

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1989.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor Henry Cisneros, with the following members present: BERRIOZABAL, WEBB, DUTMER, WING, THOMPSON, VERA, WOLFF, LABATT, HASSLOCHER, CISNEROS. Absent: MARTINEZ.

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89-08 The invocation was given by Reverend John Rasmussen, Asbury Methodist Church.

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89-08 The members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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89-08 SUNSHINE COTTAGE DAY

Mayor Cisneros read and presented a proclamation designating February 23, 1989 as Sunshine Cottage Day.

Mr. Labatt recognized as present in the audience Tuleta White, daughter of the Cottage's founder, and former Councilman Kevin Nolan, from North Hampton, Massachusetts, who was the nation's first profoundly deaf elected City official.

Dr. Wallace Bruce and some students from the Cottage then presented visors with the Cottage's logo to the Mayor and Council.

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89-08 SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Mayor Cisneros introduced Mr. Michael A. Schott, President of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, and Beady Bercer who were present in the audience to speak to the upcoming Foundation's fund-raising program with City Public Service.

Mr. Schott showed the envelope which would be included in the March City Public Service bills requesting contributions. He stated that this is a once a year program held in cooperation with CPS and spoke to past campaigns.

Mr. Labatt expressed his appreciation for Mr. Schott's and the Foundation's work.

Mrs. Dutmer stated she would like to see training available for patrons on library usage and its varied resources.

Mr. Schott spoke to the progress made thus far and the programs that have been planned between the Library Foundation and other organizations. He specifically spoke to the joint effort by the Foundation and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to encourage families to get children to the libraries.

89-08

BROTHERHOOD WEEK ESSAY WINNERS

Mayor Cisneros introduced Ms. Bonnie Street, National Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Sam Riklin, and four students who wrote winning essays in honor of Brotherhood Week. Mayor Cisneros introduced the four students and asked that they read excerpts from their winning essays.

Sara Karam, Holmes High School, Elida Guerra, Sidney Lanier High School, Wilbur Matthews, Alamo Heights High School, and Aletha Claussen, Incarnate Word High School, then each read excerpts from their essays.

Mr. Riklin stated that a \$1,000 scholarship had been awarded to the Grand Prize winner. He added that a new scholarship, which would serve to encourage persons who have dropped out of school to return, is being discussed.

Mr. Thompson expressed his support for this program.

Ms. Berriozabal noted that the Express Publishing Company sponsored the contest and Mr. Riklin made the scholarship monies available.

89-08

"SPRING BREAKER '89"

Mayor Cisneros spoke to the activities planned for the Spring Breaker '89 event for young San Antonians.

Mr. Goodhue Smith explained that the original project was an idea of Target 90. He added that USAA is a large sponsor. He then presented the city with a check for \$15,000 to help fund this event.

Mr. Kevin Moriarty, Director of Human Resources, noted that at least 2,000 high school youths are expected to attend the event which

89-08 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Hasslocher made a motion to approve Agenda Items 6 - 28, constituting the Consent Agenda. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez.

AN ORDINANCE 68,878

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF NATIONAL TEXTBOOK TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH INSTRUCTIONAL ENGLISH SOFTWARE AND CASSETTES FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,674.29.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,879

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF TEXAS EQUIPMENT COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AVIATION DEPARTMENT WITH PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR A TOTAL OF \$5,597.60.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,880

ACCEPTING THE LOW BIDS OF A.M.A. ENTERPRISES, FRUEHAUF CORPORATION AND INTERSTATE TRAILERS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH TRAILERS FOR A TOTAL OF \$25,602.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,881

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF MOTOROLA, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INFORMATION RESOURCES WITH MAINTENANCE RENEWAL FOR HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR A TOTAL OF \$12,633.68.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,882

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF ALAMO DATA SYSTEMS, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INFORMATION

RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WITH A FILE PROCESSOR UPGRADE
FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,029.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,883

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SAN ANTONIO
TESTING LABORATORIES TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT WITH AN
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR LOCAL LIMIT STUDY OF SLUDGES FOR
AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF \$10,000.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,884

