

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

The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, BURKE, JAMES, COCKRELL, NIELSEN, TREVINO, HILL, TORRES.

The invocation was given by Reverend William H. Arnold, pastor of the Alamo Heights Presbyterian Church.

69-48 The minutes of the special meeting of October 20, 1969 and the regular meeting of October 23, 1969 were approved.

69-48 City Manager Henckel explained to the City Council that Items 10, 11 and 12 on the agenda have been withdrawn from consideration at this meeting. He said that the City has not received a letter of credit from HUD and Model Cities did not want to hire the engineers until the letter is received.

Mr. Henckel stated that he would recommend that the Council do pass at this time its intention to hire these engineers when the letter of credit is received. In this way the engineers can do some preliminary work on their own time and without liability to the City and there will be no long delay. He expected the letter of credit to be received in about two weeks time. Verbal approval has been given by telephone but not in writing.

After consideration Dr. Calderon made a motion that the City Council approve selections made by the City Manager for engineers for the projects outlined for Items 10, 11 and 12 on the agenda with the understanding and provision that any work they do will be without liability on the part of the City and until the City receives the letter of credit and actual contract ordinances are passed by the City Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. On roll call the motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

69-48 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION

APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A
PROPOSAL WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
COMPUTER-BASED MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM.

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Mr. Claude C. McRaven, who is an analyst for Model Cities explained to the Council that, as authorized by Ordinance No. 37,895, the City in association with Southwest Research Institute and David L. Hackett & Associates had prepared a proposal for the development of a computer-based municipal information system for submission to HUD. While HUD has stated that they expect the project to cost some \$3,000,000.00, the San Antonio proposal is somewhat below that estimate, being \$2,641,000.00. Mr. McRaven said that everyone connected with the preparation of the proposal is most enthusiastic about it and feels optimistic about its acceptance by HUD although it is known that competition will be very keen. Submission is due no later than October 31 and for this reason the Council is asked to act on this resolution authorizing submission today.

Mr. Torres asked several questions about the proposal since a lot of it was written in unfamiliar terms. Other members of the Council also asked questions relating to the proposal as well as to the manner of handling financing if it is successful. Mr. Henckel explained that the contract with HUD would be through the City and the City would contract with other agencies such as Hackett, SWI and the City Water Board.

Mr. Hill praised the effort and expressed his hope that San Antonio is successful so the City can be the leader and not have to copy something done by other cities.

After discussion upon motion by Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Mr. Hill, the resolution was adopted by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

69-48 The following ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent John Brooks and after consideration on motion made and duly seconded were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Burke, James, Cockrell, Nielsen, Trevino, Hill, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 38,015

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF L. G. BALFOUR COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,581.95.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,016

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF GOLDTHWAITE'S OF TEXAS, INC. AND WATSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN TRUCKSTERS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$5,560.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,017

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF WATSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH CERTAIN MOWING EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,190.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 38,018

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH A. J. MONIER & COMPANY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS AT FOUR BRANCH LIBRARIES FOR PERIOD BEGINNING ON DATE OF ACCEPTANCE BY CITY COUNCIL AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1970.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,019

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,120.83 FROM FIRE STATION BOND FUND 489-04 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS LISTED BELOW: SEARS ROEBUCK & CO., 12 TWIN BEDS; GLASSTOV HOTEL SUPPLY CO., 2 RANGES, 1 REFRIGERATOR; DON WITTIG OFFICE FURNITURE, 2 DESKS, 2 CHAIRS, 1 FILE CABINET.

Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that the ordinance appropriates bond money to provide funds for the purchase of items in amounts of less than \$1,000.00 each for the operational needs of a new fire station to be opened. Items include beds, stoves, refrigerators, desks, chairs and a file.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,020

AMENDING CITY CONCESSION CONTRACTS HELD BY VELMA AWALT AND PHILIP J. SHERIDAN BY PERMITTING AN INCREASE IN THE SALES PRICE OF BEER FROM THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (35¢) TO THIRTY-EIGHT CENTS (38¢) PER TWELVE OUNCE BOTTLE (ALL BRANDS).

Mr. John Brooks, Purchasing Agent, explained that this ordinance allows these concessionaires to increase the price of beer. Sale price to the public will be forty cents, which includes the sales tax.

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,021

DECLARING BUILDINGS 56, 57, 65, 122 AND 123 AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SURPLUS AND NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PROPER OPERATION OF THE AIRPORT AND AUTHORIZING REMOVAL.

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Aviation Director Tom Raffety explained that these buildings are surplus to the needs of the Airport and authority was needed for their removal. Building 56 is a Quonset structure vacated by Western Air Supply. Its removal will improve the appearance of Airport Boulevard and make way for expansion of the commercial parking lot. Building 57 was used originally as a fire station and will be vacated by Eastern Airlines in late November. This site is also needed for parking lot expansion. Building 65 is a wooden structure which has extensive termite damage and should be removed at the earliest possible date. Buildings 122 and 123 are on a site leased to Swearingen Aircraft, which has no need of these structures and has asked that the City remove them.

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,022

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ACME NEON COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LOUVERS FOR VENTILATION OPENINGS IN CONCRETE SHAFT OF THE TOWER OF THE AMERICAS, HEMISFAIR PLAZA; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR SAID WORK AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$5,898.60 TO SAID COMPANY.

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Mr. C. W. McKennon, Jr., Assistant Director of Public Works, projected pictures of the louvers which will be placed in the shaft of the Tower of the Americas. This will help keep some of the birds, bats and bugs out of the shaft of the Tower, and eliminate some of the odor problem.

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

69-48 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,023

RESTRICTING USE OF THE ROADWAY ON OLMOS DAM TO MOTOR VEHICLES ONLY AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATION.

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Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, advised the Council there is a need for this ordinance. Sidewalks have not been provided for pedestrian traffic on Olmos Dam roadway, which is only twenty-four feet wide and barely sufficient for two-way vehicular traffic. The request was received from the Alamo Heights School District for this ordinance in order for them to get state aid and comply with the two-mile distance rule for bussing students. He added that there are several thousand vehicles crossing the dam each day, making it exceedingly hazardous for pedestrian traffic and recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance.

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

69-48 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,024

CHANGING THE NAME OF A PORTION OF NEWSOME STREET TO COFFEE DRIVE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Housing and Inspections, explained that this provides that the portion of Newsome Street extending west from East Ansley Road to Pleasanton Road be renamed Coffee Drive. He added that the Postmaster had requested a change in the name of the street because there is already a Newsome Drive and a Newcome Drive in the distribution system. This was agreeable to the subdivider, Mr. Ray Ellison, who recommended the name of Coffee Drive, which has been approved by the Planning Commission.

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,025

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 923 S. OLIVE 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 Mrs. Frances B. Gonzalez, who was notified of the hearing this morning.

He presented pictures of the vacant one-story wooden residence structure and reviewed the efforts to have the run-down, damaged and decayed condition alleviated. He asked that the Council declare the property to be a nuisance under the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

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

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,026

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1518 SHERMAN 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 Culberson Stell, who was notified of the hearing this morning.

He presented pictures of the vacant one-story wooden residence structure which is in a run-down, damaged and decayed condition and reviewed the efforts to have the nuisance alleviated. He asked that the City Council declare the property to be a nuisance under the Dangerous Premises Ordinance. Neither the owner nor his representative was present at the hearing.

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

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,027

DETERMINING THAT THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1835 MONTANA 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, informed the Council that the owner of the property is Mr. Rafael Garcia, who was notified of the hearing this morning.

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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 alleviated. He recommended that the Council find the property to be a nuisance under the Dangerous Premises Ordinance.

Neither the owner nor a representative was present.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,028

APPROVING CERTAIN SECURITIES BEING PLEDGED
BY FROST NATIONAL BANK AS THE CITY
DEPOSITORY.

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Mr. Art Brown, City Comptroller, explained that the Frost National Bank has submitted a copy of "Application to Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Requesting that it Accept Certain Securities for Safekeeping," and containing a list of securities being pledged by the bank as the City Depository. Under Article 2560 of the state law the bank has an option to deposit these securities with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The ordinance approves the securities listed in the application, approves the deposit of these securities with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and authorizes the Director of Finance to execute the application form for the City as Depositor. He recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,029

GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES OWNED BY BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, STARLIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SAN ANTONIO, WESTLAWN BAPTIST MISSION, LOVERA BAPTIST CHURCH, SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, AND CHURCH OF CHRIST-ACME ROAD.

