

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

S.A.F.F.E HOUSE PROGRAM

Mr. John Salmons, President of the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, gave a brief presentation of the history of the S.A.F.F.E. House program. He then introduced Ms. Barbara Tate, Kaufman and Broad, who stated that it is an honor to have been the builder of the house.

Fire Chief Robert Ojeda narrated a slide presentation which described the mobile unit's features and uses as a tool to teach school children and adults the proper methods of escaping from residential structure fires. Chief Ojeda then assisted in awarding plaques and certificates of appreciation to several individuals and organizations who helped sponsor the project.

Mayor Peak stated that this project clearly shows what a community partnership can accomplish collaboratively.

Various Councilmembers spoke in gratitude of the various builders' associations and the Fire Department for their efforts.

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HOUSMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mayor Peak recognized Mrs. Silke Nixon's third grade class from Housman Elementary School who were present in the audience. Mayor Peak noted that the Junior Achievement class recently graduated from their class entitled, "Our City."

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1997 ANNUAL TECHNOLOGY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mayor Peak announced that the Metropolitan Health District and Information Services Department were recently awarded the 1997 Annual Technology Achievement Award from Public Technology Inc. He then introduced Mr. Frank Blalock, Assistant Director of The Metropolitan Health District, who proceeded to assist in the presentation of the awards to the three recipients in recognition of their work in the creation of a web page devoted to linking citizens to information regarding the availability of thousands of cats and dogs up for adoption.

Mr. Gary Moeller, Director of Information Services, accepted his award on behalf of his department and then he recognized Ms. Nancy Dean for her help.

Dr. William Lammers, Metropolitan Health District-Animal Control Division, gave a presentation demonstrating the new internet web page created to help individuals get access to the Health Department for information concerning the adoption of over 14,000 homeless dogs and cats.

City Manager Briseño spoke to this program as an example of the proactive strides the City has made in relation to information technology. He encouraged the use of information systems to help improve the City's customer service and commended the Information Services Department for their diligent work.

Mr. Menendez thanked both departments for their hard work.

Mr. Vásquez congratulated Mr. Moeller and his staff for their efforts in improving information technology for the City.

Mayor Peak spoke to the benefits of technology and to the use of it in addressing the homeless pet problem in our City. He also noted that part of the problem can be attributed to the lack of good pet owners.

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98-07 **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Webster made a motion to approve Agenda Items 4 through 31g, constituting the Consent Agenda, with items 8, 21, 31a, and 31d, having been pulled for individual consideration. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

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

AN ORDINANCE 87362

ACCEPTING THE BID OF BC & L PAVEMENT SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AVIATION DEPARTMENT WITH SEALCOAT APPLICATION OF THE DELTA TAXI-WAY AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,350.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87363

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF SPACE MASTER INTERNATIONAL, INC./SPACE MASTER BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SOLID WASTE DIVISION WITH A MODULAR OFFICE BUILDING FOR USE AS TEMPORARY OFFICE SPACE AT THE BITTERS BRUSH SITE, FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,225.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87364

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL AND RATIFYING THE SERVICES OF MCQUAY SERVICE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A MCQUAY CHILLER AT THE MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING FOR A TOTAL OF \$19,794.16.

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AN ORDINANCE 87365

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF MALDONADO NURSERY & LANDSCAPE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,820.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALAMODOME AREA BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT (CHERRY ST./IOWA ST. LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS); AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; AUTHORIZING \$9,682.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$655.24 FOR ADVERTISING EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87366

DESIGNATING W3 ARCHITECTS, INC. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00; AUTHORIZING \$1,500.00 FOR ENGINEERING CONTINGENCIES; AUTHORIZING \$2,000.00 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87367

DESIGNATING GARCIA & WRIGHT CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE STREET AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,520.00; AUTHORIZING \$6,552.00 FOR ENGINEERING CONTINGENCIES; AUTHORIZING \$2,500.00 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87368

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,700.00 WITH DUGGER, CANADAY, GRAFE & WOELFEL, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE APPRAISALS RELATED TO THE BABCOCK ROAD - DE ZAVALA ROAD TO HAUSMAN ROAD PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87369

ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF FIVE (5) TEMPORARY EASEMENTS OUT OF KNOLL DRIVE, SILVER CREST AND OAKWOOD STREETS IN THE MARIPOSA PARK SUBDIVISION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCIENCE PARK DRAINAGE PROJECT #58H, I & J.