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM CHEN-NORTHERN, INC., IN
AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200.00 FOR GEOTECHNICAL
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PEREZ FROM SAN
MARCOS TO RAILROAD TRACKS PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,885

AUTHORIZING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 10 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$38,747.82, PAYABLE TO S. H. TOLLIVER COMPANY IN
CONNECTION WITH THE ZION COMMUNITY STREETS PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,886

AWARDING A \$89,807.80 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO E-Z
BEL CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
1000 BLOCK OF DAWSON, AND AUTHORIZING \$8,980.78 FOR
MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,887

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
ASSOCIATES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,920.00 AND
PROVIDING FOR \$1,760.00 ENGINEERING CONTINGENCY IN
CONNECTION WITH INSPECTION AND REPORT OF THE
E. SOUTHCROSS BLVD. BRIDGES AT SALADO CREEK PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,888

AUTHORIZING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 21 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,651.10, PAYABLE TO SOUTH TEXAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPRIGGS DALE, ETC. STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,889

AWARDING A \$131,696.90 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT (BASE BID OF \$98,712.00 PLUS ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 1 OF \$32,984.90) TO V.K. KNOWLTON PAVING CONTRACTOR, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE JONES MALTSBERGER-IH 410 NORTH TO E. RAMSEY PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING \$13,169.97 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,890

AWARDING A \$205,637.90 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO AVIS, INC., AND AUTHORIZING \$41,127.58 FOR MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES AND \$5,800.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL FEES IN CONNECTION WITH REPAIRS TO THE WESTEND MULTI-SERVICE CENTER, THE WESTEND PARK NUTRITION CENTER; AND THE BARBARA JORDAN COMMUNITY CENTER.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,891

APPROVING FIELD ALTERATION NO. 2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,264.00 TO THE CONTRACT WITH H.B. ZACHRY COMPANY FOR THE AIR CARGO FACILITY APRON & ACCESS TAXIWAYS PROJECT AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; REVISING THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,892

APPROPRIATING \$15,566.00 IN PAYMENT FOR TITLE CHARGES AND APPRAISAL FEES INCURRED IN ACQUISITION

OF CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,893

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF THE SUM OF \$70,028.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE; ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF EASEMENTS TO CERTAIN LANDS; ALL IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN RIGHT-OF-WAY PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,894

APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND AUTO ZONE INC., TO ENCROACH WITHIN CITY REAL ESTATE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS ASSISTANT, TO EXECUTE SAID LICENSE AGREEMENT, FOR A TOTAL CONSIDERATION OF \$115,000.00 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,895

DECLARING SURPLUS THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 13, NEW CITY BLOCK 7876, LOCATED BETWEEN I.H. 35 SOUTH AND COMMERCIAL AVENUE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS ASSISTANT, TO EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED TO HUMBERTO F. GUTIERREZ AND WIFE, WILMA M. GUTIERREZ, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1,300.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,896

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$3,500.00 FROM DISTRICT THREE DISCRETIONARY FUND FOR USE IN PARKING LOT SECURITY FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE CITY ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,897

AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' (AACOG) GRANT FOR

THE CONTINUATION OF THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,556.00; APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS, ADOPTING A BUDGET; AND APPROVING PERSONNEL.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,898 .

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) GRANT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A HOMEMAKER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$141,379.00; AUTHORIZING AN IN-KIND MATCH OF \$15,709.00; APPROVING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL SCHEDULE.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,899 .

APPROVING THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF \$67,970.00 FOR THE TEENAGE PARENTING PROJECT; AUTHORIZING A MATCHING FUND OF \$1,888.00 AND AN IN-KIND MATCH OF \$5,664.00; APPROVING PERSONNEL; AND ADOPTING A BUDGET.

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AN ORDINANCE 68,900 .

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CONTRIBUTION OF \$15,000 FROM THE UNITED WAY OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY TO FUND SPRING BREAKER; ESTABLISHING A FUND AND BUDGET; AND AUTHORIZING SUBCONTRACTS AND EXPENDITURES.