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Mr. Leonard Baker, City Tax Assessor-Collector, advised that all information submitted by these organizations in support of their applications for tax exemption has been checked out by the City Tax Office. It has been found that everything was true and correct and in their opinion these organizations were eligible to have tax exemption on these properties. He explained the use of the properties and recommended that the Council adopt the ordinance.

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

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REPORT ON TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES

In connection with the foregoing ordinance, Councilman Torres stated that the City Manager was to have a report on tax exemptions such as Morningside Manor. He asked when this report would be ready.

City Manager Henckel stated that he thought the report was completed and the matter of Morningside Manor completed.

Assistant Manager Douthit stated that they had a report prepared and were of the understanding that it was sent to the City Council. He added that the report will be sent to the Council members.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,030

AMENDING ORDINANCE #36248 THAT AUTHORIZED CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE IN THE LA VILLITA AREA, BY INCREASING THE MONTHLY RENTAL FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 305½ S. ALAMO STREET FROM \$50.00 TO \$80.00 PER MONTH.

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MR. FRAZER: This is the small building located immediately south of the McAllister Building and for many years, over twenty years, it was occupied by a barber. He has retired and moved out. We have a new tenant. This is a periodic review of rental rates. We're recommending this increase.

MAYOR McALLISTER: O. K.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Mr. Mayor, may I ask a question? Who is the new tenant, what type of activity is it?

MR. FRAZER: We are actually negotiating with two. One is a very fine antique dealer. The other is a craftsman that fabricates different types of ornate fixtures.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I'd just like to say I am very much in favor of the City keeping its rental structure in line so that craftsmen can come there and be available for the public to view and I think that we ought to be very careful about raising the rents because I think that it's going to be a deterrent to be able to have the type of arts and crafts activities there that we really want to promote in La Villita. Do we have any vacancies at the present time or are we full?

MR. FRAZER: No, we have a considerable number of vacancies, Mrs. Cockrell. It's difficult to find enough craftsmen to occupy the areas, and enough artisans. Now I quite agree with you. Our rents in my opinion are quite reasonable. This is a prime location, being right on Alamo Street, and we do have two people vying for it. I do not believe it's at all exorbitant. I think it's within reason and certainly that much space, 325 square feet, this is about 41¢ for property facing on Alamo and it is one of our very desirable locations.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: It may not be so much the rental as the lack of artisans, that and not enough traffic.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Now, I've heard from some people who would like to be there and who would like to expand and who are really prohibited by the price situation of some of our buildings.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Is that the rental or the rennovation costs?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Or what the total financial obligations are. And I really think we're going to have to do something innovative to get people in there and have something for people to see.

MR. FRAZER: Our rental rates will average about 26¢ per square foot overall in the La Villita project. This is a little higher of course in more than one sense because it is a prime location, but I quite agree with you, it's almost a matter of subsidizing the project.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I think that's right.

MR. FRAZER: And we do subsidize it. La Villita doesn't quite break even.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Three hundred and twenty-five square feet?

MR. FRAZER: Yes, \$80.00 a month.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: About 41¢.

MAYOR McALLISTER: That's very, very cheap, that's only about 25¢ a square foot on that street.

MR. FRAZER: On the other hand, the gross receipts of these people will not exceed \$200 a month, sometimes \$300 a month.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: It is an antique shop, you're not talking about an artisan.

MR. FRAZER: We're dealing with actually two people, doctor. An artisan and also an antique dealer, and the artisan is not sure that he wants to come.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: At the present time, which City Board deals with La Villita? Is it the Riverwalk Commission or the Parks Commission?

MR. FRAZER: The Riverwalk Commission actually has authority given to them by ordinance creating the Riverwalk.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Have they recently reviewed the structure of tenants in La Villita?

MR. FRAZER: No, ma'm, they have not. They review frequently signing and various esthetic themes, but they have not reviewed pricing structure and the occupancy situation.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Well, I would like to request, if it meets with the approval of the Council, that we ask the Riverwalk Commission to take a look at La Villita and see if they can come up with any ideas for increasing the number of craftsmen and the availability of arts, crafts and all types of interesting things for tourists and for our own residents in that area.

MR. FRAZER: We certainly can do that, Mrs. Cockrell. I'm certain that we can attract them if we lower the rents drastically.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Of course, we already have that report done for us by Southwest Research--wasn't it two or three years ago?

MR. FRAZER: That's correct, sir.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: I think the research has been done already. It's just a question of implementing the report that's already been done.

MR. FRAZER: Well, we are trying to do that, sir, and it's our guide.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I would like to suggest that the staff update that report and present to the Council the status and then have your directions as to how you want us to proceed.

MAYOR McALLISTER: O. K. You have your motion and second. No discussion. Call the roll.

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

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Also, Mr. Mayor, in connection with La Villita there is the problem of the work that is being done on the pedestrian right-of-way or pedestrian mall that is now Villita Street, and we have received a letter from the Conservation Society that came to the City Council asking for a review of the lamp standards and the planter boxes which are located in front of the drive way to the Conservation Society's property, and also in front of the church. I think we will need to get a report on this. I went and personally inspected where they were located and it looks to me like the planter box and the lamp standard in front of the Conservation Society is going to be a real traffic hazard, so I don't know if our staff is entitled to look at that.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Well, there's not going to be traffic down the street.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Well, but the Conservation Society has access to their property and this planter and the lamp standard is right where someone....

MAYOR McALLISTER: Mr. Henckel, would you please have someone look into that.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,031

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH PALACIO DEL RIO, INC., GRANTING A PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RAMP ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE ALAMO STREET PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE OF HOTEL PALACIO DEL RIO.

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Mr. Bob Frazer, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained that the property on which the Palacio del Rio Hotel plans to construct a pedestrian luggage ramp was sold by the City to the Hotel. However, the City retained an easement which prohibits any change in the pattern of the walkway without permission of the City. He added that this project has been presented

to the Riverwalk Advisory Commission and has been approved by it.

Mr. Raba of the architectural firm of Serna and Garza then presented a sketch to the City Council showing the location of the pedestrian luggage ramp which they propose to build.

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

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LINCOLN PARK GYMNASIUM

Councilman James advised Parks Director Bob Frazer that it has come to his attention that there is a problem of storage space at the gymnasium in Lincoln Park. The City is storing materials and property in the showers. Consequently, the showers cannot be used. He asked that this matter be corrected.

Mr. Frazer stated that the City has turned this park into a multi-use center and the building is not designed for that purpose. He stated that the matter will be looked into.

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Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting temporarily and Mayor Pro-Tem Lila Cockrell presided.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38.032

CLOSING AND ABANDONING PETALUMA BOULEVARD BETWEEN BLOCK 74, NEW CITY BLOCK 11050 AND BLOCK 76, NCB 11051 AND A 15.00 FOOT STRIP OF FORMOSA BOULEVARD ADJACENT TO LOT 37, NCB 11050; AND AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM OF SAME TO HARLANDALE HOUSING CORPORATION FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00.

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Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, advised that the request to close the street has been circulated through all of the City Departments and outside agencies involved and all have approved the closing, with the exception of Bexar Metropolitan Water District, which requested a water easement. The easement will be provided in a re-platting which will be required prior to delivery of the deed.

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The Planning Commission has approved the transaction subject to proper replatting. The petitioner, Harlandale Housing Corporation, originally dedicated the streets which have never been developed. Therefore the City is returning the rights of way without charge.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,033

CLOSING AND ABANDONING THE PORTION OF THRUSH VIEW LANE IN NCB 11848; AND AUTHORIZING THE QUITCLAIM OF SAME TO CLAUDIA B. ORTS SIMPSON FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF \$1,340.00.

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Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, explained the proposed closing which has been circulated to all City Departments and outside agencies and to which there are no objections.

The Planning Commission has approved the closing subject to proper re-platting of the property. The consideration is established by the Land Division staff appraisers.