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AN ORDINANCE 87370

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$38,432.00 ALLOWING THE RAILROAD TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING MITCHELL STREET CROSSING AT GRADE AND ACROSS MAIN TRACK AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AT MILEPOST 1.20; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87371

AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS TALENT MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF PUBLIC SPACE IN MARKET SQUARE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998 FOR THE "TEJANO MUSIC AWARDS FANFARE".

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AN ORDINANCE 87372

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE TEXAS TALENT MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF CATTLEMAN'S SQUARE PARKING LOT, LOCATED AT 700 W. COMMERCE, FROM 6:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1998 UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1998 FOR A FANFARE FOR THE TEJANO MUSIC AWARDS FOR A COST OF \$4,184.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87373

APPROVING A FIVE YEAR AUTOMATIC TELLER MACHINE (ATM) LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH A ONE 5-YEAR RENEWAL OPTION, WITH SAN ANTONIO CITY EMPLOYEES FEDERAL CREDIT UNION FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF ONE (1) ATM IN EACH OF SEVEN (7) CITY-OWNED FACILITIES IN CONSIDERATION FOR RENT, BASED ON A FLAT RATE OF \$2,400.00 PER YEAR PER ATM, PLUS 40% OF (1) ALL SURCHARGE FEES COLLECTED FOR NON-MEMBER TRANSACTIONS ("FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS") AND (2) ANY ALTERNATE TRANSACTIONS WHICH GENERATE SURCHARGE REVENUES.

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AN ORDINANCE 87374

ACCEPTING A CASH GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 FROM MEDIMMUNE, INC. FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO PERFORM RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AND TRACKING ACTIVITIES IN BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998; ESTABLISHING A FUND; ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROVING A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87375

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$23,250.00 TO VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE COST IN PROVIDING GOODS AND SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES AND HOSTING OBLIGATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD, WINE & TRAVEL WRITERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FROM MARCH 8-12, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87376

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$80,000.00 TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) TO FUND THE SECOND YEAR ADMINISTRATIVE AND COORDINATION EFFORTS OF THE CRISIS ASSISTANCE TEAM OF THE VICTIMS ADVOCACY SECTION.

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AN ORDINANCE 87377

ACCEPTING A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,187.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY TO FUND THE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87378

ACCEPTING A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$956,940.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY TO FUND THE SAN ANTONIO MULTI-AGENCY INVESTIGATIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87379

ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,774.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATION SUPPORT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S CRISIS ASSISTANCE TEAM.

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AN ORDINANCE 87380

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,500.00 FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO PUBLIC TECHNOLOGY INC., FOR THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER, 1997 THROUGH NOVEMBER, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87381

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION'S COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT CONSORTIUM FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87382

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SAN SABA STREET, BETWEEN WEST COMMERCE AND DOLOROSA DURING THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULED SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARKET SQUARE AND DURING CERTAIN HOURS IN 1998: TEJANO MUSIC AWARDS FANFARE - MARCH 5-9, 1998; LA FERIA - MARCH 20-23, 1998; PASSION PLAY - APRIL 9-10, 1998; CINCO DE MAYO - APRIL 30-MAY 4, 1998; RETURN OF THE CHILI QUEENS - MAY 22-26, 1998; TEJANO FEST - JUNE 5-8, 1998; FREEDOM FEST - JULY 2-6, 1998; 13TH ANNUAL CONJUNTO SHOOT OUT - JULY 16-20, 1998; SUMMERFEST - JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 1998; EL MERCADO BIRTHDAY/LABOR DAY FEST - SEPTEMBER 4-8, 1998; FIESTA PATRIAS - SEPTEMBER 10-14, 1998; WALK FOR LIFE - OCTOBER 25, 1998; HALLOWEEN FEST - OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2, 1998.

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AN ORDINANCE 87383

APPROVING A RUN/WALK PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCARNATE WORD 10K RUN/WALK FOR BRAINPOWER AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:30 P.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1998 FOR SAID EVENT: WHITE FROM PADRE TO MISSION PARKWAY; MISSION PARKWAY FROM WHITE TO MISSION; MISSION FROM MISSION PARKWAY TO FELISA STREET; PADRE FROM S.E. MILITARY DRIVE TO ½ MILE PAST NAPIER, TO END INSIDE THE MISSION COUNTY PARK.