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89-08 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 68,901 .

ACCEPTING THE LOW BIDS RECEIVED IN CONNECTION WITH CITY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DEPOSIT IN INTEREST-BEARING CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT.

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Mr. Hasslocher made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Berriozabal seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; DISQUALIFIED: Labatt; ABSENT: Martinez.

89-08 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 68,902

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STANDARD FORM LEASES AND INCREASING RATES FOR LA VILLITA BUILDINGS.

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Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

In response to a question by Mr. Hasslocher, Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, noted that the increase was necessary to help offset utility costs and that these increases had been recommended by the Arthur Young Study.

Mr. Hasslocher expressed his concern with La Villita rates going up when rentals all over the City are doing down.

A brief discussion between Ms. Berriozabal and Mr. Larry Williams on the outcome of a recent meeting in which, among other issues, exclusivity was discussed.

Mr. Darner stated that he could not legally deal with exclusivity.

Mr. Walt Glass, President of the La Villita Tenants' Association, stated his opinion that the increase is more than fair.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Cisneros; NAYS: Hasslocher; ABSENT: Martinez.

89-08 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 68,903

AUTHORIZING A ONE-YEAR LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO JAYCEES FOR THAT ORGANIZATION'S USE OF THE SHERATON HOTEL SITE FOR "LA SEMANA ALEGRE" AND AUTHORIZING THE JAYCEES TO MAKE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY.

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Mr. Hasslocher made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez.

89-08 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 68,904

APPOINTING INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE ON THE 201 AREA WASTEWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 6, 1991.

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Mrs. Dutmer made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Hasslocher seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez.

ZONING HEARINGS

33. CASE Z89008 - to rezone P-24, NBC 12867, 5515 FM 1346, from Temporary "R-1" One Family Residence District to "B-3" Business District, located on the northside of St. Hedwig Road (FM 1346), being 1728.78 feet east of S.E. Loop 410, having 590' on St. Hedwig Road and a depth of 442.73 feet.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Webb made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez.

AN ORDINANCE 68,905

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS P-24, NCB 12867, 5515 FM 1346, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT. "THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION IS A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00".

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34. CASE Z89027 - to rezone a 2.03 acre tract of land out of NCB 18049, 7580 Grissom Road, from Temporary "R-1" One Family Residence District to "B-3" Business District, located on the southeast side of Grissom Road, being 1071.84 feet southwest of the cut-back at Grissom Road and Timberhill Drive, having 211.30 feet on Grissom Road, with a depth of 435.71 feet.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Commission. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez, Hasslocher.

AN ORDINANCE 68,906

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 2.03 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 18049, 7580 GRISSOM ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" ONE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT. "THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION IS A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000.00".

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35. CASE Z88162P.P. - to rezone Lots 2,3,4, and the west 12.5' of 5, Block 45, NCB 1871, from "D" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District, located on the southside of W. Craig Place, being 114.58' east of the intersection of Fredericksburg Road and W. Craig Place, having 87.5' on W. Craig Place with a depth of 125'.

The Zoning Commission has recommended that this request of change of zone be denied by the City Council.

Mr. Andy Guerrero requested that consideration of this zoning case be postponed at the request of the proponents.

Ms. Berriozabal noted that it was her understanding that the neighborhood association had agreed to the requested rezoning.

Mr. E. L. Richey voiced his opposition to this zoning case and noted that care must be taken to prevent this residential area from become more commercialized.

Ms. Berriozabal made a motion to postpone consideration of this case. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

The motion to postpone prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Martinez, Hasslocher.

CASE Z88162 P.P. was postponed.

At this point, the City Council recessed its regular meeting to convene an Executive Session at 2:30 P.M., reconvening the regular meeting at 3:26 P.M. for consideration of Item 38, the status report on the Domed Stadium Committee.

89-08 STATUS REPORT RE: THE DOMED STADIUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Roland Lozano, Director of the Office of Dome Development,

spoke of the recent Domed Stadium Advisory Committee meeting and reviewed the agenda for its February 21, 1989 meeting. He added some of the major issues being addressed at the present time are the selection of a project management consultant and the request for proposals for a design team.

Mayor Cisneros suggested that, because of the importance of this project, Mr. Lozano schedule dome updates after every committee meeting before the Council.

Mr. Wolff reiterated the Mayor's comments and spoke to the importance of keeping the Council abreast of new developments as they occur.

Mr. Alexander Briseno, Assistant City Manager, stated that a proposed amendment to the ordinance which approved a budget for the Office of Dome Development would be brought for Council approval next week.

The City Council recessed its Regular Session at 3:36 P.M. to convene a "B" Session, reconvening at 5:08 P.M. to hold a Public Hearing on the St. Bonaventure Neighborhood S.H.T.A.

89-08 PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE - ST. BONAVENTURE NEIGHBORHOOD S.H.T.A.

Mayor Cisneros declared the Public Hearing to be opened.

Ms. Oralia Martinez, St. Bonaventure COPS, spoke in support of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Cisneros declared the Public Hearing to be closed.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 68,907

DECLARING THE CONDITIONS OF SLUM AND BLIGHT TO BE EVIDENT IN THE ST. BONAVENTURE NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDED BY WAINWRIGHT STREET ON THE NORTH, VINCENT STREET ON THE SOUTH, PALO ALTO ROAD ON THE EAST AND MCNAIR STREET ON THE WEST; AND AUTHORIZING SAID NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE DESIGNATED A SELECT HOUSING TARGET AREA (SHTA).

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Mr. Wing made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Berriozabal, Martinez.

The City Council recessed its Regular Session at 5:09 P.M. to convene a "B" Session, reconvening the Regular Session at 5:11 P.M.

89-08

CITY PUBLIC SERVICE TRUSTEE NOMINEE

Mayor Cisneros spoke to the need to respond to the letter from City Public Service in which they sent the Council the name of Mr. Al Aleman for possible appointment to the City Public Service Board. He stated that it was up to the Council to accept or not accept CPS's recommendation. Mayor Cisneros spoke highly of Mr. Aleman and of his many contributions to San Antonio. He stated that he personally supported Mr. Aleman's appointment.

Mr. Webb made a motion to send a letter to CPS endorsing Al Aleman's appointment to the City Public Service Board of Trustees. Ms. Vera seconded the motion.

Several Council members spoke in support of Mr. Aleman.

Mr. Wing noted that community interest in this appointment exists and stated that some individuals wanted to be present when this issue was taken up by the Council.

Mayor Cisneros stated that a vote could be taken today to move this item to next week's "A" session.

Mrs. Dutmer offered a substitute motion that the issue of sending a letter to City Public Service on the nomination of a City Public Service Trustee be moved to "A" Session next week. Mr. Hasslocher seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson spoke in favor of the substitute motion.

The substitute motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros;

NAYS: None; ABSENT: Berriozabal, Martinez.

89-08

FLUORIDE ISSUE

Mayor Cisneros stated that Dr. Guerra had requested that the Council consider adding the issue of fluoridation to the May 6, 1989 ballot. The Mayor noted that he contacted several Council members but could not get a concensus; therefore, the fluoridation issue was dead.

89-08

PAY FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Cisneros spoke to the possibility of calling for an amendment to the City Charter to include pay for members of the City Council. He stated that he would pursue this issue if the Council concurred.

Mr. Thompson stated his opinion that this issue needs to be brought forth by someone other than the City Council. He added that he would support bringing it before the electorate but did not feel it would be appropriate for this body to vote on it.

In response to a question by Mayor Cisneros, Lloyd Garza, City Attorney, spoke to the possibility of recompensing the Council for time spent on Council business rather than paying a set salary.

Mr. Wolff stated that the staffing level vs. services expected by constituents in his district is his primary concern. He added that he favored a per diem rate rather than a salary.

Mr. Labatt added his approval to per diem vs. salary and spoke to other items in the Charter that are outdated.

Mr. Hasslocher stated that he would like to see something fair and structured.

Ms. Vera noted that she would favor reviewing a proposal on this issue before making a commitment.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that she did not favor pay for Council members. She added that she wants to see people on the Council whose interest is in serving the City not the pay.

Ms. Berriozabal noted that this issue would have to be decided by the voters of San Antonio and added that it would require a Charter revision vote. She added that Council pay could be beneficial, especially for those in the poorer districts in San Antonio.

Mayor Cisneros stated that a special meeting of the Council could be called for Monday, February 27, 1989, to lay out an approach to this issue.

Mr. Webb spoke to his long-time support for Council pay.

89-08

LIBRARY BOND ISSUE

Mayor Cisneros spoke to a possibility of including a library bond issue on the May 6, 1989 election. He stated that he could support and commit to work for passage of a one-time bond issue. He added that approval of the bonds would require a 1.6 cent adjustment on the tax rate.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that, in the interest of education, she would support a bond issue for library improvements.

Mr. Wolff expressed concern with three issues: that this bond item is progressing too fast, that a new Director should be allowed input on this decision and that financing needs to be identified.

Mr. Labatt stated that it should be the citizens of San Antonio who will decide whether to approve the bond issuance.

Mayor Cisneros, with the concensus of the Council, stated that a special meeting would be called for Monday, February 27, 1989 to discuss the two proposals.

Ms. Berriozabal and Ms. Vera spoke in support of a bond issue.

Mr. Thompson stated that he could not support a tax increase.

In response to a question by Mrs. Dutmer, Rolando Bono, Assistant City Manager, stated that if a new site was selected for the main library, the re-sale of the present building would be used to reduce the debt.

89-08

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES

Mr. Thompson stated a report on re-routing of horse-drawn carriages would be brought to the Council in the near future.

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CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

Mr. Harry T. Pitts, owner of Pitts Electrical, expressed disapproval with the appointment of the new Chief Electrical Inspector. He spoke highly of Mr. Bill Crawford, who had been acting Chief Electrical Inspector, but who had not been ultimately appointed permanently to the position.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Director of Building Inspections, stated that, in his opinion, he had selected the best qualified individual for the position.

Mayor Cisneros stated that the City Council cannot influence the personnel selection process for positions with the City of San Antonio.

Mr. Wing thanked all the individuals for coming to City Council but noted that in the time he has been a member of the Council he has found that those selections made by staff usually are the best.

Ms. Angie Garcia, N.A.G.E., agreed that management has the prerogative to select, however, she added that Mr. Crawford has been acting Chief Electrical Inspector for 17 months. She also stated that he has had the Master's License much longer than the person selected for the position and that the new Inspector has an electrical business. She expressed concern with how the electrical contracts will be monitored.

Mr. Tom Sandoval, member of the Electrical Industry Community and past member of the Electrical Advisory Committee, stated that he has been associated with three different electrical inspectors during his tenure. He then traced the history of these different inspectors and how they had been hired from within. He feels that Mr. Bill Crawford was bypassed and that he has much more experience than the new Inspector. He asked that the City Manager review all these facts and make a fair decision.

Mr. Don Nichols, Bexar County Electrical Association, spoke about other positions being filled by Assistant Directors. He asked that the City Manager be instructed to review all the facts in this matter.

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INFRA-RED SOUND SYSTEM

Mr. Bob Lynch, Chairman of the Handicapped Access Advisory Committee, read a prepared statement to the Council regarding the need for an amplification sound system for the hearing impaired in the City Council chambers, a copy of which is on file with the papers of this meeting.

Mr. Larry Corren, Executive Director of S.A.I.L.S., spoke to his own experience with hearing loss. He stated that hearing loss causes hardships and isolates those persons suffering from this disability. He stated that the system being proposed is the best known amplification system. He then explained how this system works and asked that the City Council consider funding of the system through the Council's discretionary funds. He then spoke to the advantages of this system due to its mobility.