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, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,034

APPROPRIATING \$32,655.00 OUT OF NORTH EXPRESSWAY BONDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY AND APPROPRIATING \$1,750.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE BONDS TO SECURE AN EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALADO CREEK SEWER LINE PROJECT AND ACCEPTING A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT FOR LOCKHILL-SELMA ROAD AND HARRY WURZBACH ROAD SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

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This ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and after consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved 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 resolution:

A RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING A QUIT-CLAIM TO THE IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH LONE STAR
HALL OF TEXAS HISTORY FROM LONE STAR
BREWING COMPANY.

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Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, stated that the lease with the Lone Star Brewery provides that when the City acquires the ground on which the buildings sit the City will accept any and all changes in improvements that have been made. The City has now acquired the land from Urban Renewal and it is in order to accept the improvements.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,035

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO
AN AGREEMENT WITH RAYWAY CORPORATION FOR
LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 144 SQUARE FEET OF
OFFICE SPACE IN THE PRESS CENTER BUILDING
AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA.

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Mr. Bill Lindquist, Assistant Director of Municipal Facilities, explained that this is a lease to Rayway Corporation of 144 square feet for a term of one year at \$50.00 per month rental. The lease has a 30-day cancellation clause, in the event the City needs the space for some other purpose. Rayway Corporation is the firm that services the parking lots in the Convention Center area.

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, Torres; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38.036

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY ESTABLISHING TWO FUNDS PERTAINING TO THE MODEL CITIES PREMISE SANITATION PROJECT, APPROPRIATING A TOTAL OF \$106,323.00, AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF THIRTEEN EMPLOYEES, AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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Mr. Roy Montez, Model Cities Administrator, stated that the Premise Sanitation Project of the Model Cities has been approved by the CPPC, the City Council and HUD and is ready to be implemented by the City through the Department of Public Works and the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District. The ordinance provides for establishing funds to carry out the project. In the Health District there will be seven employees added who will be, if at all possible, hired from the Model Neighborhood area. These sanitarians will inspect premises in the Model Cities area and give a list of things to the property owner which should be removed from the property. The owners will place the items on City right-of-way whether it be in front of the property or in the alley.

The ordinance provides for the employment of six additional employees in the Public Works Department and the purchase of three flat-bed trucks and other equipment for picking up the items which the owners in the MNA will dispose of.

This is a two-year program but funds are being provided only for one year at this time.

After consideration on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, the ordinance was passed and approved 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 38,037

ESTABLISHING ACCOUNT NO. 78-10-35 WITHIN TRUST FUND 708-01, AND APPROPRIATING \$13,050.00 OUT OF SAID ACCOUNT PAYABLE TO ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO BE RENDERED, AND AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

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Mr. Roy Montez, Model Cities Administrator, explained that this project was approved by the City Council about two weeks ago, but did not establish the trust fund necessary to implement the project. He recommended that the ordinance be approved.

After consideration 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: Torres; ABSENT: McAllister.

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ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS--SAFE STREETS ACT

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I would like to take this time to report to the Council since this item relates to the Alamo Area Council of Governments. I believe it was last week Councilman Torres raised a very valid point in questioning whether or not the City was getting a sufficient revenue from the funds that were going to be available in upgrading local services in the field of police protection and so forth. Yesterday at the Alamo Area Council of Governments Mr. Douthit and I who are representing the City at the Alamo Area Council of Governments did raise this point with the Board and with the staff and we have been assured that we are going to be furnished with a complete list of the state funds that have been administered for the federal government, or rather, Federal funds administered by the state government under this particular program and that in the very near future, I hope at next week's Council meeting, we will have a staff member from AACOG here to give a complete report on the funds, which projects for San Antonio have been approved, which have been disapproved. A new list of submissions for this year's budget has been drawn up and is now being submitted and I think the Council is certainly entitled to a complete accounting of these funds, so we expect to do this in a very near Council session, preferably next week. Mr. Douthit, do you have anything to add to that?

MR. DOUTHIT: The only thing that I would like to add, I believe, was some question about why the helicopter was turned down for this year, and the explanation we were given was that the state wanted to grant them funds for planning money this year and for hardware next year, and they assured us it will probably be approved next year.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Of course, I appreciate, Mrs. Cockrell, you and Mr. Douthit taking this before AACOG, but as I indicated last week the problem, and I hope we have the answer to the problem I raised, I indicated then that out of \$2,000,000.00 allowed for Texas under Safe Streets money that \$100,000.00 went to Houston, \$100,000.00 has already gone to Dallas, \$66,000.00 to Ft. Worth, and in spite of our high crime rate in major crimes under FBI statistics, that \$30,000.00 came to San Antonio and that nevertheless the four major metropolitan areas in San Antonio are receiving \$300,000.00. I also noticed that in yesterday's meeting that there was the application for the forthcoming year involved a police roll call training program, \$2800.00; a regional

crime lab program, \$8,300.00; radio communications assistance program, \$6,600.00; and the civil disorder training plan \$80,000.00, and I would feel, Madame Mayor that we are continuing to compound the error, especially if this money, as I understand this money is, out of the Safe Streets Act. Is that correct?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Yes, sir, what you are reading from the paper was the program that was submitted yesterday to the Alamo Area Council of Governments as a substitute since the helicopter was disapproved, and so, before this year's funds run out it was felt by the Criminal Justice Committee and the other, the Crime Prevention Committee, that we should make another attempt to secure funds for our regions, and particularly with San Antonio getting the major part of the funding, and so this list of items which you read there was approved yesterday by the Executive Committee for submission and hopefully for this year's budget before the funds run out. Now the items were for the most part developed by Chief Bichsel as I understand because the material that was presented was from a letter from Chief Bichsel to the Executive Committee of AACOG recommending that these be the items that were submitted for approval. The AACOG Executive Committee did concur with this.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, of course, Madame Chairman, I certainly wish the Council had been able to pass on this before it was presented to the regional agency, because I feel that our problem up to now has been in the area of major crime. I think that the emphasis is being put in the wrong place in view of the fact that here we are never having a major civil disorder in San Antonio and yet we're allowing 4/5 of the money for which we're applying, we're saying that we're going to allow for a civil disorder training plan. I do think, and I want to reiterate for the record that I still think Safe Streets Act is a sad commentary on the ineffective use and the mismanagement of federal funds, especially, I mean this is the reason that I asked that the Council be directly involved one year ago in making our own applications rather than having to have AACOG make our applications for us. I say that for the record, Madame Chairman, because I am concerned about the direction that this program is taking.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Well, I think that the Council perhaps will want to review with the City Manager the procedure by which the City makes recommendations to AACOG. AACOG is acting, so far as I can see, on the basis of recommendations that are coming from the City staff as to what they feel are the most important projects and priority items. These come then to the different committees of AACOG, the Crime Prevention Committee and other committees, and then when they are approved by these committees, then of course the Executive Committee goes ahead and for the most part concurs with the recommendations. How, if prior to this the City Council would like to ask for a review of recommendations that come, say from our Police Department, I think this would be perfectly in order, and if you would like to do this, may we ask, Mr. Manager, that we consider incorporating this in the procedure so that certainly those of us who are your representatives want to represent the City's desires.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Yes, I think the point is very well taken.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I think that would be excellent, Jerry. Let me ask you this, though, on this subject, that we, in view of the

comments that have been made, did our staff recommend. did the Chief recommend the creation of New Braunfels Police Academy?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No, sir, the Chief serves on that committee, and of course the various components of AACOG made recommendations to the committee, who in turn study them and then submit them to the General Committee on a priority basis, and that is what was done here. Of course the fact that there are many counties and other cities participating, this is the reason that consideration is given to that. Our chief did not make that recommendation.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Are any of our policemen trained in the last New Braunfels Police Academy? Did we have any of our policemen trained over there?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No, sir. We have our own training course.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: O.K. This is the next question. We have our own training course. Do we get any Safe Streets money for the conduct of our own course?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I do not know off hand, Mr. Torres. I do not believe so. I think that's strictly a budgetary item.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I believe that one of the items, as I recall, that was to be approved was the new communications system. Mr. Douthit, do you recall the details? I'm sorry I didn't bring my material from AACOG with me this morning, but there was a feasibility study on improvement in communication, not only involving the San Antonio Police Department but the others as well.

MR. DOUTHIT: The Sheriff's Department and the whole county to see if we could have one communications system for all the police departments in Bexar County.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: He is talking about the central number that's being used in other cities. In order to accomplish this you would need one dispatching agency for all of the safety functions of the governmental agencies, and of course the City of San Antonio could not afford to fund it for the other agencies. It would have to be funded through AACOG and this is what the study is for, to see if it is economically feasible.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, there is this radio communications center program that Mrs. Cockrell referred to, Jerry, for which \$6,600.00 was allowed. Is that strictly a study?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: That is strictly for the study, that's correct.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I see.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: The cost of the system itself would be extensive and the other cities and the county and governmental agencies participating would have to pay. We believe that San Antonio can perform this function more efficiently for the entire metropolitan area than it is now being performed, and certainly give the citizens better service and remove the complicated effect that we have now

of citizens in the various other governmental entities not knowing what number to call in case of emergency.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Madame Mayor, just one thing. It is possible, are you suggesting at this point, that the Committee's work of yesterday could at least be reviewed by the Council prior to being...

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I don't believe so, because I believe what was done yesterday was final action by the Executive Committee and that went immediately, or was going to be more or less hand carried to Austin, hoping that funds in this year's budget which have not been completely expended, could be utilized since the state had turned down the helicopter submission, which was one of the large items in our budget, and so the items went to Austin, I believe immediately. But as for the future, if the City wishes to establish a policy of reviewing any recommendations that go, say from our staff to AACOG committees which would then feed into the Executive Committee of AACOG, I think that's fine.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: How many of our people, Jerry, do you know, are on the State Criminal Justice Council?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I really don't know, Mr. Torres.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, do you know, Mrs. Cockrell?

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: From San Antonio?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: From the local area, yes, Bexar County. Is Sheriff Hauck the only one?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I really don't know. We'll get that information for you.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: O.K. I'd like to know how many people are on it and how many people are from the local area and how many people are from the Department of Public Safety, because it appears that the funds are kept by the DPS for their own purposes and their own uses and as I said last week this is not the purpose and the intent of the Safe Streets Act. I think the major metropolitan areas are being deprived of funds they are entitled to combat crime in major metropolitan areas.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Well, I would also go beyond this. I think it is a good suggestion of having a goal and having ideas emanate from the City and going to AACOG, but further I would like to recommend that the City Manager express his feelings with regard to the pros and cons regarding applying for grants through AACOG versus submitting our own application directly. I think that we need to look at this realistically and find out which is the better way to accomplish the task, whether through AACOG or our own efforts.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I think that's excellent, I made that suggestion a year ago. I should hope, Dr. Calderon, that everything we look at, we look at realistically.

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

69-48 The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,038

AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$100,000.00 FROM OPERATING CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR INCREASED COSTS PERTAINING TO THE HOUSING OF CITY PRISONERS IN THE BEXAR COUNTY JAIL.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: This is the item that the Council postponed action on for one week. Chief Bichsel and Sheriff Hauck and I did meet and discuss the matter as you requested me to get together with him on some administrative changes in the operation of the City-County Jail. I believe we are going to make some excellent progress. Sheriff Hauck said he is willing to work with us in any way we so desire. We talked about the possibility of changing the booking set up, the possibility of the City setting up their own hold-over or detention ward, the possibility of the City operating one floor of the jail. I've initiated a study on each of these.

I did send you a memorandum giving you the status of the library service in the jail, and after talking with the Sheriff I find out that there are many things that normally a normal person would not consider when you talk about services to prisoners in the jail. There are definite reasons why they do not have hard-back books, for instance. They must be paperback books. The policy now of course is that only one book or magazine is allowed at a time. When they are finished with that they can turn it in and get another one. Now if you care I'll go into the details.

I would certainly recommend to you that we pass the ordinance making the appropriation. As Mr. Walker told you last week, this is a valid contract that we have. It was originally a 30-year contract and it's been in effect 6 or 7 years. It's our obligation to pay the same fee that the Federal government pays for prisoners. So I would recommend that we pass the ordinance and that the Manager get back with you and give you the status report after these studies are completed as to what would be most feasible as far as saving the City any money in the jail operation.

Of course it is a citizens' committee that was appointed by the County working on conditions at the jail. The federal inspectors are making a report. I believe the whole community as well as the Sheriff, the Police Department and the City Council all express a very strong desire to better the conditions at the jail. The Sheriff also requested that I invite you to be his guests for a tour of the jail and for lunch at the jail. I think that you should see the operation. You know you hear many things, but in comparison

to the other jails throughout the country our jail is one of the top jails. Of course, again it's the criteria that you want to set for an operation of this kind. Rehabilitation of the prisoners is another matter. It must be looked at separately. Here we're talking about the operation of the jail. For these reasons I recommend passage of the ordinance and a future report to you on the items that you expressed concern about to the Sheriff and the Chief of Police and myself are studying.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: But, when did they say, though, Jerry, that since an amendment is required for them to, for the Sheriff to get the additional money, that it would be proper to consider other amendments at this time?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No. An amendment is not required to the contract. The contract provides that we pay the same rate. All this ordinance does is appropriate the additional money from the contingency back into the general fund for the jail operation, because at the beginning of the fiscal year we appropriated the money for the number of prisoners we anticipated, \$66,000 approximately for the year, at the rate of \$2.60 per prisoner day, which was what the contract provided. The contract provides that we pay the same rate as the Federal Government contract with the County per prisoner day, which was \$2.60.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: The Federal Government amended their contract with the County and upped the rate from \$2.60 to \$4.50. The provisions of our contract provide that we automatically pay whatever is the Federal rate, so there is no change necessitated in our contract. This is merely an appropriation of additional money.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Well, it seems to me, however, with an 80% increase, and since the cost of living has not gone up that much, that we are in fact at a point of amending that contract, and I'm going to offer a resolution at this time with the following provisions included in an amended contract:

(1) That a qualified individual with education and experience in criminology, penology and rehabilitation be employed to direct activities and administer the City-County Jail. (2) That library services be provided in an efficacious manner. We've got the report from the Library Director, Mr. Sexton, and I think it's pretty clear without having to read between the lines that he said he could in fact provide in an efficacious way some soft back books. If we've got more money going in there, and there is a question raised about another person or somebody to spend part of his time supervising it, fine, you know, the cost of living has not gone up 80%. (3) That education, health and recreation services be provided as needed, for instance, literacy or adult basic education if the man is in jail long enough to involve himself in that sort of thing, that some isometrics or calisthenics or that sort of thing be scheduled, and that study for the GED be available to those who qualify and/or desire it. And lastly, that counseling and medical services on at least a pilot project basis be initiated for the remainder of this contract year. Now it seems to me that we are in a position, we're not telling the Sheriff what to do, but if in fact we are going to invest more of the tax payers money in the operation of a good jail, both inside and outside, we should in fact seek to implement these minimums it seems to me, areas of improvement, not just because we're spending more money but because

we hope to see the situation improve. I know, Jerry, the Sheriff wants to improve the situation, I know the citizens want the situation improved, and I would offer this motion or resolution at this time.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I would second the motion to adopt that resolution, Mr. Mayor, and would add comments of my own. I, of course, have been for a long time concerned with the jail situation. We go back to when the budget was adopted when I suggested that we hire a counselor and I believe at that time, Mr. Henckel, you indicated that such a proposal was feasible, that we could legally do it and secondly, at that time I mentioned the fact that we needed, that we could use, library service in the jail if our own San Antonio Public Library can accomplish that purpose, it's indicated by Mr. Sexton that he can do it, I think it should be done. You can't possibly house the number of people that we have in our County Jail and those City prisoners. I think it has been indicated that we have 30,000 per year that we have going ...

