

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1968 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, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES; Absent: NONE.

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68-412                   The invocation was given by Councilman S. H. James.

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The minutes of the November 21, 1968 Council Meeting were approved.

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During the temporary absence of Mayor McAllister, Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti presided over the meeting.

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68-412                   CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Terry Topham, attorney representing Fair Jamboree Village which was granted a permit for temporary housing during HemisFair, asked the Council for 60 additional days to remove some of the temporary structures remaining on the property off the Austin Expressway.

The 60 days given to remove the buildings is up on December 5, 1968, but they need additional time to remove the buildings, most of which have been sold under a contract of sale. He stated that the place is closed down and all utilities have been disconnected. The \$5,000 deposit check to guarantee removal of the buildings will remain on file with the City.

City Manager Henckel stated he had no objection to granting additional time since they are diligently making an effort to remove the buildings.

City Attorney Walker stated that the Council can grant an extension with the understanding that Fair Jamboree Village is still bound by the \$5,000 bond.

Mr. Jones made a motion that the petition requesting a 60 day extension to remove temporary housing be granted with the understanding that they are still bound by the \$5,000 bond. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

68-412 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 37,084

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CLOSNER EQUIPMENT TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH TWO TILT TRAILERS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$7,038.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 37,085

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF THE PERRY SHANKLE COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION - SIGNAL DIVISION, WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CABLE FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,656.00.

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Mayor McAllister returned to the meeting and presided.

68-412 The following ordinance was explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 37,086

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF HALL SIGNS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION WITH CERTAIN ALUMINUM SIGN BLANKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,173.00.

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68-412 The following ordinances were explained by Mr. Thomas Raffety, Director of Aviation, and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,087

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AMEND THE PRESENT AGREEMENT FOR LEASE OF SPACE IN THE TERMINAL ANNEX BUILDING AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LEASED AREA BY 177 SQUARE FEET.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,987-A

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH EXECUTIVE FLIGHT SERVICE, INC. FOR OPERATION OF AN AIR TAXI SERVICE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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## AN ORDINANCE 37,988

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COVERING POST OFFICE SPACE FOR THE LAPHAM STATION AND TRANSFER OFFICE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 37,989

APPROPRIATING \$4,620.44 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS, 1961, FUND NO. 479-19 PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SUBJECT TO THE ORDER OF CHARLES RUBIOLO, ET AL, AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, IN PAYMENT OF BALANCE DUE ON JUDGMENT IN CONDEMNATION CASE NO. C-589 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 0.7367 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN N.C.B. 2870, LOCATED AT 2734 NORTH ST. MARY'S STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, REQUIRED FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

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Mr. Raymond Weber, Condemnation Attorney, stated that the condemnation Commissioners awarded \$8,855.00 and the case was appealed and a judgment rendered in the amount of \$13,475.00. This ordinance appropriates \$4,620.44 new money, which includes the additional amount awarded for land value plus interest from February 6, 1968.

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Mr. Weber reported that they have no condemnation cases to be tried at the Commissioner level. He will present three additional ordinances, probably at the next meeting, concerning right of way between the Pearl Parkway and Loop 410. He stated there are about ten cases on appeal, some of which are owned by the same person. Of these he has some assurance that someowners will not pursue the appeal.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,090

GRANTING PERMISSION TO ROBERT L. KUHN TO ERECT A SEVEN-FOOT HIGH SECURITY FENCE AROUND HIS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1106 HALM BOULEVARD.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Jr., Director of Housing and Inspections, advised the Council that the petitioner is requesting to be allowed to construct a fence around his parking lot which is a commercial area and recommended same.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,091

APPROPRIATING \$6,000.00 OUT OF LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN THE THREE NEW BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDINGS.

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Mr. Mike Sexton, Library Director, advised that this would establish a fund for acquisition of items of equipment for new branch libraries, primarily items under \$1,000.00.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,092

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN  
EDUCATIONAL CENTER TO UTILIZE THE RCA  
PAVILION FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXTEND BEYOND  
JUNE 30, 1969.