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AN ORDINANCE 87384

APPROVING A RUN/WALK PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE 7TH ANNUAL COURTHOUSE TO JAIL HOUSE 8K RUN, SPONSORED BY THE SAN ANTONIO BAR ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 10:30 A.M., SATURDAY, MAY 9, 1998 FOR SAID EVENT: MEDINA STREET TO CHESTNUT; CHESTNUT FROM HOUSTON TO CENTER; CENTER FROM CHESTNUT TO HOEFGEN; HOEFGEN FROM CENTER TO THE ALAMODOME; WEST COMMERCE FROM MEDINA TO END AT 1126 W. COMMERCE.

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AN ORDINANCE 87385

APPROVING A RUN/WALK PERMIT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY RALLY AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS FROM 12:30 P.M. UNTIL 2:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 1998 FOR THE EVENT: NUEVA FROM ALAMO STREET TO SANTA ROSA, SANTA ROSA FROM NUEVA TO COMMERCE, COMMERCE FROM SANTA ROSA TO END AT MILAM PARK.

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AN ORDINANCE 87386

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ONE LANE OF TULETA STREET, BRACKENRIDGE STREET, AVENUE B, MULBERRY STREET AND ST. MARY'S STREET ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1998 FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 9:30 A.M., IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION RACE FOR THE CURE.

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AN ORDINANCE 87387

APPOINTING ELIZABETH LOPEZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE ARTS AND CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1999.

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AN ORDINANCE 87388

REAPPOINTING MAXINE SALAIS (DISTRICT 1) AND APPOINTING MRS. LINDA GARRIS (DISTRICT 10) TO THE CLEAN-UP CITY COMMISSION FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2000.

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AN ORDINANCE 87389

REAPPOINTING MARGARITA GONZALEZ (DISTRICT 1) TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2000.

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AN ORDINANCE 87890

REAPPOINTING SANDRA BLISS (DISTRICT 1) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 26, 2000.

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AN ORDINANCE 87391

APPOINTING THEODORE GALLOWAY (DISTRICT 2) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2000.

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87392

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)/CITY MATCHED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,000.00 PAYABLE TO ENVIRONMENTAL DATA RESOURCES, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH SERVICES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL DATABASE ASSESSMENTS OF CITY STREETS PRIOR TO RECONSTRUCTION OF MPO PROJECTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY.(AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 86274 DATED JULY 25, 1997)

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

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his inability to review the back up material for this Ordinance. He then listed several streets he feels need to be added to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's list of streets in need of repair.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87393

ACCEPTING A HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$288,604.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL

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POLICY TO FUND THE SOUTH TEXAS INTELLIGENCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1998 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998.

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

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87394

APPOINTING RUBEN T. SANDOVAL (DISTRICT 3) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2000.

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

Ms. Guerrero gave a detailed description of Mr. Sandoval regarding his qualifications for the board position.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, thanked Ms. Guerrero for presenting the applicant information.

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

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AN ORDINANCE 87395

APPOINTING ARLENE WASHINGTON (DISTRICT 2) TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AS AN EX-OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON APRIL 6, 2000.

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

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, gave details of a survey he conducted in Council District 2.

Mr. Salas spoke to the benefits of appointing Ms. Arlene Washington to the Housing Authority.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87396

ACCEPTING AN AMENDMENT TO AN AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,870,766.00, FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHBOUND US 281/AIRPORT CONNECTOR PROJECT AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.(AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 85608 DATED FEB. 13, 1997)

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

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Mr. Efren T. Gonzalez, Acting Director of Aviation, explained the proposed Ordinance.

Mayor Peak spoke to the benefits of the Ordinance and to the implementation of the project.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87397

ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FROM THE MCI FOUNDATION BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, LIBRARY DEPARTMENT TO BE USED TO PURCHASE COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO EXPAND THE “YOUTH(WIRED)” PROGRAM USED TO TRAIN INNER-CITY TEENAGERS IN THE USE OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

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

Ms. June Garcia, Library Director, explained the proposed use of the grant monies and narrated a video presentation which detailed the “Youth Wired Program 1998.” (A copy of the presentation is made part of the papers of this meeting.)

Mayor Peak spoke to the benefits of computer technology being accessible through the public library system.

Mr. Bannwolf spoke to the City being on the cutting edge of the technological future. He also commended Ms. Garcia for her leadership as Director of the Public Library.

Ms. Guerrero expressed her support of the Ordinance and the “Youth Wired Program.”

