

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT CITY HALL ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1969, AT 8:30 A.M.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES: ABSENT: Mayor McALLISTER.

69-49 The invocation was given by Councilman Ed Hill.

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69-49 The City Council honored 900 safe-driving City vehicle operators who have driven up to 13 years without a preventable vehicle accident. Drivers in 15 City departments were selected by their fellow employees to receive Representative Safe Driver Certificates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell presented the certificates to the following City employees:

W. R. Lindley	Clayton New
Martin M. Eser	Sharon Young
Alvino Bocanegra, Jr.	Green Fleming
Policarpio Garza	Santos Flores
Gilbert Borrego	Armando Alejos
John Bongiorno	Emogene Buffington
Alfredo G. Lerma	Bobby Bulgerin
Anthony Pedrotti	

69-49 BUS STOP LOCATIONS

Councilman Torres brought up the matter of suggestions made by City Manager Henckel for the relocation of certain bus stop locations in the downtown area. He understood that Mr. Norman Hill, Manager of the Transit System, had made a statement that the indenture controls where bus stops can be located. He felt the City Council could direct where the loading and unloading can be done.

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City Manager Henckel stated this was a legal problem. The indenture does state that the Transit System can designate the bus stop locations. The City Attorney has advised him that the City has complete control of traffic and public safety, and could designate where loading and unloading cannot be done. He added that Mr. Hill, the Mayor and Inspector Fitch, and other members of the staff had met and discussed the proposed changes, of which there are seven. The Mayor asked that the City staff get together with Mr. Hill and go over the proposed changes. He read a letter dated October 3 to Mr. Hill, asking that the suggestions be studied before they are presented to the Transit Board and the City Council. However, the Transit Board has taken action on the matter. Of the seven changes he suggested, three of them be placed into effect on a trial basis.

Councilman Torres suggested that the entire matter of bus stop locations be brought before the City Council, and asked that Mr. Hill appear before the Council at its next meeting. He also suggested that the Council consider undertaking Mr. Henckel's recommendations at least on a trial basis and looking at the idea that the City can legally say where bus stop locations can be. If by no other means, by prohibiting the stopping, loading and unloading at certain locations.

Dr. Nielsen asked that the City check to see if the flower pots along Houston Street are blocking the entrances and exits to busses. Also, that news stands be as close to the poles as possible. He has had reports that they get into the areas where people are boarding the busses. He also commented that the marking of curbs should be checked by the City. He stated that there appears to be a continuing problem with high school students who ride busses. He felt it might be necessary to ask school administrators and parents, or both, to ride the busses in order to prevent physical attacks on bus drivers.

City Manager Henckel advised that the Police Department is working on the problem of students and that he will make a report to the Council on the items that Dr. Nielsen mentioned.

Councilman Calderon suggested that the Council appoint a committee of the Council to study the matter of bus stops, which will make a report to the Council to resolve the matter.

Councilman Torres objected to going the committee route and made a motion that Mr. Norman Hill be asked to appear at the next Council meeting and at the same time that City Manager Henckel and members of the City staff be present, so that both viewpoints can be considered. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen.

Dr. Calderon then made a substitute motion that a committee be appointed to study the problem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke.

After discussion on roll call Dr. Calderon's motion to substitute prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: Cockrell, Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

Dr. Calderon then made a motion that a committee of three councilmen be appointed by Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell to investigate and that a recommendation to the City Council be made on the problem of bus stops. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino and Hill; NAYS: Nielsen, Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

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The Clerk read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE AND NAMING THE CHAIRMAN THEREOF.

Ralph G. Langley, Chairman

Charles L. Becker	Joe Douglas
Wilber L. Fite	Sam Mims
M. H. Segner	Joe Castillo
Pete Cortez	Ramon Martinez
Homer Guerra	Mrs. Alfred Perez
Alvin G. Padilla	Mrs. Charles J. Williams
Mrs. John A. Daniels	Gene Rodriguez, Sr.
Mrs. Earl H. Wischer	Larry Travis
Gene Hicks	Melvin Sance, Jr.
Gen. Dorr E. Newton	Edward Garcia
George Richey	Mariano Aguilar
Darnell Butler	Pat Holmes
Joe Potts	Dr. Gerald Parker

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Dr. Calderon made a motion that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke.

Councilman Torres stated that he had suggested Melvin Sance, Jr., to be Chairman of the Committee. He was in accord with appointing the committee, but wanted to stick with his recommendation for Chairman. Mr. Torres then made a substitute motion that the name of Mr. Ralph Langley be stricken as Chairman of the Committee and the name of Mr. Melvin Sance, Jr., be substituted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nielsen. On roll call the motion failed by the following vote: AYES: Nielsen, Torres; NAYS: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Trevino and Hill; ABSENT: McAllister.

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The question was then called on Dr. Calderon's motion to adopt a resolution and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,041

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE HOME IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM COMMENCING NOVEMBER 12, 1969.