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City Manager Henckel recommended a short term contract because of legal problems of the IAEC as far as funding is concerned. Under the IAEC Charter they can not pay rent for this kind of facility, however, he recommended granting permission for them to use this facility because he felt the computer set-up should be utilized and RCA has offered them the use of it. They will pay all the utilities and maintenance. There will be no cost to the City. No one else is presently wanting to use the building. He explained this is a temporary contract until June 30, 1969 and recommended its adoption.

Mrs. Cockrell stated that organizations using facilities at HemisFair have certainly had a problem with the utility cost and thought the Council should review the utility cost in the HemisFair area because she felt it is very, very high and the problems the City is having contracting on a short term rate instead of a long term rate is because the City hasn't been able to contract for a long term.

Mayor McAllister stated he doesn't know why the utility rate should be higher for short term than for long term contracts as long as they are in a position to deliver the service.

Assistant City Manager Douthit stated that under the chilled water rates ordinance, if the contract is for less than a year it is 7¢ per ton and if the contract is for a year or longer it goes down to 2¢ per ton. He stated the City had to make a short term contract and the City is being charged the same as the Fair was.

The Mayor pointed out that during HemisFair the charge included not only the utility cost, but the maintenance of the grounds charge and the maintenance is not included in the charge today.

Mr. Gatti asked what the rationale is for practically quadrupling the cost and asked that the Council be given a report on the rates.

Mrs. Cockrell stated it gets so the utilities are more than a person has to pay for rent and utilities combined, so in this case when the City makes a building available without charge, the organization using it is still paying a very high amount for the space used considering the amount they have to pay for utilities.

City Manager Henckel explained that what is happening is the City is paying a premium to one of its own companies for utilities and there was a premium paid during the Fair. The utility cost and the insurance on the operation reflects what the City's loss has been since the 6th of October. He was concerned about it and thought the City needed to sit down with its utility people and either amend the ordinance or enter into a contract and make it retroactive.

Mr. Torres stated it was his impression that there was going to be a schedule of rents available and any users would be required to pay rent. He stated the City is providing security over there and is paying a number of expenses and this is an organization that has been paying rent at the Tower Life Building. Since it comprises a region of the Texas Education Agency, they have a budget of their own and did not see why the City should support other agencies whether public or private. He then asked what the nominal rent in a set-up like this would be.

Mr. Henckel answered that ordinarily they would pay rent based on space used, but the peculiarity of this case is the computer in the building. The City would be very reluctant to consider leasing to anyone who isn't qualified to handle this equipment. The equipment belongs to the RCA people who have agreed to the lease.

Mr. Torres asked if it is possible to renegotiate to get some amount of rent out of it or a token payment to help pay for security, for space, and for ground maintenance.

Mr. Henckel replied that he had been informed by the Legal Department, who have been working with IAEC attorneys, that under their Charter there is no way they can pay lease rental for a facility of this type.

City Attorney Walker stated that he had been in contact with Bill Dobbins, attorney for IAEC, to see if he could find some law that would allow this organization to enter into a contract. After two weeks of researching the law, Mr. Dobbins found a law which he believes authorizes this group to operate as it has been doing. The Legal Department is concerned about indemnification in the event anyone should get hurt there. The Legal Department could not find any authority and Mr. Dobbins has not shown any authority which will allow the IAEC to contract as a legal entity. The question is to either enter into a contract with the State Department of Education, because this purports to be an agency of that department, or if the City lets this organization use the facility, it will have to be on the basis of a permit rather than a lease. This still does not answer the question of indemnification in the event of damages.

Mr. Walker stated the IAEC was organized by the Legislature which passed a bill establishing a central education agency and these various agencies operate under the central agency. IAEC appears to be the one in this area. The bill authorized the central education agency to set these other agencies up and spend public money, but it did not make the IAEC a legal entity. It is a legal question. The ordinance presented grants them use of the building on a permanent basis. Since they have no authority to enter into a lease, they have no authority to pay rent.

Mr. Torres stated they should be trying to consolidate agencies instead of creating another little empire as in this instance. In providing space for their facilities, the City is perpetuating the empire. He said he has searched for the reason for the existence of the IAEC and is concerned with the use of the space, not with reference to their authority but with a view of having them pay their way. He realized it is a short term contract, but at the same time the City is laying a precedent for a non-profit agency. The question is if a precedent is made here, other non-profit organizations can come along and want to use a building and are they going to be given use of the buildings rent free?

The Mayor stated that this equipment in the building belongs to RCA and the building belongs to the City of San Antonio. IAEC is a peculiar organization which has a budget of about a million dollars secured from the state education agency and the federal education agency and some fourteen to twenty different school districts in South Texas and is rendering a service. They are in a process of evolution and perhaps at the end of the period they will know exactly what they will be able to do. But they are not in a position to enter into a contract because they have not secured a renewal of the funds that were available to them.

He felt there is nothing wrong with this agreement and that it might lead to a service to the City of San Antonio and our area. Since the building and equipment is there and they will pay the expenses in connection with it, he saw no reason why the Council should not approve the temporary lease, as presented.

Mrs. Cockrell thought their ability to pay rent has a direct relativity to the charges of the utilities and when the cost of the utilities alone equals or exceeds the cost of rent and utilities that they have been paying somewhere else, it puts the City in a different position. She commented that the fact that the RCA building is there at all is due to the efforts of the IAEC to have RCA place an exhibit at HemisFair and also the fact that there could be a cooperative use of the computers in trying to develop useful service to the community. In their role as an educational agency, IAEC is furnishing not only payrolls, but are now offering computerized reporting on grades. She felt that cooperating with them on this temporary lease would lead to a mutual benefit in the future.

Mr. Torres stated that if they were performing such a magnificent service they would have heretofore impressed the Legislature with the service they are performing and with the need for their operation and would have been given clearly defined authorities. They have been to the legislature and Dr. Estes has been to our Legislators and discussed this operation with them and sought means of obtaining funds they need to continue the program. He agreed Dr. Estes has some very progressive ideas for the school of the future and has developed a lot of literature on the subject. He is perfectly aware of what they are trying to do and it is not the City's job to establish these organizations and provide them either with money or facilities, that is something the Legislature must do. The City already has expenses over there. As far as the use of the computer is concerned, if it is a community operation, it can be used for educational purposes and it is the Texas education agency's problem, not the City's. The City is not in the education business.

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

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TUESDAY MUSICAL CLUB

Mr. Torres stated he has been asking for six months about the rent or no rent contract of the Tuesday Musical Club which is a very fine group of affluent ladies who are using a facility at Brackenridge Park which belongs to the City of San Antonio. He asked what the situation is on this and if the City is charging them rent.

Mr. Henckel stated the City is not.

Mr. Torres questioned why the City is letting someone get by with using a complete facility that belongs to the City without charging them rent. He stated that any group or organization that wants to use the Woodlawn Recreation Center has to pay the usual customary \$25.00 for one night, and yet the affluent society of ladies are using the Tuesday Musical Club building which is their own building and they have their name on it and are getting by rent free. It seems there is a little discrimination in the favor of these ladies. He asked what the situation is on this.

Mayor McAllister stated that for Mr. Torres' benefit he would like for Mr. Henckel to make an investigation and report on this and see if his memory is correct in that there was a deal made many, many years ago between the City and the Tuesday Musical Club where they paid for the erection of the building. They provided the funds for the building and the site was made available to them by the then City Council. He said he was not taking exception to Mr. Torres' statement except to point out the matter should be looked into because all the facts are not known at this time.

Mr. Torres asked if they had got a quitclaim deed to that area of the park. He did not believe the did because the land belongs to the City even though they built the building. He stated it might be like the Chamber of Commerce Building in that if the City wanted to use it they would have to pay rent.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,093

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT AMENDING THE  
CONTRACT WITH SAN ANTONIO ZOOLOGICAL  
SOCIETY FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY ZOO.

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City Manager Henckel stated this ordinance merely provides for a change in the fiscal year for accounting purposes for operation of the City Zoo and recommended its adoption.

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

68-412

The Clerk read the following resolution.

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A REPORT  
ON PROGRESS UNDER THE WORKABLE PROGRAM  
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT.

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City Manager Henckel stated this is the annual report the City is required to submit in order that all area agencies may receive federal funding. The workable program is updated every year and brought to the Council. It is a routine requirement of the federal agency and has to be submitted in order that they know the City is continuing master planning for our City.

Mr. Torres stated he had some things he would like to pass along to the Council. First, the Council is approving a report to HUD which hasn't been prepared yet and what bothered him is that he would like to have the completed report before it leaves the City of San Antonio because the Council needs to know what is in it. Second, he would like a copy of the report. Third, if this is supposed to be a citizen's advisory committee report on a project that was formulated by a citizen's committee, he felt it was absurd to have the staff prepare the report and submit it to the citizen's advisory committee for approval. He thought they ought to invert the procedure and if they are going to have a citizens advisory committee to comply with this federal regulation, then let the citizen's advisory committee prepare this report. If the committee is not needed then the City should advise HUD to change their regulations so they don't do something just to comply federal regulations. That is the problem with the bureaucrats in Washington. They say to do something and local communities are pliable enough to coalesce. He stated the 10th Amendment to the constitution does not mean anything, and if they want to know what that means it is: "All powers not granted the federal government here- in the U. S. Congress, are given to the states and to the people."

Mr. Henckel stated they will submit a report to the Council, however again, this is one of the requirements, that the City have this resolution compiled in the report.

Mayor McAllister stated the point is that the Council will pass this resolution, but the Council wants to see and study the report before it is released so they can judge and appraise the program that is included therein.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 37,094

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF DON'S AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND REJECTING ALL OTHER PROPOSALS.

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City Manager Henckel stated this item was explained to the Council in informal session last week by Mr. Brooks Barker. He stated that representatives of each firm that bid on the proposed contract are present if the Council desires any additional information.

Dr. Calderon asked the length of the contract.

Mr. Barker stated it is a one-year contract with a one-year option.

Mrs. Cockrell stated she would like to call attention to a letter she had received from a citizen this past week asking whether it would be feasible to have the emergency ambulance service handled by the Fire Department.

Mr. Henckel stated that the staff had looked into this possibility and estimated that it would cost the City approximately \$250,000 for the first year. In addition to that, it was felt that it would be extremely difficult to hire the additional personnel. It was felt that since the Fire Department is undermanned at this time that it would not be practical to use firemen for emergency ambulance runs. He stated it is his recommendation that the Council accept the proposal of Don's Ambulance Service. He stated he is hoping that the Bexar County Medical Association and the San Antonio Hospital District will soon come up with a plan for county wide ambulance service.

Mr. William Stolhandske, attorney representing the other bidder, Bexar County Ambulance Service, stated that he had heard the Council was briefed in informal session last week on the emergency ambulance contract, and was told that Mr. Barker, who made the presentation for the Manager's committee that had investigated both bidders, had reported that the Bexar County Ambulance Service had faulty equipment, the drivers were not given first aid training and had illegal radio equipment. He denied these statements and stated his client met all the state regulations. The company is a sole proprietor and not committed to any other governmental agency. His client has thirteen ambulances available, all operational, each driver and helper, except one, have had advanced Red Cross First Aid Training. As to the illegal radio equipment, he stated it is not illegal, but they were using citizens radio band, however, at a great expense, they are now converting to the standard FM, police type radio.

Mr. Stolhandske stated he did not feel that Don's Ambulance Service could keep the necessary number of ambulances available for the City as required, due to the fact that he had a contract with the Veteran's Administration and actually had only eight ambulances available all together. He requested that the Council not grant a one-year contract to one firm, but give each firm half of the City. This way the City would have a total of twenty one vehicles on call at all times and still cost the City the same. The other alternative would be to award the contract to the lowest bidder, his client, and thus save the City approximately \$12,000.00 a year. In addition he stated his client complied with the siren ordinance.

In answer to questions from the Council, Mr. Henckel stated the Committee had been composed of Mr. Rhodes, Radio Technician for the City district, Fire Chief Martinez and Mr. Brooks Barker, Administrative Assistant, and were more than competent to analyze and recommend the best proposal. He recommended approval of the contract with Don's Ambulance Service.

Mr. Henckel stated that in the investigation, the Committee checked and considered all facets of the proposal and, taken as a whole, although the alternate bidder of Don's Ambulance was \$8.00 per call and would cost the City more money, it is still his recommendation to give the contract to Don's Ambulance as he is concerned in giving the best service possible to the citizens.

Mr. Brooks Barker, in answer to questions from the Council, then reviewed the specifications in the proposal.

Mr. Jack Sims, Attorney representing Don's Ambulance Service, proceeded to explain the proposal submitted by his client which included an alternate proposal reducing the cost per call from \$9.00 to \$8.00 and then increasing the fee for hauling two or more passengers. He stated that as of today, Don's Ambulance has a total of ten ambulances, two of which are committed to the Veteran's Administration, but not on a twenty-four hour basis. These are used to transfer patients from one hospital to another. In addition to these ten, Don's will receive delivery on two 1969 ambulances by the middle of December for a total of twelve ambulances. He then explained that Don's also has a contract with Bexar County but is not committed to any definite number of ambulances on stand-by. He added that Don's has maintained good service to the City in the past and will meet all specifications in the future if awarded the contract.

Mr. Jake Castillo, Northside Ambulance Company, explained to the Council that he had had a contract with the City for the northside of town from Commerce, north, east and west, however, due to the minimum wage law, he was forced to start paying \$1.68 an hour which caused him to lose money on the contract. After showing his records to the City Manager he recommended the contract be cancelled because of financial reasons and at that time Don's Ambulance Service took over. He stated that he has contacted Mr. Lane, owner of Bexar County Ambulance and offered him the use of his equipment which consists of three FM radio controlled ambulances.

Mr. Henckel stated that at the Council's request he had contacted the County in regards to setting up a county-wide ambulance service and was told that it was being worked on. If the Council awards the proposal to Don's Ambulance Service, the contract calls for a 90 day cancellation clause and Don's Ambulance contract could be cancelled in sufficient time if Bexar County comes up with a county-wide ambulance service.

After further discussion, the Mayor stated that if the Council was uncertain and wished to appoint a Council Committee to investigate further, he would be agreeable.

Mrs. Cockrell stated she felt there was no need to appoint a Council Committee if the Staff has made their presentation and investigation and recommendation and they are most competent to do so.

Councilman Hill stated that while a little more information was given at this time, he was convinced that the presentation made last week was sufficient and made a motion to award the emergency ambulance contract to Don's Ambulance. Mrs. Cockrell seconded the motion.

Councilman Jones stated that he would go along with the motion if immediate steps would be taken to amend the present siren ordinance so that it would include and forbid the use of electronic devices for sound.

Mr. Henckel stated that he would have an ordinance to that effect ready next week.

On roll call the ordinance accepting the proposal of Don's Ambulance Service, Inc. to provide emergency ambulance service in the City of San Antonio, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

68-412 Mayor McAllister made the following statement regarding traffic accidents:

"It is appalling to contemplate the fact that the year 1968 will go down as a record year in which more people died in automobile accidents in San Antonio than in any other year in our City's history.

The Members of the City Council are deeply concerned about the growing traffic toll and want to do whatever is necessary to remedy the situation before it gets worse. Therefore, this morning, I want to instruct our City Manager to investigate the matter, the Traffic accident experience, comparative data and trends, and give the Members of the Council a full report on the situation and his recommendations as to what we might do to solve the problem."

The Mayor added that the analysis should be on the basis of causes, vehicle condition or person who was killed or the person who caused the accident. He asked the City Manager to try to come up with some practical solution to curb the rate of traffic fatalities.

68-412 The Mayor stated that since the Council is scheduled to be at the Convention Center for the City Manager's Re-Use Plan at 10:30, the Romana Plaza Plan presentation by the Director of Traffic and Transportation would be postponed.

68-412 The Clerk read the following letter:

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen and Madam:

The following petitions were received by my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

- 11-19-68 Petition of Mrs. Ruth M. Griffith, requesting permission to place a trailer on property at the rear of 1560 W. Villaret Blvd.
- 11-20-68 Petition of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Tyler and citizens in the vicinity of Highlands High School, concerning a traffic and safety problem for students and pedestrians due to the lack of sidewalks on Elgin Street between Rigsby and the Highlands High School.
- 11-20-68 Petition of Mr. Felix Rosas, requesting the City to grant a permit to replace and/or repair the existing private water line across Riverside Drive in the 600 block. (NCB 7649)
- 11-20-68 Petition of Members of Brookhill Baptist Church, 631 Utopia, requesting immediate action be taken to alleviate the drainage problem at the intersection of Utopia Road and Belford Drive.

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN  
City Clerk

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

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ATTEST: *[Handwritten Signature]*  
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