Ms. June Garcia, Library Director, introduced Ms. Jennifer Comi and Ms. Adriana Flores, administrators of the “Youth Wired” program, who distributed special tee-shirts to the Mayor and Council.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to his own experiences with the San Antonio Public Library system and to the benefits of having access to computers at the Central Library.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87398

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 68260, PASSED AND APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 10, 1988, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVOCACY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BY INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP FROM NINE (9) MEMBERS TO ELEVEN (11) MEMBERS.

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

Mr. Clinton Bolden, Director of Economic Development, explained the proposed Ordinance and gave specific details of the proposed change of the committee.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87399

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND, INC. (SABDF) TO FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE SABDF IN AN

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AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1998.

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

Mr. Clinton Bolden, Director of Economic Development, gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance and spoke to the accomplishments of the San Antonio Business Development Fund, Inc.

Mr. Garza thanked the staff for their efforts and offered his support of the Ordinance.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 97-07-04

DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF A "SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS SERVICES MALL" CONCEPT, IN COORDINATION WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR HOWARD W. PEAK.

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

Mayor Peak spoke to the benefits of the partnership among the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the City of San Antonio in developing the "Business Service Mall."

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Ms. Hope Andrate, Executive Director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, explained the details of the partnership and recognized several individuals who helped in the creation of the concept. She further spoke to the history of the trend of catering to small businesses and providing the necessary support needed to make the small businesses flourish. He also spoke to the benefits of the “mall” concept in making it easier for the small business owner to attain necessary services. She requested approval from Council to create a committee to bring this concept to realization and then come back in 90 days to give a status report.

Mr. Nelson Wolfe addressed the Council on the benefits of the “mall” concept and explained how the mall would operate as a one-stop center where permits, licenses and other necessary items could be purchased.

Mr. Bob McKinley, representing the University of Texas at San Antonio, spoke to UTSA’s need to be involved in a similar project and offered his support of pursuing this concept.

Ms. Martha Magnum, Executive Director of the Real Estate Council, spoke on behalf of her firm’s support of the resolution.

Councilman Webster expressed his support of the Resolution. He also commended the individuals involved in creating the “mall” concept.

Mr. Menendez spoke, as a member of the small business community, in support of the effort to bring resources to all areas of the community to reach all districts.

Mr. Garza reiterated his fellow colleagues’ statements and stated that it is necessary for an environment which supports the small business community.

Mr. Marbut spoke in support of the resolution and thanked Mayor Peak for bringing the resolution back for consideration.

Mr. Bannwolf commended everyone involved for bringing this to Council’s attention and expressed his appreciation of small business owners.

Ms. Guerrero thanked everyone involved for their efforts and encouraged additional public and private investments toward the project.

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Mr. Salas reiterated colleagues' sentiments and suggested more attempts be made to consolidate services for minority businesses as well.

City Manager Briseño expressed his anticipation for working on this program and spoke to the history of the concept. He then offered suggestions on how private and public sectors could partner together to offer legal, banking, and various other services in the complex to offset the cost of rent.

Mayor Peak thanked his colleagues for their support and staff for their hard work in drafting the resolution.

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

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98-07 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87400

APPROVING THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION (NCR) PROGRAM, WHICH INCLUDES REVITALIZATION PROJECTS, PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INNER CITY REVITALIZATION ASSOCIATION; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$200,000.00 FOR COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION TO THE PROGRAM FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS SELECTED THROUGH THE NCR PROGRAM FOR FY 97/98, AS WELL AS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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

Mr. Clinton Bolden, Director of Economic Development, explained the Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization program which reflects the Council's commitment to community concerns. He further outlined the objectives of the program by narrating a video presentation.(A copy of the presentation is included as part of the papers of this meeting.)

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Manuel Benevidez, 302 Hearne, spoke to the Nogalitos Corridor Project as a priority item and highlighted the accomplishments made by the community; for example they purchased several trees for the area. He requested, from Council, that they implement a "focal point" concept by changing one area of the street in hopes of stimulating favorable changes to the opposite side of the street.

Mayor Peak noted that his concept, along with many others, will be considered equally.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to the history of the Kenwood area revitalization program and to the need for more trees in various downtown locations. Mr. Hodge also expressed his concern with the continuance of commercial development moving toward the north side of the city.

Ms. Sarah Jones, 1400 Jackson Keller, expressed her support of the project.

Reverend Kent Kinard of St. Mark's United Methodist Church spoke on behalf of all neighborhood organizations and offered his support of the resolution. He further explained how this project offers an opportunity to make a significant impact on other neighborhoods.

In response to a question from Mr. Vásquez, Mr. Bolden stated he will provide him with a report of past public investment on revitalization projects.

Mr. Vásquez spoke to the use of public dollars to invest in future revitalization projects

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

Mr. Garza commended staff for its efforts in creating a project which will help to empower the neighborhoods. He also addressed the funding needs of the program and suggested that an on site manager should be appointed to the neighborhoods.

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

Mr. Flores gave examples of revitalization projects that have spurred economic development in many areas of the city.

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Ms. Guerrero spoke to public and private dollars needed to stimulate growth. Ms Guerrero also noted that the program will be a vehicle for economic development in all areas of the city.

Mr. Bolden stated that the key to the success of the project is that it sets a framework for an organization in which all of the neighborhood residents are stakeholders.

Mr. Menendez thanked the Economic Development staff for its work in keeping the program on target. He also spoke to the benefits of having businesses in the neighborhoods. He also spoke of his and Mr. Garza's collaborative work in gathering suggestions from action groups to see if there are any business tie-ins available.

Mr. Webster spoke to a variety of problems that need to be addressed to resolve problems in a manner which keeps a balanced approach and allows for alternatives to remain on the table.

In response to a question from Mayor Peak, Mr. Bolden explained that initially the project is seen as a start-up project under the direction of City staff, which will continue to look for ways to leverage private money.

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

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98-07 **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:**

For Councilman Ed Garza of District 7 to travel to Dallas, Texas on Friday, February 13, 1998 to tour tax increment financing housing projects.

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

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

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MANAGER'S REPORT

NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION DEPARTMENT

Ms. Francis Gonzalez, Director of the Neighborhood Action Department, gave a video presentation updating the Council on the Neighborhood Sweeps Program. Ms. Gonzalez gave a synopsis of the program's goals from the initial start-up strategy to the long-term goals. Her presentation also defined the first three areas to be targeted by the "sweeps." (A copy of the report is included as part of the papers of this meeting.)

Mayor Peak explained the difficulties faced by planners to encourage people to become interested in the future of an area when the present state of the area is discouraging.

Ms. Gonzalez commended various departments for their help in planning this program. She also explained that her department is planning to seek out other areas of the city, which are in need of their own "sweep", by speaking with Councilmembers.

Mr. Vásquez thanked Ms. Gonzalez for her participation in helping all neighborhoods, especially those in his district that are lead-contaminated.

Mr. Salas spoke in support of the Ordinance and commended Ms. Gonzales and her staff for their work in creating programs such as this one.

Ms. Guerrero reassured her constituents that they have not been overlooked . She also commended Ms. Gonzalez and her staff for the way they have prioritized the areas to receive help.

Mr. Garza stated he is gratified to see that the areas chosen first to receive the first round of "sweeps" are located in his district.

Mr. Menendez thanked staff and stated that he looks forward to the District 6 sweeps.

Mayor Peak encouraged the "sweeps" program to coordinate closely with any outside organizations which may be able to offer various services.

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GRAFFITI WIPE OUT PROJECT

Mr. Sergio Soto, Youth Initiative Manager, gave a video presentation highlighting the status of the Comprehensive Graffiti Abatement Program which was initiated in March 1995. (A copy of this presentation is included in the papers of this meeting.) Mr. Soto also presented three thirty-second public service announcements which were created in-house by the Community Relations Department and are scheduled to air on various local television stations.

Mayor Peak commended the staff on the quality of the PSAs and spoke to the problem of graffiti.

Mr. Menendez asked Mr. Soto to make the same presentation at a later meeting in his district, to which Mr. Soto agreed.

Mr. Vásquez spoke in support of the project and noted a few measures that he desires to have included at the next legislative session.

Mayor Peak encouraged all councilmembers to offer any input for the next legislative session.

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98-07 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council recessed its regular meeting to convene in Executive Session at 3:50 p.m., for the purpose of discussing the following:

A) Attorney/Client consultation regarding possible property acquisition for municipal use in the downtown area.

City Council reconvened its regular session at 4:15 P.M., at which time Mayor Peak announced that City Council had discussed the above mentioned item and had given staff direction, but had taken no official action. Mayor Peak further stated that at this time City Council would recess until 5:00 P.M. for Citizens To Be Heard.

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98-07 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

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NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk