was underway and this could be included.

Councilmember Cibrian requested information on other cities and whether they were expanding. She noted her support for the expansion but expressed concern with the Convention Center being land locked. Mr. Kaatz stated that when San Antonio reaches full occupancy after Phase II, they would have the ability to practice yield management, which is good because it will allow San Antonio to be selective with the events that come to the city.

Councilmember Clamp noted his support for the expansion and asked if other projects would receive funding from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Ms. Sculley replied that the tax is used primarily for tourism and facility improvements. Councilmember Ramos asked if the SAWS property was for sale. Mr. Sawaya replied that the City had acquired that property in 2004 and was looking at developing it for parking.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Kaatz for his presentation.

1. **A STAFF BRIEFING ON THE CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, ENGINEERING DESIGN, AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDING THE 2007-2012 BOND PROGRAM AND OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S SIX (6) YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.**

Mr. Mike Frisbie provided an overview of the $550 million Bond Program. He presented a break down of projects and the amount designated for each. He addressed the Contract Review Task Force's recommended areas for improvement and noted what had been implemented and completed. Mr. Frisbie spoke of the various challenges and opportunities of undertaking a large Bond Program, including the task of designing 121 projects, remaining on schedule and on budget, and dealing with market fluctuations. Possible solutions to these issues include fully engaging consultants, spreading work, and approving all consultants at one time.

Mr. Frisbie stated that in November 2007, three Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were issued for the following: 1) Program Management, 2) Engineering Design, and 3) Architectural and Landscape Architecture Design. He noted that 124 submittals were received - 12 for Program Management, 63 for Engineering, and 49 for Architecture. Mr. Frisbie reviewed the score chart for the Design Consultant Selection Process. He stated that contracts had not been negotiated for either of the RFQs and that overall, eighty-one prime consultants were selected, 56% being local/SBEDA firms. Mr. Frisbie explained that the department would be seeking approval of Consultant Selections and direction to negotiate and execute the contracts on March 13, 2008. The decision to include all projects in one ordinance was to expedite project delivery, ensure consultant availability, maintain cost-effectiveness, and save Council and Staff hours.

Councilmember Herrera stated that she was pleased to see a high percentage of SBEDA firms and asked of the ordinance prohibiting Councilmembers being contacted by the bidders. Ms. Sculley noted that once the results become public, contact is permitted and that Council would be given a week between the B and A Sessions to address issues that may arise. Councilmember Herrera asked if staff had investigated the Owner Controlled Insurance Program, a program where the City would be responsible for insuring their contractors. Mr. Frisbie stated that they are in the process of evaluating the program.

Councilmember Clamp asked who would ultimately be responsible for the projects. Mr. Frisbie stated that no one wanted consultants reporting to other consultants so the three Project Management Firms would report directly to him and Mr. Kent Hickingbottom. He noted that there would also be City Staff assigned to each project. Councilmember Clamp asked if the consultants would be paid based on performance, fee, or a combination. Mr. Frisbie replied that it would vary by consultant. Councilmember Clamp asked what would be done with saved monies and who would define the scope of the projects. Ms. Sculley stated that savings could be used to offset overages on other projects or to pay off debt. Mr. Frisbie stated that staff would meet with the consultants for an initial scope meeting and the consultant would write a proposal with a determined fee. Councilmember Clamp added that the

Project Management and Design Guide Manuals, which had not been completed, would be valuable in guiding this and future Bond Programs.

Councilmember Rodriguez stated that the interview process was subjective and noted the drastic range in scores. Mr. Frisbie stated that each company invited to an interview was told what the City would be looking for in their presentations and some companies did not address those issues. Councilmember Rodriguez stated that he would like to see SBEDA points in both the initial scoring and the interviews.

Councilmember Rowe asked the purpose of having both an initial evaluation and an interview. Ms. Sculley replied that sometimes a firm looks great on paper and has an excellent reputation, but the interviews are an opportunity to meet with local representatives who will be working on the project on a daily basis.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **March 6, 2008** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Steven C. Lunning, Pastor, Highland Park Lutheran Church, guest of Councilmember Jennifer Ramos, District 3.

Mayor Hardberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. Ms. Vacek read into the record that Councilmember Cortez was absent due to assignment for Military Combat Training.

MINUTES

Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the Minutes for the February 7, 2008 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

ITEM 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE LAND HERITAGE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION:

A. PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDERING THE CONVEYANCE, SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS LIMITING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE PROPERTY TO CONSERVATION, GREEN BELT AND SIMILAR USES, OF APPROXIMATELY 1,173 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY SOUTH OF THE MEDINA RIVER LOCATED IN CITY

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 TO THE LAND HERITAGE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION (LHI), A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

Mr. Malcolm Matthews presented said item regarding the conveyance of 1,173 acres south of the Medina River to the Land Heritage Institute Foundation (LHI) for resource conservation, green belt and open space uses, and development of community improvements. He provided a map of the area and stated that a public hearing was required to preserve its tax-exempt bond status.

Mr. Matthews noted various open space initiatives associated with same including the Starbright Project and the City South Community Plan. He stated that the transfer of the property would ensure the protection of natural resources while securing the largest single open space accessible by the public in South San Antonio.

Mayor Hardberger declared the Public Hearing open.

Mr. Mark Oppelt spoke on behalf of the LHI. He noted that the group was a unique public-private coalition formed in 1997, and that there were 13 advisory organizations that were represented on their Advisory Board. He provided examples of LHI Projects and added that this particular project would provide the public with a place to experience farm, ranch, and wildlife experiences which they would not be able to experience anywhere else in Bexar County. He urged the Council to support said item.

Allison Elder, First Director of the Bexar Land Trust, spoke in support of said item. She expressed enthusiasm for the project and noted that all who had toured the site were excited about it.

Julie Koppenheffer, Executive Director of the Bexar Land Trust, spoke in support of said item and noted that the organization had been involved in the project for many years. She stated that the property characterized the deep history of San Antonio and highlighted the public-private partnership.

Joan Gaither, Second Vice-President of the Conservation Society, read a letter from Marcie Ince, President of the Conservation Society, in support of said item. She stated that the Conservation Society supported LHI and preservation of the 1,173 acre site. She noted that the Conservation Society had been involved in the formation of the LHI Foundation, and that they participated on the LHI Board of Directors. She added that the Conservation Society had been involved in community planning meetings for retaining the property for its open space value and would continue to support its preservation.

Ramon Vasquez, Executive Director of the American Indians in Texas and Vice-President of the LHI Foundation, addressed the Council and stated that the American Indians in Texas were founded by the Mission Indian Community known as the Teypilacoahlitecan Nation, the living lineal descendants of the culturally affiliated tribe that inhabited the area of this property. He noted that they had been working with City Government on this project for over ten years and asked the Council for their support.

Alston Thomas addressed the Council in support of said item and stated that he was an Archaeologist at Texas A&M University College Station. He noted that he had been involved in the project since 1989 and that it had come a long way since then. He added that this was a great opportunity to preserve America's past and expressed his enthusiasm for the project.

Jack M. Finger addressed the Council and spoke against said item. He noted the Applewhite Reservoir Project in the early 1990's and the Toyota Manufacturing Plant, and asked Council to give the land back to the original landowners.

Catherine Rainwater addressed the Council and stated her support of said item. Mr. Ray Hernandez also addressed the Council and stated he was a Tribal Councilmember of the Tapilan Nation and that he had worked with Mr. Alston Thomas in the early 1990's regarding human remains that had been found in the area. He noted that work on this project had brought together science, education and different cultures and asked for the Council's support.

Mayor Hardberger declared the public hearing closed.

2008-03-06-0157

B. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE, SUBJECT TO 1) THE PUBLIC HEARING DESCRIBED IN ITEM A, 2) THE APPROVAL OF THE CONVEYANCE BY THE MAYOR AND THE COUNTY JUDGE OF BEXAR COUNTY FOLLOWING SUCH PUBLIC HEARING, 3) RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS LIMITING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF THE PROPERTY TO CONSERVATION, GREEN BELT AND SIMILAR USES, OF APPROXIMATELY 1,173 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY SOUTH OF THE MEDINA RIVER LOCATED IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 TO THE LAND HERITAGE INSTITUTE FOUNDATION (LHI), A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0158

Item 5. A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING AN UNIMPROVED 16 FOOT-WIDE ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN N. PINE AND MUTH STREETS, DISTRICT 2, AS REQUESTED BY CARSON LAND TRUST, ET AL, FOR A FEE OF $4,539.00.

Mr. Oscar Serrano presented said item and stated that this was a request to close, vacate and abandon an unimproved 16-foot wide alley. He noted that the request was from Carson Land Trust, et al, and that the closure was located between N. Pine and Muth Streets for a total of 4,718 square feet. Mr. Serrano explained that Carson Land Trust would re-plat and incorporate its portion of the Right-of-Way to construct an Assisted Living Center. He provided photos of the area and added that the City would receive a fee of $4,539.00.

Mayor Hardberger declared the public hearing open.

Ms. Marie Stout addressed the Council in regard to the closing of the alley and stated that it would be a good thing to close it and noted that the Neighborhood Association was also in favor of this.

Ms. Phyllis Thompson addressed the Council with regard to prostitutes in the alley and noted that as the Administrator of the adjacent Senior Facility, she recommended that the alley be closed.

Mr. Daniel Steinke addressed the Council and stated that there were two assisted living facilities in the area and also noted his support to close the alley.

Mr. Richard Brownlee addressed the Council in support of the closing of the alley and showed before and after photos of the assisted living senior homes.

Mayor Hardberger declared the public hearing closed.

Councilmember McNeil moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez and Rodriguez.

2008-03-06-0159

Item 6. A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF A 10 FOOT-WIDE (PAPER) ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN WILMOT AND WEST COMMERCE STREETS WITHIN NCB 8252, DISTRICT 5, AS REQUESTED BY HO-HAK, INC., FOR A FEE OF $2,973.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF TWO 10 FOOT-WIDE EASEMENTS TO PERMIT CONTINUED PUBLIC INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THE REMAINING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.

Mr. Oscar Serrano presented said item and stated that Ho-Hak, Inc. was requesting the closure, vacation and abandonment of 1,133 square feet of Public Right-of-Way. He noted that the area was an alley located between Commerce and Wilmot Streets. Mr. Serrano added that the petitioner owned all of the abutting property and would like to incorporate this property to facilitate development of the area. He stated that the petitioner has agreed to dedicate two 10-foot wide easements out of its properties in order to ensure continued ingress and egress. Mr. Serrano provided photos of the area and noted that the City would collect fees in the amount of $2,973.00 for this property.

Mayor Hardberger declared the Public Hearing open. There being no citizens signed to speak, Mayor Hardberger declared the Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Galvan thanked Ho-Hak for coming forward on this item and noted that there were many alleys in the District that could be used for Economic Development.

Councilmember Clamp moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Galvan recognized Francisco Cortez, a sophomore at Lanier High School, who was participating in the Job Shadowing Program with District 5.

Councilmember Rodriguez recognized Mr. Paul Stahl on Items 9 and 10. He thanked Mr. Stahl for his hard work and perseverance in moving the Deco Building Storefront forward.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items 7 – 29G

Consent Agenda Items 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 26 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Galvan moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

Mr. Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to Item 11, expressing concern with the Haven for Hope Campus. He spoke against Item 12 stating that it was a giveaway, and noted his opposition to Item 19.

The motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0160

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE AWARDING CONTRACTS TO VARIOUS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR FY 2007-2008, FOR A COMBINED ANNUAL ESTIMATED COST OF $1,133,000.00, AND AWARDING ONE CONTRACT WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL REVENUE TO THE CITY OF $34,000.00, INCLUDING: (A) DRILLING WOOD AND STEEL POLE FOUNDATIONS - $113,000.00 ANNUALLY; (B) LABOR AND MATERIAL FOR CONCRETE WORK FOR PARK OPERATIONS - $60,000.00 ANNUALLY; (C) MOWING SERVICES IN PUBLIC PARK AREAS AND OTHER CITY PROPERTY - $960,000.00 ANNUALLY; AND (D) RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF AUTOMOTIVE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OIL & OIL FILTERS - $34,000.00 ANNUALLY IN REVENUE.

2008-03-06-0162

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A $240,000.00 JOB ORDER TO CON-COR/APM JV FOR REPAIRS AND UPGRADES OF THE DECO BUILDING, 1800 FREDERICKSBURG ROAD, DISTRICT 1.

2008-03-06-0163

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON WOODLAWN LAKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FOR THE SUBLEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,368 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AT 1800 FREDERICKSBURG ROAD ("DECO BUILDING"), LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, FOR USE BY THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SAN ANTONIO FEAR FREE ENVIRONMENT ("S.A.F.F.E.") PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING A JOB ORDER TO CON-COR/APM JV FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE LEASED SPACE, IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $210,000.00.

2008-03-06-0164

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FORTY-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH HAVEN FOR HOPE OF BEXAR COUNTY, INC. FOR A 22 ACRE TRACT OF LAND NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF RUIZ STREET AND NORTH FRIO STREET IN DISTRICT 5 FOR THE OPERATION OF A HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS FOR THE HOMELESS, WITH TWO (2) TEN (10) YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS; AND SEVERING FOUR BUILDINGS FROM THE

UNDERLYING REAL ESTATE AT THE SITE AND CONVEYING THEM TO HAVEN FOR HOPE OF BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE TERM OF THE LEASE.

2008-03-06-0170

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TERMINATION OF TWO AGREEMENTS WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC PARKING UNDER I.H. 37 IN TWO AREAS: BETWEEN 10TH STREET AND JONES AVENUE AND BETWEEN AVENUE B EXTENSION AND JOSEPHINE STREET.

2008-03-06-0172

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF $50,000.00 TO THE AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO CORRIDOR COUNCIL FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 TO FACILITATE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

2008-03-06-0173

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CHRISTIAN SENIOR SERVICES TO PROVIDE SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOMEBOUND ELDERLY LIFELINE PROJECT OF THE MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

Item 21. Consideration of the following Ordinances:

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A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION AND DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2001 AND CERTAIN SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2002-A; AND,

2008-03-06-0174

B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JPMORGAN CHASE BANK AND OTHER ACTIONS RELATING TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, WATER SYSTEM SUBORDINATE LIEN REVENUE AND REFUNDING SERIES 2003-A AND 2003-B.

2008-03-06-0175

Item 22. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH ZION STAR MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW ROSE OF SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, AND SAFE HAVEN ALTERNATIVE YOUTH PROGRAM LOCATED IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2, FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $40,000.00 AVAILABLE FROM THE CITY'S HUD 108 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FAITH BASED INITIATIVE PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

2008-03-06-0176

Item 23. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSESSMENTS TO RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAS DE FORTUNA, BLUE RIDGE, SUNFLOWER, PALM LAKE AND MIRASOL

SUBDIVISIONS AND THE BLANCO APARTMENTS FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

2008-03-06-0177

Item 24. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) FOR USGS TO TEST SEDIMENTS IN LOWER LEON CREEK FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT'S PUBLIC CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 FOR THE AMOUNT OF $40,000.00.

2008-03-06-0178

Item 25. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF $1,142,207.00 FROM REMAINING CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ERM PROJECT, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE DESK APPLICATION FROM COLUMN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

2008-03-06-0180

Item 27. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM FOR OPERATION OF A GROUNDWATER WELL AT THE GROWDON VEHICLE IMPOUND FACILITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE PLUGGING OF AN ABANDONED WELL ON THE GROUNDS OF THE SAME FACILITY.

2008-03-06-0181

Item 28. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TWO FUNDING AGREEMENTS, EACH IN THE AMOUNT OF $118,722.10, WITH PORT AUTHORITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 35 TRAFFIC SIGNS ALONG US HWY 90 WEST OF 36TH STREET TO WEST OF IH 35/10 INTERCHANGE, SPUR 371, FRIO CITY ROAD AND QUINTANA RD., LOCATED IN DISTRICTS 4 AND 6.

ITEM 29. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE NOMINEES, FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON APPOINTMENT:

A. Reappointing Mike Barnard (District 8 - Category: Taxicab Industry) to the Transportation Advisory Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

B. Reappointing Steve Duran (District 8) to the San Antonio Commission on Literacy for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

C. Reappointing Robert Echavarria (District 8) to the City of San Antonio, Texas Education Facilities Corporation for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire December 15, 2009.