Members--Home Improvement Contractors:

E. N. Dean
M. C. Beldon
Robert L. Zepeda
Forrest A. Dinn, Jr.

Members--General Public:

John L. Quinlan, Jr.
Mrs. S. J. Davis
Albino Perez

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

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ZONING HEARINGS

First heard was Zoning Case 3755 to rezone the northwest 700' of Arb Tract A NCB 13832 from "Temp. A" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, located south of the intersection of Heimer Road (northeast to southwest) and Heimer Road (northwest to southeast), having 186.5' on Heimer Road (northeast to southwest) and 700' on Heimer Road (northwest to southeast).

Planning Director Steve Taylor explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be denied by the City Council.

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The applicant, Mr. William Rau, Jr., stated this property was in an area taken into the City in the last two or three years. No development has started in the area. He asked for "R-3" zoning because he contemplates developing the property with apartments or condominiums. He stated that there is a horse stable in NCB 73835 and a private airport off of Heimer Road about 1200 feet from the subject property. He felt apartments would enhance the value of the property and start a good development in the area. No plans have been drawn at this time, but he would like to get started in 1970 if the re-zoning is granted. There is no traffic problem at the present time. People are dumping garbage on the property. He assured the Council the property would not be developed for low cost housing.

He added that the Planning Department staff had recommended the re-zoning, but the Planning Commission wanted to wait for a comprehensive plan for the entire area.

Planning Director Steve Taylor stated that the thinking of the Planning Commission was that the owners of vacant property in the area should get together and try to make plans for the over-all proper development of this undeveloped land. The Planning staff's recommendation was that the property in question was owned by a single individual who did not need to go along with any plan. They assume that there will be a great deal of traffic on Heimer Road and that the property facing it would not lend itself to single family residences.

Mr. H. L. Brown, 231 Springwood, stated that he and his brother own the property next to Mr. Rau, with a 200' frontage on Heimer. He also owns another piece of property next to it. He stated the land across the street is for single family residences. There is no need for this change, as there is adequate land to develop the property for single family residences. There is no need for high density housing when the surrounding property is vacant. He disputed the idea that building apartments will create a buffer zone and protect residential property. He felt the change in zoning would affect the land values of adjacent property. Mr. Rau has sold property for right-of-way for a street to connect the area when with San Pedro Avenue. He felt it was premature to change the zone on the basis that it is not known how the property will be developed. He stated that a group of the owners of the vacant property were willing to discuss with Mr. Rau a way to develop the whole area so that it will be a fine asset to the City.

After consideration Mr. Torres made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be denied and the property rezoned "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trevino; The motion, which required seven affirmative votes to carry, failed by the following vote and the re-zoning was denied: AYES: James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: Calderon, Burke; ABSENT: McAllister.

Dr. Calderon stated that he voted against the motion because he had seen too many instances where, if there is no planning for development, the property is not utilized properly. He said that if within a year's time that Mr. Brown is not able to get together with other property owners and work out a plan for development of the area, that he would vote in favor of re-zoning as requested today.

69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3764 to rezone Lots 7 and 8, Blk. 4, NCB 7314 from "C" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District; located northeast of the intersection of Howard Street and Joy Street, having 57' on Howard Street and 100' on Joy Street.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be denied.

Mr. Eugene Villarreal, 4502 Howard, the applicant, stated he wanted to have the property re-zoned because he wanted to operate a small grocery store. He lives in the house and has spent money remodeling a portion of it for the store. He has obtained a state sales permit and was operating the store. He did not know that the property had to be rezoned before he could operate a business at that location. He moved to this place about four months ago.

Rev. John Hempton, Pastor of the Galilee Baptist Church, stated that he wanted the property rezoned in order to open a beer joint. He was not personally opposed to the store, but was against the sale of beer because the church is located four houses away. He presented a list of 16 names of persons who were in opposition to the rezoning.

Councilman Trevino asked if there was some way of coordinating the issuance of state licenses with the City in order to avoid such occurrences, which become a problem later on. Assistant City Manager Douthit stated that they could ask the State Comptroller to have applicants for licenses present a letter stating that they complied with all the City ordinances and regulations before they issue any license or permit. This would of course be voluntary on the part of the State Comptroller.

After further discussion, various members of the Council were sympathetic to the position in which Mr. Villarreal finds himself, but were not in favor of the change in zoning.

Mr. Hill made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be upheld and the rezoning denied. The motion was seconded by Dr. Calderon and on roll call prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3596 to rezone Lot 8, NCB 10839 (0.374 acres) from "A" Single Family Residential District to "O-1" Office District located on the west side of S. W. W. White Road, 810' north of Jo Marie Drive having 149' on S. W. W. White Road and a depth of 104.5'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,042

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 8, NCB 10839 (0.374 ACRES) FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3638 to rezone Lots 9, 10 and 11, NCB 11899 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-1" Single Family Residential District and Lots 12, 13 and 14, NCB 11899 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-2" Two Family Residential District, and Lot 15, NCB 11899 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "O-1" Office District. Subject property is located on the east side of Hartline Drive 100' south of Walzem Road, having 700' on Hartline and a depth of 150'. The "O-1" Office being on the north 100'; "R-1" being on the south 300'; and the "R-2" being on the remaining portion.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Dr. Calderon advised that he lives within a 200' radius of this property and would therefore disqualify himself from voting.

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Mr. Alfred Rohde, representing Rohde Planning and Research Company, the applicant, stated that single family homes are not being built on these lots. He asked that the property be rezoned to prevent future spot zoning. He felt the proposed rezoning plan would not decrease the value of the adjoining properties and agreed to provide a six foot screen fence along the rear of the property to protect the residences backing on it.

Mr. Jim Reeves, 211 Newcastle, stated he was not objecting to the "R-1" zoning which will abut his property, but was opposed to the other rezoning.

Mrs. Everett Doran, 442 Hartline Drive, owner of Lots 13, 14, and 15, spoke in favor of the proposed change.

Mr. W. H. Rollman, 422 Hartline Drive, owner of Lots 9, 10, and 11, spoke in favor of the change.

After consideration, Mr. Trevino made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved provided that a six foot solid screen fence be erected along the rear of Lots 9 thru 15, inclusive, NCB 11899.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,043

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 9, 10, & 11, NCB 11899 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; LOTS 12, 13 & 14, NCB 11899 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-2" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AND LOT 15, NCB 11899 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT. (PROVIDING THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE BE ERECTED ALONG THE REAR OF LOTS 9 THRU 15, INCLUSIVE, NCB 11899.)

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Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell was obliged to leave the meeting and Councilman Dr. Herbert Calderon was appointed to preside as Acting Mayor.

69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3663 to rezone Lot 58 A, Blk. 27, NCB 8949 from "E" Office District to "B-3" Business District located on the north side of S. W. Military Drive (Loop 13), 60' east of Burton Avenue having 75.0' on S. W. Military Drive and a depth of 125.5'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,044

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 58 A, BLK. 27, NCB 8949 FROM "E" OFFICE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3687 to rezone Lot 318, NCB 7851 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District located southeast of the intersection of W. Mayfield Blvd. and Pan Am Expressway (U.S. 81 - I.H. 35) south, having 57.89' on W. Mayfield Blvd. and 132.29' on Pan Am Expressway (U.S. 81 - I.H. 35) south and a maximum depth of 347.10'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Department recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,045

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 318, NCB 7851 FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3697 to rezone Lot 13, Blk. 5, NCB 2973 from "C" Apartment District to "B-3" Business District located on the west side of South Main Avenue, 100' south of W. Guenther Street, having 100' on South Main Avenue and a depth of 150'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,046

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 13, BLK. 5, NCB 2973 FROM "C" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3707 to rezone Lot 2, Blk. 10, NCB 13487 from "B" Two Family Residential District and "D" Apartment District to "R-4" Mobile Home District located on the north side of Gillette Blvd., 410' east of State Highway 346, having 1214.67' on Gillette Blvd. and a depth of 1507.78'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. Nielsen made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved provided that a six foot solid screen fence be erected along the east property line of Lot 2, Blk. 10, NCB 13487 from the north end of the drainage ditch to the north end of the property line and that a non-access easement be placed on the cul-de-sac on Abacus Street.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,047

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 2, BLK. 10, NCB 13487 FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "R-4" MOBILE HOME DISTRICT. (PROVIDED THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE BE ERECTED ALONG THE EAST PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 2, BLK. 10, NCB 13487 FROM THE NORTH END OF THE DRAINAGE DITCH TO THE NORTH END OF THE PROPERTY LINE AND THAT A FIVE FOOT NON-ACCESS EASEMENT BE PLACED ON THE CUL-DE-SAC ON ABACUS STREET.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3722 to rezone Lot 143, Blk. 1, NCB 11252 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District located on the south side of S. W. Military Drive (loop 13) 260.4' west of Somerset Road, having 396.50' on S. W. Military Drive and a depth of 93.5'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

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No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,048

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 143, BLK. 1, NCB 11252 FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3753 S.R. to rezone Lot 88, NCB 11884 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District for a kindergarten with over 20 children located on the north side of Sunset Road 253.7' west of Everest Avenue, having 72.6' on Sunset Road and a depth of 291.20'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, stated that this is a special request to change the zoning to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District for a kindergarten with over twenty children. The Planning Commission recommended the change in zone be approved.

Mayor ~~Proctor~~ Cockrell returned to the meeting and presided.

Mrs. Robert M. Krouch, the applicant and Director of the proposed kindergarten, explained that state law requires that fencing be provided for kindergartens and that she will comply with the law.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,049

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 88, NCB 11884 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR A KINDERGARTEN WITH OVER 20 CHILDREN.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3756 to rezone Lot 11, NCB 11957 from "A" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District located on the south side of Parkridge Drive 209.02' west of Vidor Avenue; having 150' on Parkridge Drive and a depth of 290.8'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,050

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 11, NCB 11957 FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3765 to rezone Lot 26, Blk. 4, NCB 1299 from "D" Apartment District to "O-1" Office District located southeast of the intersection of I.H. 35 and Pine Street having 69.5' on Pine Street and 116.1' on I.H. 35 Expressway.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,051

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 26, BLK. 4, NCB 1299 FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "O-1" OFFICE DISTRICT.

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69-49 Next heard was Zoning Case 3766 to rezone Lot 34, Blk. 3, NCB 9866 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District located on the west side of Blanco Road, 151.81' north of Weizmann Blvd., having 175.5' on Blanco Road and a depth of 209.02'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission, recommended be approved by the City Council.

After consideration, Dr. Nielsen made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved provided that a six foot solid screen fence be erected along the west property line of Lot 34, Blk. 3, NCB 9866.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,052

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 34, BLK. 3, NCB 9866 FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT. (PROVIDED THAT A SIX-FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE BE ERECTED ALONG THE WEST PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 34, BLK. 3, NCB9866)

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69-49 Last heard was Zoning Case 3782 to rezone Lot 81, NCB 11160 from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District located on the west side of Roosevelt Avenue (Hwy. 281 South) 196' south of the cutback to Ashley Road; having 100' on Roosevelt Avenue (Highway 281 South) and a depth of 100'.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained the proposed change which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 38,053

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 81, NCB 11160, FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: The Chair would also like to announce that in line with the direction of the City Council of several weeks ago that the Mayor reactivate the Mayor's Housing Advisory Committee to re-study and to meet with the Housing Authority representatives and the others on this committee to re-study the remaining portion of the allocation of authorization for housing units, and to make recommendation back to the Council. I have the revised list for the Mayor's Housing Advisory Committee. In some cases the president of the participating agencies such as the home builders and realtors have changed, and there are two additional appointments to the City Council, for the information of the Council and the public. For the City Council, Dr. Herbert Calderon and Edward H. Hill. San Antonio Home Builders' Association will be represented by Herbert E. Karren, the President, Thurman Barrett, Jr., and Don Skillman, the Executive Vice President. San Antonio Board of Realtors will be represented by Jimmy Wright, President, Lawrence M. Rosso, member, Glen Gardner, Executive Vice-President. The Community Welfare Council will be represented by Mr. Olin LeBarron, Executive Director; the Urban Renewal Agency by M. Winston Martin, Executive Director, and Edward Elizondo, manager of the Relocation Department. For the Planning Commission, Mr. Steve Taylor, Director; Housing and Inspections Department, George Vann, Director; Model Cities Agency by Roy Montez, Executive Director; the Housing Authority by the Rev. John E. Williams, Chairman of the Board; Dr. Robert Allen Hilliard, Vice Chairman, by Richard B. Jones, Executive Director, and Marilyn Walker, Assistant Executive Director. In addition there may be some who attend as observers from community-oriented organizations who will, if they wish, attend as observers for this meeting. The meeting will be called in the very near future by the Chairman.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Madame Mayor, is this a Council action, or is this a Mayor's Committee, and as such he appoints it?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: It was my understanding that it was the Mayor's Committee and that the participating organizations were more or less designated by standing rules from previous appointments.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: This is not really Council action then, because there has been no discussion about this on the part of the Council. Now you said something about additions. Are there some organizations that are now included that were not previously?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: No, sir, I think there were several organizations that would like to have an observer present to observe.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But can they not at least be active observers or something? Just to sit there and not be able to put anything into it won't help.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: We could ask the Council to consider this, and if you wish to make any additional appointments....

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, I don't think I have a right to make an appointment on the Mayor's Committee, but I'd sure like to suggest that a few organizations be included.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Right. Well, why don't we just say that the Council can consider this matter of making recommendations and if there are to be additions they can still be made before the Committee is called to meet.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Of course, the idea is that each member of the Committee should serve as a funnel of input, you know, to people they're interested in. This is the basic idea. As long as there is this input, whether through the members themselves or more directly by....

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But each member has a certain amount of time and contacts too; talking about organizations, I can think of one that's been very much involved in this. I know they would like to be involved. I don't know if it's just going to be a non-participatory role--that's different. But if they can at least actively participate, I know they would like to very much.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Let's consider these roles of the citizens' participation and let the Council give further thought and discussion to that aspect. May we proceed with the City Manager's agenda?

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,054

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH SWEARINGEN AIRCRAFT, LESSEE, TO AMEND SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LEASE NO. 151 BY ADDING SPACE, INCREASING BOND AND ADDING SECURITY FENCE RESERVATION.

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Mr. Tom Raffety, Director of Aviation, advised that this ordinance provides for a two-year lease of additional property at International Airport. They will add three acres of ground space to their holdings, plus Building No. 130, which has 25,502 square feet of space. The City will receive additional rental in the amount of \$16,785.50 per year.

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

69-49

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,055

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 26.386 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, explained that the proposed annexation is at the request of owners of the property, Oak Glen Park Development Company, Inc. The property is known as Unit 6 of Whispering Oaks Subdivision. The hearing is set for November 20, 1969 at 10:00 a.m.

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

69-49

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,056

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 1.972 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that the proposed is at the request of the owners of the property, H. B. Zachry Properties, Inc. The property is known as University Estates, Unit 3 Subdivision. The hearing will be held on November 20, 1969 at 10:00 a.m.

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

69-49

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,057

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 26.823 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that this action was being taken by the City of San Antonio. It is proposed to annex Eckhert Road (F.M. Road 1517) and portions of Huebner Road and Babcock Road. This is accordance with discussion had with the Mayor of Leon Valley at a Council meeting a few weeks ago. The hearing will be held on November 20, 1969 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,058

SETTING A DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF 25.693 ACRES OF LAND BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.

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Mr. Steve Taylor, Planning Director, explained that this action is being taken by the City of San Antonio. It will take in a part of Evers Road and Daughtry Road, as well as the Pat Neff Junior High School in the Northside School District. The hearing will be held on November 20, 1969 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,059

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1504 CHIHUAHUA CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, stated that the owner of the property is Mr. Marciel Soriano. The owners were notified of the hearing by certified mail. He then presented pictures of the one-story wooden residence structure, which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated. He asked the Council to declare the premises a nuisance, a fire, health and safety hazard, in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

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

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

69-49

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,060

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 815 S. CALAVERAS CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that the owner of the property is Mr. Ysidoro Suarez. The owner was notified of the hearing by certified mail. He presented pictures of the vacant one-story wooden structure, which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He then reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated. He asked the Council that the premises be declared a nuisance, and a fire, health and safety hazard in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

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

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

69-49

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,061

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 550 ERLINE CONTAINS OR CONSTITUTES A CONDITION WHICH IS DEEMED A NUISANCE, A FIRE, HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE THE NUISANCE ON SAID PREMISES ABATED AND TO HAVE THE COST OF SUCH PROCEEDINGS AND ABATEMENT ASSESSED AGAINST THE OWNERS OF SAID PREMISES.

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Mr. George D. Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that the property is owned by Mr. Frank Murphy and Mr. Lawrence P. Murphy. The owners were notified of the hearing by certified mail. Mr. Vann presented pictures of the one-story wooden residence structure, which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition. He reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance abated. He asked the City Council to find the property to be a nuisance, a fire, health and safety hazard, in accordance with the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owners nor a representative was present at the hearing.

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

69-49 The following ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Sam Granata, Director of Public Works. After consideration on motion of Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Torres.

AN ORDINANCE 38,062

ACCEPTING THE BID OF SOUTHWEST DEMOLISHING COMPANY FOR DEMOLITION OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS LOCATED IN THE HEMISFAIR AREA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$11,222.00 TO SUCH CONTRACTOR AND ESTABLISHING A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200.00.

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69-49 The following ordinances were read by the Clerk:

AN ORDINANCE 38,063

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MITCHELL, PFENNING, AND PIANTA, INC., CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TO FURNISH ENGINEERING SERVICES AND PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGES OVER APACHE CREEK AT TRINITY STREET, HAMILTON STREET AND ZARZAMORA STREET, ESTABLISHING FUND NO. 795-06, AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF MODEL CITIES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS INTO SAID FUND, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FROM SAID FUND PAYABLE TO THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000.00 TO BE USED AS A CONTINGENCY FUND.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,064

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FRANK T. DROUGHT, CONSULTING ENGINEER TO FURNISH SERVICES AND PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGES OVER APACHE CREEK AT VERA CRUZ STREET, GUADALUPE STREET, AND NAVIDAD STREET: AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF MODEL CITIES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS INTO FUND NO. 795-06 AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$30,000.00 FROM SAID FUND PAYABLE TO THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000.00 TO BE USED AS A CONTINGENCY FUND.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,065

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MARVIN SHIPMAN AND CO., CONSULTING ENGINEERS, TO FURNISH ENGINEERING SERVICES AND PREPARE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGES OVER APACHE CREEK AT EL PASO STREET, 24TH STREET, AND CHIHUAHUA STREET; AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF MODEL CITIES SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS INTO FUND NO. 795-06, AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$24,000.00 FROM SAID FUND PAYABLE TO THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SERVICES TO BE RENDERED AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$2,000.00 TO BE USED AS A CONTINGENCY FUND.

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Action on these ordinances was postponed from the meeting of October 30, 1969 until the letter of credit was received from HUD. The letter of credit has now been received by the City.

On motion of Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Hill, the above three ordinances were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister, Torres.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

The first citizen to be heard was Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado Street, spoke against the capital improvements program. He felt that the City should pay for improvements out of current revenues. He also complained of the selection of members who were appointed to the Capital Improvements Program Steering Committee.

The next citizen to be heard was Mr. Frank Bazan, 1146 N.W. 38th Street, Vice President of the Club Social Los Conquistadores. He advised that the Club's First Anniversary Ball will be held at the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, November 30, 1969 from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. As a small tribute of appreciation for the fine work that the City Council has done, this Anniversary Ball is being dedicated to the Mayor and members of the City Council. He extended a personal invitation to each Council member to attend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell, on behalf of the City Council, expressed sincere appreciation for the honor bestowed upon them. She stated that as many as possible will attend and that it will be handled on a personal basis.

The next citizen to be heard was Mr. Joseph Castillo, 8306 Staton Drive, representing the Hutchins Community Council.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Mr. Joseph Castillo.

MR. CASTILLO: My name is Joseph Castillo. I'm with the Hutchins Community Council, and this is the fourth time, same subject. The last time I was here I was instructed to attend the "B" Session at which time one of the requests which we had made for sidewalks would be presented. I understand you all ran out of time and so I tried to find out when it could be brought out and I was told that possibly today at this session would be better. There was a little misunderstanding as to why we had come for the "B" Session for sidewalks, when sidewalks for children normally are taken up with the sidewalk program with the allotted money. Well, what has happened, let me repeat again, is that a community has developed over there to such an extent that there are fifty some odd children walking between Hutchins and Hunter on Villaret every day. The Mayor has asked me to get some letters in support of the community, which I thought I had made myself clear, because I was here representing the Council. There are some 600 families in this area that are supporting this. The President of the South San Antonio Council of PTA's is Mrs. Elba Loflin, who called me and told me that she had written the Mayor direct at my request, supporting this action and he should have the letter. Now, there are three more letters that I have gotten for you all supporting this particular type of action and we all understand about the sidewalks. We all understand where the money comes from. We have asked for a study. The study has been made, and I was informed when I asked for a temporary bridge that a temporary bridge the length that would be required at that section, an elevated concrete bridge, would cost just about as much as it would be to put an elevated sidewalk the full length of the area.

The first letter comes to the Mayor from Mr. Bill Peace, who is chairman of the Board. He is the President of the School Board in South San Antonio. It reads as follows:

Dear Mayor McAllister:

The South San Antonio School Board and School Administrators have become increasingly concerned over the critical sidewalk situation in the area from Hutchins to Villaret Streets on the west side of the street.

Approximately fifty-one children walk this street daily and with the mammoth construction programs under way in the near areas such as Windy Hill, Southridge Park, also the trailer park on South Zarzamora, to name a few, the traffic will increase at an alarming rate.

We realize that you are cognizant of the situation and we appeal for help to remedy this dangerous situation at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Wm. T. Peace, III
Chairman, Board of Trustees

/s/

Joe C. Hutchinson
Superintendent

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I think our only question here is of our procedure, because I think everybody on the City Council really wants to get this accomplished and may I ask the City Manager to comment just a little bit on our procedure.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Yes. Since this is not a request through the School Sidewalk Program, it would be up to the Council to determine whether they wanted to make an additional appropriation which would be a deviation from sidewalk policy. The manager, of course, is not opposed to the sidewalk. They do need some relief out there, but I have not made a specific recommendation because of the other alternatives, and it would strictly be a policy matter with the Council.

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: He has followed the whole procedure of going through the School Board, and the School Board is recommending now.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Yes, but the School Board is not recommending it as part of the school sidewalk program. What the gentleman's requesting the group, along with the acquiescence of the School Board, is that the Council appropriate an additional amount of money which in this case is \$5,000 some odd dollars, which in this case is for the sidewalk, not as part of the school program but as part of an emergency measure.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Would the Council be willing then, this morning, to make this as an emergency appropriation?

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I would so move, Madame Mayor.

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: I would be very much in favor. The only thing I'm afraid, I would much rather use it from the \$100,000.00 than from another fund, and we can't do that.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Let me say that in trying to get the information regarding the school sidewalk program. Steve Taylor says that during a period of time from 1960 to 1969 they had requests totalling 1,600,000 feet of school sidewalks. During the same period we constructed 600,000 feet of those requests, leaving an unserved amount of 1,000,000 feet. About 75% are valid requests. So we're talking in terms of 750,000 feet of school sidewalks that are legitimate, that should be constructed. This year he says he has 25,000 feet of requests he was not able to build this year, which he is deferring until next year.

MR. CASTILLO: Aside from the 1,000,000, that's already correct.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: What I'm getting at is that school sidewalks are a concern of the total community and these requests of course are valid requests. You can't argue against it. These are valid, legitimate requests. Yet we have set aside a certain amount of money to be able to meet this need. We have set up a certain procedure that is really in the best interest of the total community, and I feel that you, of course, are much concerned and rightly so, and you are an aggressive person, and I commend you for this. Many people are highly concerned, but perhaps not as aggressive as you are in pressing forward for this request. I really feel that in order to better serve the total community we need to have a certain procedure and to deviate from it would be to destroy this very structure that seeks to protect the best interests of everyone concerned.

MR. CASTILLO: I agree with you, sir, but if you will let me finish, we can eliminate all these problems.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I'm sorry, sir, I thought you had got to the end.

MR. CASTILLO: The Mayor had asked me to get letters of support. I don't know for what reason, maybe to remove anybody's doubts that it is needed....So the other two letters are from the pastor of the parish and the president of the school PTA, all urging you very strongly of the need and the dangerous situation, and I will leave the letters here with you. Now, let me start from the beginning. I was advised like Dr. Calderon just said, we have procedure, we allocate some money. I went to Mr. Granata, I asked him, "Do we have any money left?" He said, "No, you know it's all used up pretty quick." Then my other question was here, before you all. Well, all right, we will wait until the end of the year and make the request for sidewalks as follows the dictates, but I also ask for a temporary bridge, because the community was built on the other side of the creek. It's a dry creek, but when it rains it floods over and the children cannot pass. I ask for some sort of a bridge to expand over this area that floods over. The City Manager's office has informed me that to build a bridge of this magnitude would cost as much as to build the sidewalks. So that was the reason the sidewalk came back into the picture. Now because of the policy statement that you cannot build the sidewalk, then I would make the original request for the elevated concrete bridge which would cost you more than the sidewalk. You see that was the reason we are back with the sidewalk, but you might be, say penny wise and dollar foolish in this case.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: May I give the Council some alternatives?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Yes, sir.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: One would be to appropriate the additional money for the sidewalks out of the contingency. The other would be to follow the policy to appropriate the money out of the sidewalk fund. Normally the sidewalks are built in the summer time with City personnel. We hire students and we supervise. This we would have to go by contract to do at this time, ahead of the summer program. If the Council saw fit they could appropriate the money out of the sidewalk program, which would leave us the balance of \$100,000.00 for this coming season's program, less what it takes to build this one.

COUNCILMAN HILL: Do we know what the other school sidewalk projects are in South San?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Well, we know some of them, but they have a year's time in which to make their requests for the summer program, so there will be additional recommendations coming in.

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: In other words, they will consider the fact that this 5,000 feet have already been built in your district.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Madame Mayor, I've driven out by there at one time when it was not flooded, but there was still some water standing on it. There is a particular circumstance regarding both that water and the traffic on the street, so maybe if we take this out of the context of a "regular sidewalk program" and just deal with that emergency--that great, huge body of water and that rushing traffic by there. Could we approach it from that standpoint and appropriate \$5,600, or whatever it takes, and just take it out of the "sidewalk" context, and I think that will help. That's the way I see it, as an emergency there.

COUNCILMAN HILL: Oh, you could do this.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: We've done this in the past in other kinds of emergencies.

COUNCILMAN HILL: What I'm saying is that I have been, and other members of the Council have been involved in other such projects, and if you're going to make an exception here, you're going to really open the gate, because there are a couple more west of here that are just as bad if not worse, and that's right off of Culebra Road.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Gentlemen, I think the Council will have to make a determination if we wish to treat this as a special case because it is an emergency and take some sort of action, or if we are going to set the request aside and say that it must be handled with the regular program, which means it would be deferred until next summer.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I do so move that this be considered as a special emergency request, not considering sidewalk or whatever.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Let me give the Council some additional information. Mr. Granata informed me that because of the additional appropriation to \$100,000.00, we are going to start November 6, 1969

in February rather than in spring. There is not any way we could do a \$100,000.00 program in the summer months. I am also informed by Mr. White that this is a special account, and because of that we did have a carry-over from last year which would give us ample funds to handle this out of the school sidewalk program without touching the \$100,000.00, and I so recommend.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Then there will be some action taken, whether we call it an emergency or not, to get this problem solved in the near future, right?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: If the Council decides they want it done, we'll begin it immediately, and I'm recommending that we do it.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K., I so move that.

COUNCILMAN BURKE: And the funds are available out of the sidewalk...

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Surplus. Is there a second?

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: Will there be enough funds to take care of any emergency measures that we would need down Castroville Road, because we've had those people here before us at different times, and it's more or less the same situation there.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: This is the point, that we are opening Pandora's box here in granting one request that is valid. It is valid, I'm not arguing the validity of the request, but gentlemen, there are many people that are just as concerned about the safety of their children as this gentleman right here, and we cannot overlook this, so I again feel that we need to, for the sake of the rest of the people in San Antonio, work in such a way as to work on official priorities and utilize the money as effectively as we can, based on a sincere and genuine survey of the total needs.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: We have a motion pending that Dr. Nielsen has made that we proceed along the lines as recommended by the Manager. Was there a second to that motion?

MR. CASTILLO: I'd like to make a question just so that I understand. To build a bridge across that low area now would cost as much as a sidewalk. If we don't get the sidewalk, can we still get the bridge?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: No, sir, that is not necessarily so. The Council had asked several meetings ago for the staff to determine if it would be practical. In fact there was one temporary bridge that we knew of that was at another location that we thought might possibly be moved, but evidently that has been studied and found not to be practical. Now the alternatives that are facing the Council are either to handle this as sort of an emergency request or to have it carry over until the school

sidewalk program is started, and as the City Manager advises, it will be started in February, and then hope that this will be one of the higher priority items in the request.

MR. CASTILLO: Excuse me for being so stupid, but I did not understand his statement that he had funds, and would not touch the \$100,000.00 for next year.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Because there were some carry-over funds.

MR. CASTILLO: Then this is what we're talking about at this time, right?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Yes, sir, and the point that has been made by several Council members is that they did not know whether those carry-over funds were sufficient to grant not only this request but several others that they knew of that they felt were equally deserving.

COUNCILMAN HILL: What's the carry-over, Jerry?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I'd have to get the balance.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: How much length of sidewalk are you talking about?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Around \$12,000.00. Let me point out that I think it's time we took a new look at the overall procedures on the program because, if you recall, the policy has been a \$15,000.00 appropriation for years, and our work program was geared to that. As a result, most of the sidewalk requests were not able to be accomplished because of the limitation of funds. Then it was up to \$50,000 and now \$100,000. In order to complete a \$100,000 program, we are not only going to need to get started early, but we are going to need the requests from the various school districts early enough so that we can continue the work program once it commences. I think that certainly it is the prerogative of this Council to determine exceptions to policy. I learned that lesson last week. I think we do have an exception here. I think it is a worthy project. I think we can do it with the school sidewalk money without any repercussions, and there are undoubtedly other areas where emergencies exist and I think we should give those emergencies attention also.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Just as we did in the case of Northern Boulevard. The children had been walking through there, playing through that for two or three months at a time. It was suddenly brought to our attention and we didn't sit here and argue about policy. We had a problem to solve and we got it done. We spent several thousand dollars for a temporary structure out there, and I would suggest that we put that temporary structure in his case, but that's probably unwise, and the best thing is to go ahead and build the sidewalk. That's finally what's going to have to be done anyway.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Of course, there are other children that are also getting their feet wet, too, that we don't know about. If these requests reflect the need, in other words, we can be ignorant to the needs of 90% of the children in this community that are getting their feet wet, and focus only on the 10% that has been brought to our attention. We need to work out a mechanism whereby we look towards accomplishing the needs of 100% of these kids and apply the money effectively. This is really my point.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: We're just asking for a small section.

COUNCILMAN HILL: What I would like to see us take the approach is that we look at the \$112,000.00 and not only consider this one, but the one that Dr. Calderon and I went on, what's the name of the school, Dr. Calderon?

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: I think we went somewhere close to Truman.

COUNCILMAN HILL: And Rev. Callies, if my recollection is right, has been in here on one or two occasions.

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: Don't forget the one on Castroville.

COUNCILMAN HILL: Well, let's get the real critical ones, the real priorities, and let's get them up on top, let's face them all instead of one at a time. Every week somebody else comes in and gives us a pitch on their situation, and we know the situation is bad. We've already heard it, so let's approach it on a good, sound priority basis and go from there. This is my recommendation.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: May we ask this. Mr. Henckel, you said that in order to get this \$100,000.00 program completed we'd have to start in February. Would there be any possibility that we could start even earlier than that? Maybe, due to this and several other pending proposals, we could just start the whole program earlier.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Let me point out the problem. The problem of course is that this work is done by our own crews with additional employees that we hire. Now the supervision is done by our regular employees, so this means when we take them off their regular assignment and assign them to the supervision of the school sidewalk program, other things, such as cleaning drainage ditches, etc., are discontinued. This is normally the summer period. If the Council should desire, we could put on additional permanent employees and have a full, year-round sidewalk program. I'm in full agreement that the emergencies should be given first attention. I think, as I stated, that we need to take another look at the policy that we follow by having the request from the PTA's and school districts, because we're talking about two different things. We're talking about areas surrounding schools that do not have sidewalks and

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sidewalks are needed for the convenience of the children. First of all, it's muddy when it rains. But there are areas where water will flow deep, such as in this case, and they can't even get through. I believe they need the immediate attention, and we'll try to compile them all. If you desire, we'll start on the program immediately and put on permanent employees to handle it.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: How does this strike the members of the Council?

COUNCILMAN HILL: Well, but I think, you have to look at it, Jerry, now what I said about it, correct me if I'm wrong, but you get more sidewalk per dollar by doing it the way you have been doing it, by hiring students than you would by contract or by having to go out and hire permanent employees.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: That is correct, certainly. There's not any way that we could have a school sidewalk program with students other than during the summer. This is the reason that I say we either have to go by contract, which would be the most expensive way, or put on the additional employees. We might be able to take a look at hiring some of the people from the poverty areas through the various programs as permanent employees to do this work.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: I recommend that the staff look to the requests that they have received and take the worst ones out of the group, and going further, pick the emergency ones from this group, and proceed immediately to construct the emergency sidewalks and then the balance to be held onto until the summer months.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: All right, then we have a motion and this one is included in the emergency sidewalks. Then this and any other sidewalk that is categorized as an emergency situation due to the children being in the water, in the mud, and so forth.

COUNCILMAN BURKE: Well, Madame Chairman, since it's apparent that you're going to have enough money to take care of all these emergencies out of the \$112,000.00, I would assume that we could proceed immediately with this one.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: That would be the interpretation, I think, of that motion. Is there a second?

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: Second.

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MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: It has been moved and seconded that this and other emergency situations as determined by the staff be handled immediately and that the balance of the sidewalks be handled in the regular manner.

COUNCILMAN HILL: I would also like for Mr. Henckel to brief us or give us a report on this next week on the emergency ones.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: We'll analyze the requests that we have. The reason I made this recommendation is that I think that the staff is more qualified to determine the emergency and whether the money would be justified, than the school districts and the PTA's. There it's a question of convenience and things they'd like.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: The Clerk will call the roll.

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

Dr. Nielsen explained that he voted "aye" with the understanding that the sidewalk for Hutchins Place and Zarzamora is given a high priority and will be accomplished post haste. Mr. Burke added that the motion is an authorization to construct it now. Mr. Trevino stated that he voted "aye" also on the basis that the Hutchins sidewalk project be next.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Mr. Castillo, your request has been granted, and not only yours but several others that were in emergency situations have benefitted by your being down here. Thank you, sir.

MR. CASTILLO: Thank you, very much.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Thank you for your patience, Mr. Castillo.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Now, then, are there any other citizens who would like to be heard who are not registered?

Mr. Raul Rodriguez asked to speak briefly about the Water Board's need for a new building. He stated that he felt it was a complete waste of money. Mrs. Cockrell advised Mr. Rodriguez that the Council was not the proper agency to discuss the matter with and advised him to appear before the Trustees of the Water Board.

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

A P P R O V E D

Mr. McAllister
MAYOR

ATTEST:

J. H. Sullivan
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