Mr. Rolando Bono, Assistant City Manager, stated that a report will be prepared for the Council, if it so desires, on some monies which are available in the building fund.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that she has money in her discretionary fund in case there are no monies in the building fund.

Council concurred in having the staff proceed with the funding of this request.

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CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES

Mr. Tim Crouse spoke to the City Council about the need for justice in global relationships. He then distributed to each Council member a letter inviting them to a reception at Madison Square Presbyterian Church for the caravan to El Salvador.

Ms. Laura Sanchez, Proyecto Hospitalidad, spoke to the City Council about the new INS rules which are violating the human rights of all these refugees. She related the incidents which are occurring. She asked for Council support on this matter. She also stated that there are laws in place which should be honored.

Jean Durel, Refugee Aid Project, spoke to the number of refugees coming to San Antonio and noted that their resources are not adequate to meet these needs. She then restated the concerns made by Ms. Sanchez on the new INS forms.

Mr. Rob Mueller, S.A.I.E.C., also spoke on the issues previously addressed by the above-named speakers. He stated that San Antonio, as the largest City nearest to the crisis must respond. He asked that a City staff member be assigned to help organize efforts to assist in this issue.

Mr. Kevin Moriarty, Director of Human Resources, stated that the City has a policy to handle the current resident population. Mr. Moriarty stated that legislation will need to be approved to provide funding for this crisis similar to the Cuban Refugee Aid or Asian Refugee Aid. He spoke to the resources which are available to assist these refugees,

however, national resources will have to be utilized.

In response to Mr. Wolff, Mr. Mueller stated that there is definitely a need to provide a more coordinated effort.

In response to Mayor Cisneros, Ms. Sanchez spoke to the process which these refugees must follow.

A general discussion then followed on the new INS rules and the need to have the City of San Antonio respond to this need.

Mr. Kevin Moriarty spoke about strategies which can be utilized.

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MR. CISNEROS FLORES

Mr. Cisneros Flores stated that he is from Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico and that he is present to thank the City Council on behalf of its citizens and the Santa Rosa Hospital for the gift of a wheelchair which enabled his wife to live out the rest of her life a lot more comfortable. She has since passed away. He wanted, however, to thank the City Council.

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CAROL PATTERSON

Ms. Carol Patterson, 410 Larkwood Drive, presented the Council with a copy of a study, entitled, "Aquifer Resources Conference." She spoke to the legislation package presented earlier today. She stated that the legislation simply gives the power to the Texas Water Commission to limit the City to the water in the aquifer. She expressed concern with the limitations which will cause GBRA to get the water free of charge and then they will turn around and sell it to us. She suggested that money should not be spent on lobbying to pass this legislation but rather spending money to plan a better water plan.

Mr. Philip Ross, Rt. 5, Box 419, San Antonio, Texas, spoke to the groundwater rights legislation as being premature. He presented to the Council a copy of a press release requesting the City Council to withhold approval of groundwater rights restriction proposed legislation, pending review of alternative plan. He also presented an excerpt from an article which appeared in the San Antonio Light on Tuesday, February 21, 1983 entitled, "Innovative 21st Century Water Resource Plan."

Mr. Wolff stated that he knows that Ms. Patterson worked hard on this issue. He referred to several comments which she has made which are well worth exploring especially to the economic considerations.

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DON WILKINS CASTILLO

Mr. Don Wilkins Castillo, 1502 El Paso, Apt. #3, stated that he is due to go to court on May 4th. He mentioned what charges he is facing. He then gave the Council a history of his prior arrests. He stated that he was abused by a police officer just two weeks ago and that the police department is corrupt.

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89-08 The Clerk read the following Letter:

February 15, 1989

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of San Antonio
The following petition was received in my office and forwarded to the City Manager for investigation and report to the City Council.

February 14, 1989

Petition submitted by Mr. Alfredo Nevarez requesting permission to operate a limousine service from the San Antonio Airport to the downtown area.

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/s/Norma S. Rodriguez
City Clerk

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

A P P R O V E D

Henry Cisneros

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ATTEST

Norma S. Rodriguez
C i t y C l e r k

February 23, 1989
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