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Twenty-five hundred per month.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: O.K., well, then that is in excess of 25,000 a year, so that this is the number of people that we have booked in the jail, and of course I certainly think that we're resorting to methods that we used at the turn of the century in housing people without giving them anything to do, Mr. Mayor, I think the resolution is in order and I'm going to second Dr. Nielsen's motion.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Let me just say that the resolution at this particular time is out of order because you have an ordinance before you. As soon as we act on this ordinance we can then pass a resolution which would have to be worded merely as a recommendation that the County Judge and County Commissioners look into this matter, or is that responsibility strictly that of Mr. Hauck?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: It is the responsibility of the County Commissioners. The administration of the jail is with the Sheriff. I might comment at this time that I think the points made are very well taken. As Mr. Burke said last week, it is really a separate matter from the ordinance that we have before us. I certainly believe, Mr. Mayor, and members of the Council, that the County Commissioners, the County Judge and the Sheriff would welcome a resolution indicating the desires of this Council regarding the City prisoners in the County Jail.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, it's being proposed as a separate resolution. You didn't say it was a substitute.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: No, I didn't offer a substitute,

MAYOR McALLISTER: One item at a time, please.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: That's what we're trying to do, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR McALLISTER: What's your action on Item 28?

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I made a previous motion, Mr. Mayor, that this resolution be adopted.

MAYOR McALLISTER: The resolution is out of order at this particular time.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: There's a motion before the floor, Mr. Mayor, you can't consider a second motion when there's one motion before the floor, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR McALLISTER: What is the motion?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: The motion is to adopt this resolution.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I'll be glad to read it back.

MAYOR McALLISTER: We're discussing Item 28, and you can adopt a resolution after we act on Item 28, but Item 28 is the matter that we're discussing.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: There's a seconded motion on the floor at this time, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: There's no other business to be considered, Mr. Mayor. Could you give us your opinion, Mr. Walker, your're the City Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY WALKER: There has been no motion, as I understand the proceedings, on Item 28, no motion on the floor. Is that right?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: That is correct.

CITY ATTORNEY WALKER: Then your motion's in order.

MAYOR McALLISTER: O.K.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: May I ask for a restatement of the motion. I didn't understand if it was to be an amendment to the contract or what it was.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: This is a resolution, however, the resolution says that we would at this time amend the contract to include these four items. They're all administrative, certainly, or in the area of that sort of thing. They're not anything that is going to basically change the contract. It is my opinion that, at this particular time, if we are investing more funds in the operation of the jail that this would be an ideal time to get these kinds of improvements in the operation of the City-County Jail, and that was the reason that I did this.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Of course you stated specifically the contents of the motion and now you're elaborating on it. What is the exact wording of the resolution itself which we are to vote on?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: There was a four point resolution that you made.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: The four points are that a competent and qualified individual with education and experience in criminology, penology and rehabilitation be employed to direct activities and administer the City-County Jail. (2) That library services be provided in an efficacious manner. (3) That education, health and recreation services be provided as needed, such as areas as adult basic education, literacy, an isometrics or calisthenics program and study for GED for those who qualify or desire it, and

lastly, that counseling and medical services on at least a pilot project basis be initiated for the remainder of the contract year.

MAYOR McALLISTER: If you will make that as a resolution suggesting that the County Judge and the County Commissioners will look into that and study it and make a report on it, I'll vote for it, but to make a categorical resolution of the kind that you have just presented in which you are stating that that be a part of the amendment of our ordinance I would have to vote against it.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Why would you vote against it? It's seeking to improve conditions ...

MAYOR McALLISTER: You're assuming a responsibility that is not our responsibility and you are amending a contract that does not provide for that type of amendment.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: The contract could be amended that way.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Let me say, Mr. Mayor, you see, here's my position. I concur with the points that you feel need to be made a part of the operation. They're worthy points and meritorious, and I think they should be implemented. On the other hand I would like to give the Commissioners' Court credit for having the interest that we have in reaching the same ends, so with this thought in mind, that they are as sincere as we are, I think that it is merely necessary that we recommend to them our interest and our concern and ask that they give consideration to implementation.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K., this is a joint operation, a sort of a partnership, right? Well, in terms of equality it is up to us to suggest this. That's exactly what I'm doing. It is a resolution that we resolve to do this, O.K.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Of course, the working is the thing that I...

COUNCILMAN TORRES: It's implementation is an administrative matter, though, Dr. Calderon.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: But this is coming from us as a recommendation.

MAYOR McALLISTER: No.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: No, sir, it's an amendment to the contract.

MAYOR McALLISTER: It's an amendment to the contract, and that's out of order.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Well, that's the hangup.

MAYOR McALLISTER: All right, the resolution is that the items as stated be incorporated as an amendment to the contract.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: May I ask before this is voted on, it seems to me that we're going to have to have some sort of a feedback as to what this is going to do to the contract.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Mr. Walker.

CITY ATTORNEY WALKER: Now that you've gotten down to what you're going to do, you can't do it this way. Number one, you cannot amend an existing contract by taking unilateral action in this City Council. The Mayor's point is well taken when he says that if you want to amend the contract you're going to have to do so with the consent of the County Commissioners. Therefore, the only thing you can do now is a recommendation.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Then at this time, if that's legally the case, I'll so move that it be a recommendation, or resolution of recommendation, to the County Commissioners.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Now this I'll buy.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: That's fine, a resolution is fine.

MAYOR McALLISTER: A resolution of study into these items.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: A resolution to recommend.

MAYOR McALLISTER: I don't, well, all right, O.K.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: We've got a study going, Mr. Mayor. They've got a study going. There may be some points finally that they'll disagree with in this, but that's all right. Let's get something going.

MAYOR McALLISTER: No further discussion. Call the roll.

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

MAYOR McALLISTER: The motion carries. Ordinance 28:

COUNCILMAN HILL: We need a motion that, and I so move.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Second.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Any discussion? Call the roll.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,039

AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF FIFTEEN (15)
BUSES BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
SAN ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM

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Mayor McAllister, ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Transit System, explained that these are 17-year-old buses which are non-air conditioned and have been held out of the service pool of reserve equipment. They intend to dispose of these vehicles by cannibalizing parts in order to keep the balance of the vehicles operable, since the parts supplier is no longer in business. Eventually all the old vehicles will be phased out completely.

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

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The Clerk read the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION

CHANGING THE DATE OF THE MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL REGULARLY SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1969, TO WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 26, 1969.

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

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The Clerk read the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 38,040

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
AMENDING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY
AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN
ANTONIO TRANSIT SYSTEM PROVIDING FOR
REPAIR AND OVERHAULING OF CITY VEHICLES:
AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 37,947.

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CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Your Honor, I'd like to call on the Executive Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Melvin Sisk, to introduce the new manager of the Industrial and Economic Development Department.

MR. SISK: Mayor McAllister, Honorable Members of the Council, ladies and gentlemen, my brief appearance here is a pleasant one, and that is to present a new person who has joined us in our community to be associated with the City's industrial development program in which we are so very interested. You will remember that a vacancy in this position developed when Mr. Tom Perkins resigned in September to join a local development firm which offered greater opportunity for himself and his family. We sought a man qualified to do this job and we found him in St. Paul, Minnesota in the person of Mr. Jack Gilmore. Jack, if you will come forward, please, sir. Jack is a native of Houston, a graduate of the University of Texas in economics and business administration, was employed by the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas, was later employed in industrial development work in Waco before he joined the staff of the Minnesota Economic Commission. He is already on the job and I am very pleased to present to the Members of the Council Mr. Jack Gilmore. I should also like to recognize Mr. Gene Neely who works in that area, who has been with us for considerable period of time, a graduate of S. Marys here, been with us several years and doing economic research. Mr. Gilmore.

MR. GILMORE: Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Cockrell, gentlemen. It is a pleasure to be in San Antonio, and I just want to say that I look forward to working with the Council and Mr. Henckel and working for progress in our City's economy. Thank you.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Good. Glad to have you in San Antonio.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I'd like to ask Mr. Sisk something. Melvin, when is our next -- isn't that quarterly report due at the end of the month?

MR. SISK: Yes. At the end of this month. You'll get it some time after the first of the month.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: There were some real interesting observations that you made in your quarterly report ending January 31 of this year and the one ending April 30 of this year pertaining to the high cost of land and that some of the people, industrial types, a problem they ran into in wanting to move into San Antonio. I believe you mentioned in one of those reports that you were going to continue to pursue this problem to see what could be done about it, and I wanted to mention to you in preparing your next quarterly report two things, if we could see what corrective action has been taken. I believe you mentioned one tract of land that a prospect ran into that was going to sell for \$12,000.00 an acre, which discourages prospects, and I can see why. One suggestion I could make on my part, and, of course, I'd look for some recommendations in your quarterly report, but just some suggestions that I thought of in looking over in the last few days is that if you would advise

the Council or the City Manager where these sites named are. If somebody wants \$12,000.00 an acre for a tract of land, they sure as hell ought to pay taxes for \$12,000.00 worth of land. You know, this is just one of the ways in which we can approach this situation.

Now, I also notice in your quarterly report of January 31, 1969 that there were a number of firms and prospects that did come to San Antonio. You didn't mention the name of the company but you did mention a Paul Alemande and a Mr. Warren Malchiote, of a national concern in building materials industry. Then you went on to say that several others that approached you after the HemisFair period which were prospects that you developed as a result of HemisFair. In the subsequent report you failed to mention what happened to these prospects and I'd like to ask if in your next quarterly report if you could include what has happened to some of these prospects that were real interested. One that you mentioned would possibly hire 500 people in San Antonio. One that would possibly hire 1,000 people in San Antonio.

Finally, Melvin, I think that we could in some way approach this problem of a letdown on DOD spending after, say, a Vietnam phase out, if that should come about in the next year, what would happen to these organizations and companies like LTV that have come down here as a result of your efforts and those of the National Alliance of Businessmen? What would we have to do to keep these firms? After all, if they didn't have Department of Defense contracts it's quite likely that they would fold up. Is that possibility imminent? These are just suggestions I want to pass along to you, and questions that have arisen in my mind. I'm sure the Council Members, being intelligent people, have other questions they might like to ask of you.

MR. SISK: Well, I'll be happy to answer your questions. I don't know if you want me to do it at length or anything like that. First of all, industrial property in San Antonio is certainly lower in cost than it is in other major cities in Texas and we may have heard of some \$12,000.00 land, but it is very well worth that, I'm sure. We tried for a long time, and we still would like to, through an industrial foundation or some type of organization locally to tie up some property. We would hope that maybe we could work with the City on some surplus property, or the Public Service Board, or somebody, so that we could have a location for industry. We have long sought this and we're still working on it. We will give you a status report on these prospects. These reports are made up by the manager of that department. It will now be Mr. Gilmore, and we shall give you a progress report on these that were mentioned. We're constantly dealing with firms, we're always trying to get somebody who can employ 1,000 people or 500 people to come here, and we get maybe one out of a hundred and feel that we're lucky, but we certainly shall give you a progress report and, I see that you have another major point that I didn't cover. In any event, we are very interested in keeping the Council informed on what is going on on the status of prospects without using names. I wouldn't use name if I were making the reports at all, either of people or of firms unless they had located here, because we are in negotiations and they don't want us to do that. They want to operate in confidence. In any event, we'll make those reports and you will have a report next month, a quarterly report.

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The land situation--a company is always trying to buy land as cheaply as it can or anything else as cheaply as it can, and if a company runs into land for which they want \$12,000.00 an acre and they want to buy it for \$3,000.00, I don't blame the firm. I don't know that I blame the property owner if he thinks he can get \$12,000.00, but this then would speak toward the subject that I mentioned of our trying through an industrial foundation to acquire a sizeable tract for future industrial development. Quite honestly, we tried to do that with some of that property out near Ft. Sam which was in a surplus status. We hoped to get 200 acres out there. We didn't quite succeed, but we tried, and that was our motive, to have land that we could control the price on, was well situated as regards transportation facilities and other needed services for industry. We still would like very much to do that, but we shall give you those reports, and we're delighted with the suggestions.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Mr. Sisk, has Mr. Gilmore had some industrial foundation experience, do you know?

MR. SISK: I'm sure he knows if he has.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: O.K.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: We can expect then, before we get our next quarterly report, that you will appear before the City Council again at that time, is that right?

MR. SISK: We'd be happy to, yes, sir.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: And we discussed this last week and I don't know if it was conveyed to you, but we were going to ask you to make a verbal report to the Council.

MR. SISK: Fine, be more than happy to. We would welcome the opportunity.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Any other items, Mr. City Manager?

CITY MANAGER HENCKE: No sir, that's all I have.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: We would like to see if we can't get something going on this bond issue or capital improvements, Mr. Mayor. We're moving into the 70's, and it seems to me that in a new decade we can start very creatively and effectively meeting the needs which can and must be met in this community, this community, these capital improvements. We've been preparing for this for a year, we've been accumulating reserve and so on.

MAYOR McALLISTER: Your point is quite well taken and today I expected to have the Council give to the City Clerk the recommendations of the members of the Advisory Commission.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Fine, fine.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Of course, though, Mr. Mayor, in order to get this thing off dead center, to borrow a term used by a good friend of mine, Mr. John Gatti, let me ask a question here, Jerry. Can a bond election be held on a Saturday?

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CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: I'd have to ask the legal department. I see no reason why it can't.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: In Section 102 it doesn't specify what day.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: The Council has the discretion to select the date of the election.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, there's no prohibition against it, then. We have had bond elections on Saturdays, I know.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: We'd have of course to check with the Charter. I believe the Charter specifies only the specifics as to the elections for the members of the City Council.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: This is the way I understand the Charter. To that end, Mr. Mayor, I would think that we could have a bond election on Saturday, January 17, 1970. The Mayor previously mentioned that in response to a Mr. Raymond Rodriguez from the Las Colonias Unidas Community Council who appeared before the Council some weeks ago, that we would have a bond election on January 15....

MAYOR McALLISTER: By January 15.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: By January 15, and I think that we gave our commitment to the citizenry that was present at that time. I don't think there is any doubt on the part of members of the Council. We do need bond moneys. Of course I want to add some of my own reasons for the record. We have our proposed capital improvements bond program that has been prepared by the staff. I think that if we don't have an election in January, as very ably reported by Mr. Jeff Duffield in this morning's paper, that we have to wait until the spring or the summer because of the voter list not being out until that time, and then the difficulty arises, Mr. Mayor, in interfering with the Democratic and Republican Party primaries in May and possibly having to cope with the County bond election, I think that we further have a problem in that we need the bond money for drainage improvements the need for which has been raised by the people in the area of Columbia Heights for a long time, the people in the area of Castroville Road. We have a good proposal that has been prepared by the staff. I'd like to make a motion at this time that we hold a bond election January 17, 1970, Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I would second the motion and state again that Mr. Henckel and his staff have been more than competently qualified and have worked on this for a year at least, and I think that now is the time to do this. We've got about seven and a half weeks to take seriously the responsibility of promoting, educating and seeing that the election is successful, and I think it can be. I know Mr. Henckel has stated several times that the staff is prepared and ready to go. I think that with these kinds of competent, experienced people we can win this election.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to speak on the subject. As one of the members, I guess the few members of the remaining Council who was on the Council back in the 1964 bond election, I recall the preparations that went into that bond election. We began in, it seems to me in the late summer, or early fall right at September with the appointment of the citizens' committees that led

toward the bond election. There was a very large over-all committee and then there were many sub-committees, which met as I recall, all through the fall leading up to that January time. I am heartily in favor of a bond issue. I think it's just desperately needed. I am also concerned that we time it at the time when it will have the most opportune factors to be acted upon favorably by the citizens. We, I think, have a great responsibility in evaluating all the factors that lead to a successful bond election. I have some doubts whether we can get ready between now and January 17. Due to various factors we have been delayed in getting started. I want us to begin now to press for a bond election. I think we should begin now, I certainly am in favor of appointing committees now, I have my names ready, I hope the other members have their names ready. My feeling would be that rather than set a firm date of January 17, I would rather see us appoint the committee, have the committee called together, take a look at the total work load that is involved in getting ready for it and then let them come back to us and make a recommendation for the date. I think that we should listen to the citizens as well as set the date ourselves, and I feel if the bond committee is appointed, and really it's going to be a very large job getting ready. We're talking about, in terms of dollars, I believe the largest bond issue that has ever faced out city. I remember the hard work that went into the \$30,000,000.00 bond issue in 1964, even with the great emphasis of people being excited over Hemisfair and all of the other things that were going for the City at that time. They required a great deal of work, a great deal of promotion, and the fact that the victory was overwhelming in many precincts simply didn't mean that it was an easy job, but it meant that a great deal of hard work went into it. So, I too am completely sold on the necessity of the bond issue, but I am reluctant as of this morning to say that I am positive that we can get ready by January 17.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to support of what Mrs. Cockrell has said. There's no doubt we need the bond issue, there's no doubt that the bond issue is very necessary, but I think we're going to have to do a very basic job of education, community involvement and citizen participation, because there is some resistance to a bond issue. I don't know how all aware some of us are about this, but there is a great deal of resistance to a bond issue, and I think in order for it to be successful, we're going to have to do some real grass roots education. At this point I don't see the feasibility of setting the exact date. We have to get the ball rolling, get the committees appointed, get the education involvement going, and then, as Mrs. Cockrell suggests, perhaps listen to the citizens on a date per se.

COUNCILMAN TREVINO: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to say that I can't agree more with the thoughts that have been expressed by everyone here but I differ in some of the thoughts, and that is in the matter of education. I feel that at no other time has a bigger number of our citizenry been more informed on the affairs that are going on in the city. This is not to say that they have all agreed on one thing, that they are all in accord on one thing, but certainly that they are informed and they have shown it in the past couple of years and more so in the past month or so. So I feel that there is a great need and the people in our community are ready. The people that would serve on this committee, I am sure, would be more cognizant of what's going on than before, even some who have served before, and I'm talking about people in the neighborhoods themselves, I'm not talking about regular civic leaders, no. I think that they are ready, however, I am not one for setting a date, but I would like to have it sometime in January. I would like for they themselves to set the date.

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COUNCILMAN TORRES: If we're going to listen to the citizenry, Mr. Mayor, and we're going to abide by the admonitions and the wishes of the citizenry as you all have indicated you wanted to do, I should think that we would have moved rapidly here three weeks ago when we promised a large number of people that we were going to move on this proposition. I don't know the reason why, Mr. Mayor, perhaps you can enlighten me on the subject. I would like to share in any words of wisdom that you might have to offer. I have waited, I've been ready with this list of citizens which we were supposed to submit here two weeks ago; I've been waiting for a date. I had assumed that we had agreed that it would be by January 15. As a matter of fact, Mr. Mayor, when you suggested the date, January 15, I don't think there was any comment made at that time that we should let any committee select any particular date by which we would have an election. That suggestion came from you.

Now, on this 1964 bond issue and the fact that it took a long time to prepare, and I'm quite familiar with the 1964 bond issue because I took a real strong interest in the proposals because I believe about 1/3 of that involved improvements in the HemisFair Area. I think there was a reluctance on the part of a large number of the citizenry at that time to see so much emphasis on Urban Renewal Project No. 5, so that part of selling that bond issue was not merely a matter of selling bonds but it was also a matter of selling HemisFair. Mrs. Cockrell, with all due respect, says that people were excited over HemisFair. I certainly do think that the people in Urban Renewal Tract No. 5 were excited over HemisFair because they were being extricated from their homes. So that I agree with Rev. James that we need a bond issue, I agree with Mrs. Cockrell that we need a bond issue, and I think that we can show our interest and our desire to see the prompt resolution as we have promised the citizens of this community and reply to the desires of the citizens of this community by calling for a bond issue by January 17, or on January 17, which is a Saturday. I made the motion, I think the motion has been seconded.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Mr. Mayor, may I make a comment? With regards to a Saturday election, I surely concur that that would be the most opportune time to give everyone a chance. Let me say, though, that I was this summer in full agreement with proceeding with the formation of the committee the first week in September, working on the time table of an election in January. I thought this would give us ample time to do the proper kind of job, because a bond issue is something you have to sell. It is a mammoth task, it is no easy task, and it seems to me that I am fearful that in our efforts to get acceptance and approval of a bond issue, that by setting a date that is too close, we could inadvertently jeopardize that acceptance. This is really what worries me, the fact that there is so much work that has to be done and so little time in which to do it, based on the date that the motion set. I think we should look toward assuring approval of the bond issue first and work towards that, and for that reason I concur with Mrs. Cockrell that we should initiate the machinery leading to a bond issue, but await the date designation until such time as we feel that the machinery is proceeding at the proper pace.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Mr. Mayor, Dr. Calderon, the machinery has been in motion for a year, with the reports not only from...yes, that's a great part of the machinery. There's an excellent article in this month's Nation's Cities that deals specifically with succeeding in bond elections by really trying, and one of the things it makes clear is you do not have to resort back to the "prominent citizens" who are totally sold on the thing, and we've got a specific case in point right here.

I think Mr. Trevino hit it right on the head, there's a great deal of people who are going to be affected in the neighborhoods who very much want this right now. If we keep putting it off and get into the summertime when people are gone on vacations and all that sort of thing, we begin to compete or interfere with the state and county elections in the spring, we're just going to put the whole thing off for another year and we may lose the momentum that we've got now from the citizens. This is an excellent article. I'd suggest all of us read it.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Well, I read another article here recently that shows the result of a survey made regarding bond elections in this country. It shows that about 10% of these bond elections were accepted by the people. There is a national trend against bond elections, and this worries me.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: The thing that we've got going is that it's been made very clear that there will be no increase in taxes, and I think that's the most important thing and that can be said over and over and over.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Well, this question of the positive effect on the tax rate. How much research have you or I or anyone done to give this assurance?

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Mr. Henckel, will you kindly have Mr. Bolen's department prepare for us an analysis of the amount of bonds that can be sold on an annual basis over the next five years, at the varying rates of interest, the lowest being the interest rate that we have paid previously, which of course is out of the question entirely, and increasing it by increments of 1/2 of one per cent until you get a rate of 6½%, because you are not going to be able to sell bonds at anywhere near the interest rates that we've carried before, and any previous calculations of what you can carry, and the amount of bonds that you can sell at former rates simply don't apply to the case today. He can have that ready, because it's not a difficult proposition to do. He can have that ready for us very quickly.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Do you have it already, do you know?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Well, it won't take long at all to get.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: You sure sold bonds for the Tower when you wanted to, Mr. Mayor. I kind of think that you're merely delaying this thing, and if we can't get unanimity among us, Mr. Mayor, certainly we can't sell this proposition to the voters. I had hoped for the great day, Mr. Mayor, when I heard you talk about how you favored a bond issue, and I thought to myself, "Now I've come up with something on which I can really agree with the Mayor of San Antonio, and I thought, I looked forward to that great day when you and I could go out into the streets of San Antonio and tell the voting populace of this community, "We agree on something and we want something for this community," and I think you're taking an about face. I can't understand it.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: You're jumping to the wrong conclusion.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I'm not jumping to the wrong conclusion.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: It does look that way, it really does. You were so much for this in August, and all of a sudden it's just....

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: All right, O.K., O.K.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: May I add some comment?

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Yes.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: I have been pleased to have the opportunity to serve on this Council for some six and a half years now, and I'll say that I have always had great confidence in the judgment of the Mayor of the City in approaching things like bond issues, tax elections, that sort of thing. And I have great confidence in him today. I think that we all hear from different people in the community, and I think that the Mayor hears from more people in the community than any of the rest of us.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I doubt that.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: May I finish my remarks?

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Please quit interrupting.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: Back in 1964 the Mayor was out in front leading us in the successful passage of that bond election. He was out in front again on the Tower election. Through his very dynamic leadership the City was able to pass the sales tax, which this year is going to bring \$8,000,000.00 into our city treasury and it's going to be the difference in our having a very optimistic outlook financially. I am delighted that he is for the bond issue and I expect to work with him and with the other members in support of the bond issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cockrell...continued...

The only question under discussion at all today is the date--whether it is more advisable to schedule this definitely for some time in the second half of January, or if it would have to be put off. Realistically, if it's not scheduled the latter half of January it would have to be held let's say the first week of April. To me that's the only issue under discussion. The Mayor has stated that he is in favor of it. All the rest of us are in favor of it. I want it to pass, and if it looks like the kind of groundwork that is necessary can be done leading to a successful conclusion in April, I would be more in favor of that than to have a rushed up campaign leading to the possibility of lack of sufficient work, just pushing for a date in January. So this is the only factor in my mind in evaluating it.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: There is another factor, though, and that is this is a matter for the whole Council and the citizens of San Antonio to decide, and not just the Mayor. I want to say that again.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: That's correct, but I just was looking at past timing and what it has taken to get bond issues passed. We're talking about \$50,000,000.00 or \$55,000,000.00. This is the biggest thing we've ever tried, and I think it's going to have to have the most thorough preparation. The Council has not yet received the financial analysis that has been asked for.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: You could have asked for it three weeks ago.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: It was asked for 6 months ago, but it has not been received.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, now at this moment it's being asked for and we are told it will take about a week to get that financial analysis, and you say it was asked for 6 months ago. I can't quite comprehend, I think there's a contradiction in your statement.

MAYOR PRO-TEM COCKRELL: It was asked for on several occasions by the Mayor in my hearing.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: Mr. Mayor, I reiterate, I don't know how aware some of us are, but there is opposition to this bond issue. I think we ought to face up to it. The picture is not as rosy as some of us think it is. There is real opposition to this bond issue.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Where, Rev. James, if I may ask?

COUNCILMAN JAMES: I have gotten remarks from various persons. I won't name the persons, but I've gotten remarks from various persons across town in opposition to this bond issue, and I think it's going to be a matter of our cultivating this opposition.

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Councilman James...Continued...

We all want it to be successful, there's no question about that. But it's a matter of timing, and I think it's a matter of cultivating some of this opposition.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, that's quite unusual that you say you've gotten so many remarks in opposition to a proposed bond issue, Rev. James, because the only people that have ever appeared before this Council, have spoken of the need for capital improvement, of the need for parks in this community, the need for drainage, and we've had people from the East Side, we've had people from the West Side, from the South Side, from the North Side, people from all over this community. As a matter of fact, I remember one particular gentleman, Rev. Callis from the East Side who appeared, and you--I've stayed off the subject because I'm sure that it would embarrass you, when you proposed a 5-acre park, Rev. James--but notwithstanding that fact and the promise that was made, we know that the only way that we can provide that East Side park and the only way that we can provide some West Side parks

COUNCILMAN JAMES: We know that, Mr. Torres, we know that.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, you are disregarding that, Mr. James.

COUNCILMAN JAMES: No, no, I'm not disregarding anything. The point is, everybody doesn't come to this Council to speak. There are citizens that never come to that podium to speak and they're going to vote, and we gotta take that into recognition. That's what I'm saying.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: I think, Rev. James, that I have as much contact with people who don't appear before this Council as anyone else, and the only thing that I have heard, Rev. James, is, "When are we going to get these improvements that we need?" and the only reply that we have is the reply that bond moneys are depleted. We've spoken about this bond issue, we have a proposal that we have received from the staff, and certainly it would seem to me that you have withheld your comments, and some of the other council members have withheld their comments, on their scepticism about the January election, certainly when the matter was brought up by the Mayor early in September there was nothing said about the January date not being a propitious date.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: I have had occasion to hear only one citizen in this community out of the hundreds in the last few months that we've talked to about this bond issue that's been opposed to it. Really I have to disagree with you strongly.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: All right, you have a motion before you. It's been seconded, that the date be set at Saturday, January 17. No further discussion.

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COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Move the question.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Call the roll.

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

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: The motion to set the date has failed and that will be one of the matters to be referred to the committee. If you will all give your names to the Secretary, he will advise if there are conflicts, in other words, if you name an individual and another councilman names the same one, he can advise them that there is a conflict there, so that we can get the list prepared.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: Mr. Mayor, have we in the past ever run a public opinion poll before these bond elections to get substantiation, with reasonable scientific backing....

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: I don't think we have.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: It's possibly a very good thing to consider.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Well, it depends on who runs it.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: Of course.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: No, I'm serious.

COUNCILMAN CALDERON: Let me ask a question, Mr. Mayor, what should be the size of this committee?

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: I would suggest that each member submit three names, and that will give us a committee of twenty-five, twenty-seven, somewhere along in that neighborhood, and that will be an initial committee, a sort of a steering committee. Then of course the committee can be enlarged after this committee makes their study and reports to us. I feel that a very essential bit of information to give this committee at once will be not only the list of proposed improvements that are needed as prepared by the City Manager, but also a statement of what bond issue, the amount of bonds that can be sold at the interest rates as currently existing. You want to spend money for improvements today, you've got to sell your bonds on the basis rate today, and I'll guarantee you, you're not going to be able to sell as many today as you could have yesterday.

COUNCILMAN NIELSEN: But we can't sell any bonds at all until we have an issue passed.

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COUNCILMAN TORRES: Let me ask you this, Jerry, on the tentative "B" Session items you have proposed, or you mentioned the issues of \$5,000,000.00 in sewer revenue bonds, now there wouldn't have to be an election for this, is that right?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: No, sir.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: You're talking then on this issuance, on what date?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: Well, I have a schedule which I will present to the Council. This of course is based on the increase in the sewer service charge that was passed a year ago, and of course we could not sell bonds until we had one year of experience. We do need money to finance sewer extension and sewer improvement, and this was the proposal that we feel with the experience that we've had in the past year we could issue \$5,000,000.00 in sewer revenue bonds and that our current rate structure would support it.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: By when?

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: You mean as far as when we would issue it?

COUNCILMAN TORRES: The selling of the bonds, yes.

CITY MANAGER HENCKEL: We're talking about a period of 60 to 90 days, roughly, depending on whenever we initiate the procedure.

MAYOR MC ALLISTER: All right, no other items to be brought before the Council? We'll be glad to hear from Mr. Harvesty.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Stephen Harvesty, 7113 Bandera Road, representing the United Councils for Civic Action, spoke concerning the City Public Service Board's statement that it does not practice discrimination in employment, to which he took exception. He also spoke on the question of whether discounts are actually discounts from prompt payment of utility bills.

Mr. Clayton Russell, 122 San Rafael, spoke in favor of a bond election even though it is understood that interest rates are high. Since it appeared that the election will not be held until April, he asked that the Good Government League send a letter to the principals of the schools in the Edgewood School District to encourage the parents of students to obtain voter registration certificates for 1970.

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Mr. C. J. Alejos, representing the Laredo Street Community Council, thanked Mrs. Cockrell for her help in getting abandoned houses in the area demolished and removed. He then asked the Council to take action to have the area bounded by Kemper, Merida, San Jacinto and Trinity Streets cleaned, as it is full of rubbish, rats and weeds.

He also spoke of a need for reopening the crossing on Trinity Street over the railroad for people going to the Immaculate Conception Church.

Mr. Richard Frank advised there is an additional Moratorium planned for November 15. Many people feel that there should be a response by the people. Mr. L. E. Sheppard, Chairman of the Bexar County Republican Party has asked that the Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, through the history of our nation, brave men have fought and died to keep America a free country; and

WHEREAS, the fighting men of this great nation are engaged in a conflict waged to threaten the peace of this and other free nations; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States of America has proclaimed November 11, 1969 as Veteran's Day in memorium to those who have died in this and other wars; and

WHEREAS, a free people must have a strong government with the trust and respect of all of its citizens in order to remain free;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of San Antonio declares November 11, 1969 to be both Veteran's Day and Voter Registration Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all eligible citizens are hereby urged to register to vote by that day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each citizen is also asked to encourage at least one additional citizen to register as a gesture of faith in his Country, in his government, and in the men who have died to keep it free.

Mr. Frank stated that passage of the resolution in no way was intended to reflect on anyone supporting the Moratorium.

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

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Mr. Joe Castillo, president of the Hutchins Community Council, stated his organization is in favor of a bond issue for capital improvements.

Mr. Robert Rogers, Assistant City Secretary for the District of Columbia, the nation's capital, was introduced to the Council and audience by Mayor McAllister.

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The Clerk read the following letter:

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.

10-21-69 Petition of the Ben Franklin Neighborhood Association requesting the City to construct a walkway over the Navidad Street Alazan-Apache Creek crossing to permit children to cross in safety.

10-24-69 Petition of Mrs. Richard A. Meyer, 3631 Richwood Drive protesting the 8 to 10 ft. wooden fence erected at 3635 Richwood Drive.

J. H. INSELMANN,
City Clerk

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

A P P R O V E D

W. McAllister
M A Y O R

ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
C i t y C l e r k

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