D. Appointing Councilmember John Clamp (District 10) to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

E. Appointing Councilmember Louis Rowe (District 9) to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) Board of Directors for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

F. Reappointing Clayton Binford (Category: Medina County Representative) to the Conservation Advisory Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

G. Reappointing to the Westside Development Corporation Board of Directors Janie Barrera (Financial Institution), Patricia Castillo (Resident), Moses Hernandez (Small Business), Marisol Martinez (Small Business), Christopher Martinez (Small Business), Choco Meza (Small Business), Stephen J. O'Donnell (Major Business) and Christine Ortega (Resident) for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire November 28, 2009; and appointing Father John Suenram (Faith Based) for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire November 28, 2008.

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinances:

2008-03-06-0161

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID FROM JOE HARRISON MOTORSPORTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN MOTORCYCLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A TOTAL COST OF $175,000.00.

Ms. Janie Cantu stated that this would allow for the purchase of 10 motorcycles for the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Fleet. She noted that they were on a three-year replacement cycle and that the SAPD had a total of 25 motorcycles.

Councilmember Cibrian wanted to ensure that the motorcycles were being rotated after three years of service in order to provide the best equipment and to ensure the safety of the Police Officers. She added that the City needed more Police Officers on patrol and looked forward to receiving a staffing plan from Chief McManus. Councilmember Galvan asked what was done with the motorcycles that were being replaced. Mr. Florencio Peña stated that they were sold at auction.

Mrs. Vacek read written testimony from Faris Hodge, Jr. who wrote that the City should use the ten motorcycles to issue tickets to those using cell phones in school zones. He added that banning cell phone use while driving in school zones would not work because 99% of drivers use cell phones.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0165

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR AN ASSETS

FOR INDEPENDENCE ACT - INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT GRANT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $250,000.00 TO ASSIST 125 INDIVIDUALS TO BECOME FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS, PURSUE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OR START OR EXPAND A MICRO-ENTERPRISE DURING THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29, 2013; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SAID FUNDS UPON AWARD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF UP TO $250,000.00 FROM NON-FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES TO MEET THE LOCAL MATCH FUNDING REQUIREMENT.

Mr. Dennis Campa stated said item was for a grant with the Department of Health and Human Services and encouraged participants to save money. He noted that for every $1,000 saved, the program matched that with an additional $4,000.

Councilmember Cibrian highlighted the program and thanked Mr. Campa for his work. She stated that she had found that the program was highly successful in helping those individuals that were below the poverty rate. Councilmember Ramos requested a list of participants that reside in her district and asked how the program was promoted. Mr. Campa stated that with the college component, they worked with the local colleges and universities. The program is also promoted at Community Fairs, the City's Community and Learning Centers, and through the Neighborhood Services Department Programs.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0166

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) FOR TXDOT TO ADMINISTER A $2,847,360.00 FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) GRANT TO ASSIST IN FUNDING INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) RELATED PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD.

Mr. Majed Al-Ghafry stated that this was an Interlocal Agreement with TXDOT to administer a grant that would target the third component of the Traffic Signal Synchronization Modernization Program.

Councilmember Cibrian highlighted the $33 million Traffic Signal Synchronization Program and noted that this would help alleviate traffic throughout the City. Councilmember Clamp asked if there were public safety features in the system. Mr. Al-Ghafry stated that synchronization of the traffic lights would reduce the number of accidents which would in turn reduce the amount of calls for Police and Fire but that there was no preemption feature for Police and Fire.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0167

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ENTITLED "BUILDINGS", OF THE CITY CODE BY REQUIRING ANNUAL MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE PERMITS FOR CERTAIN MULTI-FAMILY HOUSES; ESTABLISHING RELATED FEES; AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND PUBLICATION.

Councilmember Herrera asked Mr. Rod Sanchez to provide an overview of the process. Mr. Sanchez stated that previously, the Development Services Department did not have the ability to conduct inspections on apartments. He noted that this ordinance would authorize staff to conduct random inspections of apartments that are having repairs done. Councilmember Herrera thanked Mr. Sanchez for his work on said item, noting that when the issue first arose, there had been resistance by various interest groups. Since that time, all have come together and are now in agreement.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0168

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE III, ENTITLED "NOISE", OF THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS REGULATING VEHICULAR MOUNTED SOUND AMPLIFICATION SYSTEMS, PROVIDING FOR A MINIMUM FINE OF $300.00 FOR A THIRD VIOLATION AND REQUIRING THE PLEADING OF A CULPABLE MENTAL STATE TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM FINE OF UP TO $2,000.00 PER VIOLATION.

Councilmember Galvan asked if there was any community education regarding the amendment for vehicular mounted sound amplification systems. Chief McManus stated that the only change was that the minimum fine for a third violation would increase to $300. Councilmember Galvan asked what type of device was used to measure noise. Chief McManus stated that the noise level was based on common sense by the Police Officer. Councilmember Galvan expressed concern that the discretion of noise level was based on common sense.

Councilmember Clamp moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0169

Item 16. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, DONATIONS AND/OR FEE SIMPLE PURCHASES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EDWARDS AQUIFER PROTECTION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS PROPOSITION 1.

Councilmember Cibrian expressed her support for said item and asked what would be done to monitor the properties. Mr. Steve Hodges, Capital Improvements Management Services Department, introduced

Doug Greco and Terry Dudley from the Edwards Aquifer Authority, and Kristal Smith from the Bexar Land Trust. He stated that the initial monitoring would be done by Mr. Greco and Mr. Dudley, along with Ms. Smith. Councilmember Cibrian requested a map of the properties.

Councilmember Rodriguez thanked all for their efforts on said item and stated that he had attended the Statewide Texas Land Trust Council Conference and the City of San Antonio had been recognized as one of three Conservation Success Stories in the State and the Largest Land Conservation Effort in Texas.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0171

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH VIA TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH AN ANNUAL TRANSIT PASS PROGRAM; ENCUMBERING $100,000.00 FROM THE DOWNTOWN TROLLEY INITIATIVE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE PURCHASE OF AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE BY VIA; AND ESTABLISHING A PILOT PERIPHERAL PARKING PROGRAM AT THE ALAMODOME.

Mrs. Vacek read written testimony from Faris Hodge, Jr. who wrote about naming the Alamodome after him. He stated that people should not have to die to have a building named after them and that it was important to recognize people for their achievements and efforts before they passed on.

Councilmember Herrera asked for an explanation of the program. Ms. Penny Postoak Ferguson stated that this was a partnership with VIA Metropolitan Transit that was modeled after the Bexar County Program. She noted that the program would begin on March 17, 2008 and would allow all City Employees to ride the bus for free. She added that the second phase would begin on May 5, 2008, which was a pilot program where 250 City Employees would park at the Alamodome and ride the bus to their downtown office.

The Mayor and Council recognized Councilmember Cisneros for her work in bringing this project to fruition.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0179

Item 26. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM THE 2007A TAX NOTES, ISSUED IN DECEMBER 2007, IN THE AMOUNT OF $20,739,662.00.

Mr. Richard Varn stated that this was an element of the Capital Replacement Plan for the City for Technology. He explained that this had been approved in the FY 2008 Budget and that it included funds for communication and storage devices that are past their useful life, as well as applications. He added that funds would also be used to keep up with growth and the continuing need for electronic storage.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember McNeil recognized Samantha Jimenez, a 7th Grader from Rawlinson Middle School participating in the Martinez Women's Center Girl's Empowerment Program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sheryl Sculley reported on the following:

- Dr. Brian Alsip has been selected as a 2008 National Health Leadership Institute Scholar. The award is for a Leadership Development Program for high potential individuals with commitment to leading their organizations and communities, and guiding system changes on the national level.
- The South Texas Business Fund was approved to receive a supplemental loan under the Small Business Administration Microloan Program in the amount of $750,000. These funds are utilized to provide financial services to start-up and expanding small businesses in the San Antonio Community.
- The Aviation Department has received permanent designation as a Port of Entry. This is a huge accomplishment and will impact the City's ability to work internationally. Ms. Sculley thanked Congressman Lamar Smith for his diligence in working to get this designation.
- Ms. Sculley recognized Roger Dennis, a 34-year veteran of the Fire Department who died in the Line-of-Duty on February 29, 2008. She extended condolences and sympathy to his family, friends, and the entire Fire Department on their loss.
- Ms. Sculley introduced Jasmine Zurita, a 4th Grader participating in the Martinez Women's Center Girl's Empowerment Program, and Joleen Garcia, the Program Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hardberger recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:50 am to break for lunch and announced that the Council would convene in Executive Session at 1:30 pm for the purposes of:

A. Discuss legal issues related to *International Women's Day March Planning Committee, et al. v. City of San Antonio* pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

B. Discuss legal issues related to wastewater permit compliance pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

C. Discuss legal issues related to *Andre and Rose Barajas, Individually, and as Representatives of the Estate of Christie Barajas, Deceased, and Anita Mayorga v. City of San Antonio*; in the 57th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2006-CI-14583 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Hardberger reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:55 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action.

CONSENT ZONING

Councilmember Ramos made a motion to approve the following re-zoning cases, noting that Staff and Zoning Commission recommendation were to approve and that no Citizens had signed up to speak: Z-2, Z-3, Z-4, Z-5 and Z-6. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2008-03-06-0183

Item Z-2. **ZONING CASE # Z2008012 (District 2):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "MF-33" RIO-1 Multi-Family River Improvement Overlay District-1 to PUD "MF-25" RIO-1 Planned Unit Development Multi-Family River Improvement Overlay District-1 on Lot 5 and Lot 6, NCB 3857, 200 Block of Brahan Boulevard as requested by MBC Engineers c/o Mark Cervantez, Applicants for Brahan Development, LLC, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-06-0184

Item Z-3. **ZONING CASE # Z2008052 (District 5):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district from "I-1" General Industrial District to "C-3 NA" General Commercial District, Non-Alcoholic Sales on Lot 24 and Lot 25, Block 6, NCB 2152, 1109 and 1115 North Colorado Street as requested by Carlos Torralva, Applicant for Richard Ojeda and Karl and Norma Gonzalez, Owners. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-06-0185

Item Z-4. **ZONING CASE # Z2008066 (District 5):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district from "MF-33" Multi-Family District to "C-2" Commercial District on Lot 5, Block 6, NCB 2289, 2926 West Houston Street as requested by AmREIT c/o Bobby Perez, Applicant for Karam's Inc., Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-06-0186

Item Z-5. **ZONING CASE # Z2008073 (District 5):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "R-6" Residential Single-Family District to "C-1" Light Commercial District on West 80 feet of Lot 3, NCB 2860, 604 East LaChappelle as requested by Alfredo M. Ximenez, Applicant for Alfredo M. Ximenez, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-06-0187

Item Z-6. **ZONING CASE # Z2008074 CD (District 8):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "R-20" Residential Single-Family District to "R-20" (CD- Professional Office) Residential Single-Family District with a Conditional Use for a Professional Office on 1.00 acre out of

NCB 14709, 6325 Babcock Road as requested by 6325 Babcock Road, LLC, Applicant for Reagan and Joan Smith, Owners. Staff recommends Approval. Zoning Commission recommendation pending March 4, 2008 public hearing.

[ZONING CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ZONING ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2008-03-06-0182

Item Z-1. **ZONING CASE # Z2008067 H (District 1):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "MF-33" Multi Family District, "R-6" Residential Single Family District and "RM-4" Residential Mixed District "C-3 NA" General Commercial District, Nonalcoholic Sales "I-1" General Industrial District and "I-2" Heavy Industrial District to "H" "MF-33" Multi Family Historic District, "H" "R-6" Residential Single Family Historic District and "H" "RM-4" Residential Mixed Historic District "H" "C-3 NA" General Commercial Historic District, Nonalcoholic Sales "H" "I-1" General Industrial Historic District and "H" "I-2" Heavy Industrial Historic District on multiple lots contained within Block B, NCB 1717; Block 19, NCB 395; Block 29, NCB 396; Block 28, NCB 397; Block 18, NCB 398; Block 27, NCB 399, within the 400 Block of E. Evergreen, 500 Block of E. Evergreen, 600 Block of E. Evergreen and 700 Block of E. Evergreen, generally bound by East Park Avenue to the North, North St. Mary's to the East, Paschal to the West, and East Euclid Avenue to the South as requested by City of San Antonio, Planning and Community Development, Historic Preservation Officer, Applicant for Multiple Property Owners. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Ms. Angie Ruiz, President of the Tobin Hill Resident Association, spoke in favor of the inclusion of East Evergreen in the Historical District. She noted her appreciation for the homes in the neighborhood that had been given the designation and the new development in the area.

Mr. Martin Kushner stated that he was in favor of the rezoning. He noted that many of the homes on his street were being restored due to the recent re-designation in Tobin Hill.

Ms. Frederica Kushner stated her support for the rezoning. She noted that many of the homes along Evergreen looked like the homes that had already been given Historical Designation.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Item. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.
The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Ramos, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez

Mayor Hardberger recessed the meeting at 3:05 pm and stated that it would reconvene at 5:30 pm for Ceremonials.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Hardberger reconvened the meeting at 5:30 pm and presented the following ceremonials.

A proclamation was presented to the Library Foundation for obtaining a $20,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for the San Antonio Library to participate in "The Big Read." This

national initiative is designed to restore reading to the center of American Culture and encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

A citation was presented to Trinity University for their winning touchdown play against Millsaps College of Mississippi on October 27, 2007 being named the #1 Top 10 Sports Moment by TIME Magazine. Down 24-22 on the final snap of the game, Trinity threw a forward pass, and then tossed 15 laterals before scoring. The final lateral took a surprising bounce into the hands of Riley Curry, who ran 34 yards for the score.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Robert Ritterbach addressed the Council in regard to exemplary City Staff mentioned by name as follows: Patsy Delgado and Monica Aguilar, City Manager's Office; Chris Callanen, City Council Offices; Francisco Molina and Leticia Vacek, Office of the City Clerk; and Wilson Plunkett and Dan Stanford, Library.

Mr. Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that he had chosen the story of Jonah to relay to Council because it reflected his current situation. He quoted scripture and noted that he had been to the Capitol to teach the Bible.

Mr. Mark Perez claimed that Fire Prevention Division had done nothing about a facility that he reported as having numerous code violations. He stated that Hazmat Personnel closed the facility in 2007 and the City should make it a priority to find companies in violation of the code.

Ms. Julie Iris Oldham stated that when she requests open records she receives letters telling her they are not available. She stated that she was not allowed to participate in activities at the Bob Ross Center because someone had made false accusations against her.

Mr. Henry Rodriguez, Mirasol Task Force Member, stated that he supported the Mirasol Residents and noted that he had missed a meeting earlier in the day because of work. He stated that he had respect for all of the Task Force Members and that KB Homes should be held responsible for their mistakes.

Mr. Pancho Mendoza addressed the Council and recited poetry before the Council which he had written.

Mr. George Alejos, an Alternate on the Mirasol Task Force, read a letter addressed to Senator John Cornyn from Mark Studdert, General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations in the Department of HUD. He stated that the letter was incorrect in that the residents were unhappy with the Task Force and wanted it dissolved. He asked where the $1.7 million mentioned in the letter had been utilized.

Ms. Catrina Jacobo stated that the Mirasol Task Force and SAHA were wasting tax payer money. She noted that they were paying $70,000 a month for various legal services, while KB Homes stalled by filing injunctions. She presented photos of her home and stated that her home was no longer under warranty.

Ms. Janet Ahmad stated that the only thing the Mirasol Task Force has accomplished is confirming something is wrong. She noted that the residents had received a list of places where they could move to,

but none of the homes on the list were vacant. She also inquired about the $1.7 million spent on repairs and asked why the money had not been spent on decent housing to begin with.

Mr. Guadalupe Lopez stated that the new Commissioner, Mr. Cavazos, seemed genuinely interested in helping the Mirasol Residents. He stated that the Task Force should be dismantled because they were ineffective and that the residents would rather work with Mr. Cavazos directly.

Ms. Petra Maldonado noted that the rules being enforced on Mirasol Residents varied from house to house. She stated that Council needed to put some pressure on SAHA because the residents were being blamed for not cooperating and she was tired of being pushed around.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr. stated that something needed to be done about the Mirasol situation and spoke against relaxing term limits. He stated that the AT&T Center overcharged on their concessions, noting the cost of beer at $8.00, popcorn at $10.00, peanuts at $5.00, and pretzels and water at $3.50 each. He suggested that the motorcycles that go to auction be utilized in school districts and noted that the inspection stickers on City Hall elevators were overdue since February. Lastly, he sang a song to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

A P P R O V E D

PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

Attest:

LETICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk