

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1973.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Pro-Tem Glenn Lacy, with the following members present: SAN MARTIN, LACY, MORTON, BECKMANN, PADILLA, MENDOZA; Absent: BECKER, COCKRELL, BLACK.

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73-56 The invocation was given by Mr. David Koch, Safety Director.

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73-56 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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73-56 The minutes of the meeting of October 25, 1973, were approved.

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73-56 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 73-56-68

DESIGNATING COUNCILMAN CLIFFORD
MORTON AS MAYOR PRO-TEM OF THE
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO SERVE
DURING THE PLEASURE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO FOR A PERIOD OF THREE
MONTHS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1,
1973.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. That Councilman Clifford Morton is hereby designated as the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of San Antonio.

SECTION 2. That, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 9, of the Charter of the City of San Antonio, said Councilman Clifford Morton shall serve as Mayor Pro-Tem during the pleasure of the City Council for a period of three months, beginning November 1, 1973.

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After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Beckmann, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Padilla.

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The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro-Tem Morton who then presided.

Outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy made the following statement:

"As outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem, I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to everyone - all the members of the City Council with whom I have worked, all the citizens that have appeared before us from time to time. It is with great pleasure that I hand you the gavel and let you take over from now on."

Dr. San Martin congratulated Mr. Lacy for his efforts as Mayor Pro-Tem and expressed his appreciation for a job well done.

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CLASS FROM SHENANDOAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mayor Pro-Tem Morton recognized a class of students from Shenandoah Elementary School and their teachers, Mrs. Bonnie Purnell and Mrs. Kathy Wong. He welcomed them to the meeting and invited them to come for another visit sometime.

73-56 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Padilla.

AN ORDINANCE 42,963

AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO HERTZ CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,751.11 DUE TO A DOUBLE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNT OWED FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER FOR OPERATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,964

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAMPBELL'S DELIVERY SERVICE, INC., FOR A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF THAT LEASE AGREEMENT PROVIDING SPACE AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LEASE NO. 52-1).

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AN ORDINANCE 42,965

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TIMOTHY D. O'CONNOR III, FOR LEASE OF SPACE AT 1023 HILDEBRAND FOR USE AS A NORTH SIDE YOUTH SERVICES PROJECT CENTER.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,966

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE LANE, D/B/A LANE CONCESSIONS, TO EXTEND THE CURRENT CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF AN AMUSEMENT AREA CONSISTING OF RIDES, GAMES, FOOD AND DRINK STANDS AND A "PENNY ARCADE" AMUSEMENT CENTER AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1974, ACCORDING TO THE SAME CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING THAT SAID CONTRACT SHALL BE CANCELLABLE AT OPTION OF EITHER PARTY UPON 90 DAYS' WRITTEN NOTICE..

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Jim Gaines, Director of HemisFair Plaza, who stated that the current contract with Lane Concessions expires on December 31, 1973. Since the Leake Enterprises is currently making a study of the HemisFair area necessitating a 90 day cancellation clause in new leases it would be very difficult to have a satisfactory bidding procedure. Mr. George Lane, however, has agreed to a six month extension of his contract which would assure continuity of operation. By the end of the six month extension some kind of an agreement should have been reached with Leake. Mr. Gaines recommended passage of the Ordinance.

Dr. San Martin asked for a report on the current status of the Leake proposal.

Mr. Cipriano Guerra stated that a contingent from Leake Enterprises will be in San Antonio tomorrow for further talks. If staff can come to an agreement with Leake the matter will be presented to the Council for study in a week or two.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Mendoza, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

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MRS. CLIFFORD MORTON

Dr. San Martin recognized the presence of Mrs. Judy Morton, wife of Mayor Pro-Tem Clifford Morton, who was visiting the Council meeting. Mr. Morton then introduced also his sister, Mary Etheridge, and a friend, Mrs. Willie Wurzbach.

73-56 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,967

AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTERS-SOUTHWEST BRANCH PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING A BUDGET FOR SUCH PROJECT; ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF JOERIS & CLAUSS CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAID CENTER; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT COVERING SUCH WORK, APPROVING PAYMENT OF \$763,000 TO SAID CONTRACTOR OUT OF FUND NO. 792-12, \$20,710.00 TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT AND \$1,550.00 FOR CONTINGENCY ARCHITECTURAL EXPENSES.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,968

GRANTING THE PETITION OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL OF HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TO CONDUCT A BONFIRE PEP RALLY AT 8:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1973, ON A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT RIGSBY AND ROLAND AVENUE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,969

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT INTERSECTIONS OF I.H. 410 FRONTAGE ROADS WITH CALLAGHAN ROAD.

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TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Mr. Morton asked Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, to generally outline for the Council the criteria for planning for the need for traffic lights.

Mr. Fischer said that, of course, planning is concentrated generally on major thoroughfares. Under state law it is necessary for certain criteria to be met at a particular intersection in order to justify the installation of a signal and named a few of them.

Dr. San Martin called attention to the situation at Avenue E and Fourth Street where a traffic light was recently removed. He stated that he has had three close calls at this intersection and felt that it may have been a mistake to remove the light.

Mr. Fischer stated that this intersection is being monitored and so far there has not been an accident experience there. He said there is no study of "near misses" however.

The entire subject of traffic lights and signals was discussed and concern expressed over the increase in number of traffic deaths.

Mr. Fischer stated that Mr. George Bichsel was recently appointed to the post of Traffic Safety Coordinator and his function is to look at the 18 federal standards intended to improve safety and determine what the City needs to do in each of the areas. A report should be forthcoming soon.

73-56 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,970

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A NET ADJUSTED PREMIUM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,858.00, BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE TOTAL OF ADMISSIONS AND INCOME FROM RENTAL OF SPACE AT FACILITIES INSURED UNDER SAFEGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY POLICIES, FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 1972 - AUGUST 1, 1973.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,971

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$42,345.00 OUT OF VARIOUS FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS AND EASEMENTS UPON AND ACROSS CERTAIN LANDS; TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORM DRAINAGE #83-X (SIX MILE CREEK), THE SALADO CREEK SEWER EXTENSION, AND THE SALADO CREEK SEWER OUTFALL PROJECTS; AND ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF SEWER EASEMENTS UPON AND ACROSS CERTAIN LANDS, TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE B. S. R. SUBDIVISION SANITARY SEWER PROJECT.

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73-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 42,972

AUTHORIZING A ONE YEAR LEASE OF APPROXIMATELY 380 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED LAND TO W. B. MARTIN, JR., FOR FARMING AND GRAZING PURPOSES FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1,520.00.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, who said that the City owns over 800 acres of land at the Salado Creek Treatment Plant of that some is used for a nursery and some for the Plant. About 578 acres are available for lease, and it has been leased to W. B. Martin for grazing purposes. This year 198 acres is being held out of the lease for the possible development of a drag strip which has been discussed.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Beckmann, seconded by Dr. San Martin, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

Mr. Padilla explained to the Council that the idea of a drag strip was first projected by the late Mayor Pro-Tem Gilbert Garza in the last administration. One of the problems was the identification of a suitable location. He told Mr. Clark that he was very glad to know that the idea is still alive.

73-56 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 42,973

AMENDING THE REVENUE SHARING BUDGET BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF THE SUM OF \$8,000.00 FROM ACCOUNT 72-33-07 TO ACCOUNT 72-13-02 TO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR ACQUISITION OF A SITE FOR THE TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT SIGN AND SIGNAL SHOP AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,800.00 THEREFROM FOR SAID SITE.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, who said that the site being acquired is near the center of the City not far from downtown and is very convenient for a sign shop to be built in the future.

Dr. San Martin stated that recently Mr. Dan Martinez expressed interest in contracting for the sign work for the City. He did not believe that Mr. Martinez had been advised that the City was not going to consider his proposal. In authorizing purchase of this land the Council would, in fact, be saying that the City would not need any outside contract.

Mr. Fischer stated that Mr. Martinez had a copy of his report which was made to the Council several weeks ago and is well aware that his proposal is not being considered.

After discussion, Dr. San Martin asked that the City Manager be instructed to discontinue negotiating with Mr. Martinez and to advise Mr. Martinez in writing. Other members of the Council agreed with Dr. San Martin's request and the City Manager was so instructed.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Beckmann, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

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73-56 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Brooks, Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,974

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,164.32 TO ACME ROOFING AND SHEET METAL CO. FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE CONVENTION CENTER BANQUET HALL ROOF.

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AN ORDINANCE 42,975

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF LES FERGUSON CO., INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH VARIOUS PRINTED FORMS FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$1,106.70.

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73-56 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Jack Currington, Assistant Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. Mendoza, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,976

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF PARCELS R-C-4 AND R-C-5, LOCATED WITHIN THE ROSA VERDE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, TEX. R-78, TO C & H ROSA VERDE CO. FOR THE SUM OF \$168,339.80.

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73-56 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Fire Chief Bart Mulhern, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Padilla, seconded by Mr. Mendoza, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,977

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE STUDENT BODY OF MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL TO CONDUCT A BON FIRE PEP RALLY ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1973, ON THE PREMISES OF MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL, UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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73-56GUADALAJARA TRADE TRIP

Dr. San Martin asked that a place be reserved on next week's agenda for a report on the trade promotion trip made to Guadalajara recently.

73-56REPORT OF FIRE & POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

City Manager Granata advised the Council that the Chairman of the Fire and Police Civil Service Commission will report to the Council next week concerning its recent hearings into an alleged case of police brutality.

73-56TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LUNCHEON

Mr. Beckmann stated that on Monday of this week the Texas Municipal League Convention had a luncheon in the Convention Center when 200 persons could not be served. He said that this was very embarrassing and asked if anyone knew about it.

City Manager Granata stated that the entire planning was done by the Texas Municipal League and the City staff was not involved. The Texas Municipal League oversold the event and told no one.

Mr. Morton stated that perhaps in the future that on any program where the City is acting as host even though staff is not involved in ordering accommodations that someone on the staff be assigned to check with the sponsor to be certain that accommodations are adequate.

73-56LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Dr. San Martin asked that a letter of sympathy in the name of the Council and the citizens of San Antonio be sent to the widow of John W. Rhea, Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Borger, Texas, who was accidentally killed this week while attending the Texas Municipal League Convention.

73-56PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Mayor Pro-Tem Morton recognized a government class from Providence High School and their teacher, Miss Diane Langford.

73-56CITIZENS TO BE HEARDMR. EDUARDO MORALES

Mr. Eduardo Morales, 910 Torrence, stated that he had tried for six months before he finally got trash picked up in front of his home. He thought this was too long.

Mr. Morales also stated that he felt he was discriminated against because he had been unable to get anyone in City Hall to speak Spanish with him. He stated that he intended to go to the Civil Rights Commission.

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City Manager Granata stated that it had been a little long on the trash pick up but the whole operation is running behind. He said that there are many Spanish speaking people in City Hall. It just happened that he contacted a girl during the noon hour who could not speak Spanish. He apologized for any inconvenience.

MRS. HELEN R. WALTERS

Mrs. Helen R. Walters, 5286 Roundtable Drive, stated that she is involved with the San Antonio Youth Symphony and the Youth Orchestra. These children come from all of the school districts and are dedicated musicians. She said that more youth musicians are needed and she appealed for help from members of the Council. She asked that they assist her in recruiting as well as in raising money.

MR. RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado, spoke to the Council about the overcrowded conditions in the City-County jail. He said that some prisoners must even sleep on the concrete floor. Mr. Rodriguez asked the Council Members to visit the jail to see the conditions and then to try to do something about it.

City Manager Granata said that he would look into the complaints.

MR. JULIO VASQUEZ

Mr. Julio Vasquez, President of the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe Community Center, stated that the Board has asked him to express to the Council their deep appreciation for the Council's response to their plea for funds to continue the Day Care Center. The program is going well and the citizens are very grateful. He invited the Council to an open house on Friday, December 7, 1973 between 6:00 and 9:00 P. M.

TAX REAPPRAISAL PROGRAM

Mr. Beckmann stated that he would like a report next week from the City Manager concerning the withdrawal of the Bexar County Tax Assessor from the tax reappraisal program.

City Manager Granata stated that Judge Blair Reeves had called to inform him of this action and assured Mr. Granata that this would not jeopardize the program as far as the County Commissioners are concerned.

73-56CONSORTIUM OF CONTRACTORS

Dr. San Martin asked if the City staff had met with the staff of the Minority Contractors Association to discuss problems related to wage scales.

City Manager Granata stated that Mr. Cipriano Guerra and Roy Montez of the staff are to meet with the contractors but have not yet done so. They are to examine pay scales and classifications to determine if they are comparable with City scales.

Mr. Padilla stated that his interpretation of the City's policy is that the Council is very anxious to insure that wages and benefits of any agency funded through revenue sharing did not exceed the equivalent position on the City payroll. If the agency could find supplemental funds to make up the difference when there is a difference, this would be consistent with City policy.

City Attorney Crawford Reeder agreed with Mr. Padilla's interpretation.

After discussion, Dr. San Martin asked that the staff pursue the questions with representatives of the Contractor's Consortium and then discuss it further with the Council in "B" Session next week.

73-56PRESENTATION OF SAFETY AWARD

Mr. George Bichsel, Traffic Safety Coordinator, introduced Mr. Luke Duffy, Manager of the Alamo District American Automobile Association.

Mr. Duffy spoke to the Council commending the City on its 1972 pedestrian casualty record. He said that this is the third such award to be presented to the City of San Antonio since 1969. He called particular attention to the following persons who were largely responsible for obtaining the award.

City Manager Sam Granata
 Judge Mike Machado
 Police Chief Emil Peters
 Director of Traffic and Transportation Stewart Fischer
 Inspector John Fitch
 Traffic Safety Coordinator George Bichsel

The award was accepted by Mayor Pro-Tem Clifford Morton who expressed appreciation to the American Automobile Association for its efforts in the field of accident prevention. He then asked responsible members of the staff to rise and be recognized.

73-56 The Council was recessed to go into "B" Session and for lunch. It was reconvened at 1:30 P. M. Mr. Alfred Beckmann presided in the temporary absence of Mayor Pro-Tem Clifford Morton.

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A. Case No. 5255

At the request of Mr. Henry Christopher, Attorney for the applicant in this Case, the hearing was postponed because only five Councilmen were present.

B. CASE 5149 - to rezone a 5.260 acre tract of land out of NCB 11490, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 4300 Block of Culebra, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located west 350' and north 150' of the intersection of Culebra Road and Laven Drive; having 180' on Laven Drive and 500' on Culebra Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Lacy made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the north property line. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 42,978

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 5.260 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 11490, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 4300 BLOCK OF CULEBRA ROAD, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE.

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C. CASE 5210 - to rezone Lot 20, NCB 11620, 4000 Block of High Ridge Circle, from "A" Single Family Residential District, Temporary "A" Single Family Residential District, and "D" Apartment District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, located approximately 318.80' northwest of the intersection of Callaghan Road and High Ridge Circle; having a total frontage of 60' on High Ridge Circle with a maximum depth of approximately 960'.

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Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished and that a one foot (1') non-access easement is imposed on the southwest property line. Mr. Padilla seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 42,979

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 20, NCB 11620, 4000 BLOCK OF HIGH RIDGE CIRCLE, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TEMPORARY "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A ONE FOOT (1') NON-ACCESS EASEMENT IS IMPOSED ON THE SOUTHWEST PROPERTY LINE.

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D. CASE 5248 - to rezone Lots 20 and 21 and the southeast 80' of Lot 22, NCB 11899, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District; and Lots 17 through 19, 23, 25, and the northwest 78' of Lot 22, NCB 11899, 2500 Block of Austin Highway, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District.

Subject properties are bounded by Austin Highway, Walzem Road, Hartline and Bobby Lou Drive, the "B-1" zoning being located at the intersection of Bobby Lou Drive and Hartline Drive; having 221.75' on Hartline Drive, 237.48' on Bobby Lou Drive and 94.68' on the cutback between these two streets.

The "B-3" zoning being located southwest of the intersection of Walzem Road and Hartline Drive; having 200.76' on Walzem Road and Hartline Drive; having 200.76' on Walzem Road, 300' on Hartline Drive, 105.70' on Bobby Lou Drive, 25.23' on Austin Highway and 94.04' on the cutback between Austin Highway and Walzem Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

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After consideration, on motion of Mr. Padilla, seconded by Mr. Lacy, the recommendation of the Planning Commission was passed and approved by the passage of the following Ordinance, by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 42,980

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 20 AND 21 AND THE SOUTHEAST 80' OF LOT 22, NCB 11899, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND LOTS 17 THROUGH 19, 23, 25, AND THE NORTHWEST 78' OF LOT 22, NCB 11899, 2500 BLOCK OF AUSTIN HIGHWAY, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT.

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E. CASE 5243 - to rezone a 60,000 square foot tract of land out of NCB 15825, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 13800 Block of I. H. 10 Expressway, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located on the east side of Interstate Highway 10 Expressway; being 560' northwest of the cutback between Interstate Highway 10 and a maximum depth of 429.06'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Padilla made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished. Mr. Lacy seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 42,981

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 60,000 SQUARE FOOT TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 15825, 13800 BLOCK OF I. H. 10 EXPRESSWAY, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATting IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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F. CASE 5249 - to rezone the south 250' of Lots 2 and 3, NCB 12116, 2200 Block of N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District; and the north 350' of Lot 2, the north 750' of Lot 3 and all of Lot 1, NCB 12116, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District.

The "B-2" zoning being located on the north side of N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, being 304.40' east of the intersection of Village Drive and N. E. Loop 410 Expressway; having 218' on N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, with a maximum depth of 250'.

The "R-3" zoning being located on the north side of N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, being 304.40' east of the intersection of Village Drive and N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, being 250' north of Loop 410 Expressway with a maximum width of 218' and a maximum length of 750'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Mendoza made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished. Mr. Padilla seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton.

AN ORDINANCE 42,982

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE SOUTH 250' OF LOTS 2 AND 3, NCB 12116, 2200 BLOCK OF N. E. LOOP 410 EXPRESSWAY, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND THE NORTH 350' OF LOT 2, THE NORTH 750' OF LOT 3, AND ALL OF LOT 1, NCB 12116, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATting IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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G. CASE 5250 - to rezone a .933 acre tract out of NCB 11620, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 5211 Fredericksburg Road, from "D" Apartment District to "B-2" Business District, located west of the intersection of Callaghan Road and Fredericksburg Road; having 145' on Callaghan Road, 227.50' on Fredericksburg Road and 54.40' on the cutback between Callaghan Road and Fredericksburg Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Padilla made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished. Mr. Mendoza seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morten.

AN ORDINANCE 42,983

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A .933 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 11620, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATting IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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73-56 Mayor Pro-Tem Clifford Morton returned to the meeting and presided.

H. CASE 5254 - to rezone the northwest 75' of Lot 1, Block 17, NCB 16410, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District; the southeast 410' of the northwest 485' of Lot 1, Block 14, NCB 16410, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District; the southeast 550' of Lot 1, Block 17, NCB 16410, 15500 Block of Judson Road, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District; and Lot 1, Block 16, NCB 16409, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District.

The "B-1", "B-2", and "B-3" zoning being located north of the intersection of Judson Road and Nacogdoches Road. The "B-1" zoning being on the northeast side of Judson Road, 945' northwest of the intersection of Nacogdoches Road and Judson Road; having 75' on Judson Road with a maximum depth of approximately 300'.

"The B-2" zoning being located northwest 550' of the intersection of Nacogdoches Road and Judson Road; having 410' on Judson Road with a maximum depth of 300'.

The "B-3" zoning being located north of the intersection of Nacogdoches Road and Judson Road; having 240' on Nacogdoches Road and 550' on Judson Road.

The "R-3" zoning being located between Stahl Road and Nacogdoches Road approximately 620' northwest of the cutback at the intersection of Judson Road and Nacogdoches Road; having 565' on Stahl Road and approximately 2,921.46' on Judson Road.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

Mr. Clayton Severence, owner of property across the street from the property under consideration, stated that he had never been told the intended use of this property being rezoned. He did not know whether to object or not.

Mr. Fred Daniels, President of Global Homes, stated that it is planned to put in a community center similar to other centers but at this point there are no definite plans drawn.

It was explained to Mr. Severence that once a property is zoned it can be used for any of the uses permitted in that classification.

After consideration, Mr. Mendoza made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the north property line of Lot 1, Block 17, NCB 16410. Mr. Lacy seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,984

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE NORTHWEST 75' OF LOT 1, BLOCK 17, NCB 16410, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT; THE SOUTHEAST 410' OF THE NORTHWEST 485' OF LOT 1, BLOCK 14, NCB 16410, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT; THE SOUTHEAST 550' OF LOT 1, BLOCK 17, NCB 16410, 15500 BLOCK OF JUDSON ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND LOT 1, BLOCK 16, NCB 16409, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 17, NCB 16410.

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I. CASE 5258 - to rezone 2.07 acres out of Lot H, NCB 12117, 3100 Block of N. E. Loop 410, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "I-1" Light Industry District, located on the northwest side of N. E. Loop 410 Expressway, being approximately 4,093.50' northeast of the intersection of Perrin-Beitel Road and N. E. Loop 410 Expressway; having 369.68' on N. E. Loop 410 Expressway with a maximum depth of 421.05'.

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, explained the proposed change, which the Planning Commission recommended be approved by the City Council.

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Padilla made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper platting is accomplished. Mr. Beckmann seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Lacy, Morton, Beckmann, Padilla, Mendoza; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Becker, Black.

AN ORDINANCE 42,985

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS 2.07 ACRES OUT OF LOT H, NCB 12117, 3100 BLOCK OF N. E. LOOP 410, FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1" LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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73-56 The Clerk read the following letter:

October 26, 1973

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

Gentlemen and Madam:

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

October 24, 1973

Petition of Mr. Edwin D. Ivy, Chairman, Spirit and Pride Committee, Highlands High School, and Mr. George Mahan, Principal of Highlands High School, requesting permission to conduct a bonfire on the tract of land bordered by Rigsby and Roland Avenue on Friday, November 10, 1973, at 8:00 P. M.

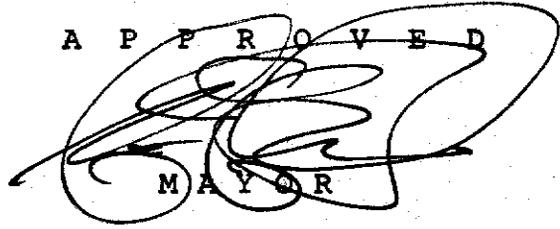
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/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
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There being no further business to come before the Council,
the meeting adjourned at 2:00 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

MAYOR

Charles L. Becker

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

(ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, NOVEMBER 1, 1973)

The following discussion concerning the Alamo Plaza Project occurred in "B" Session on November 1, 1973.

MR. ALVIN G. PADILLA: There is one thing, Mr. Mayor, if I may. This is relative to the Alamo Plaza Hotel project and the work that we have been doing on it. I understand that there are various ideas as to how best to approach this in terms of City and Chamber of Commerce participation and the way we should work together and so forth in trying to bring the project to a successful conclusion. I would like to recommend and in the interest of brevity, I won't cover any of the background at this time, but it seems to me that this has got to be one of our major projects. It would seem to me that the question of just exactly what the best procedure will be during this whole thing should be one that this Council should take up perhaps informally. I don't know. Maybe in executive session. I don't know. We may be dealing with some things that require that. I think we ought to give it our attention and decide as a Council what the best procedure would be in terms of how we should work with the Chamber and so forth. I just thought I'd bring that up this morning and perhaps hear other comments if anyone else has any to make on the subject.

DR. JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, the only comment I would like to make, Mr. Padilla, is that I think that we have already made some kind of a statement of policy that we want somebody in the administration to be the liaison or contact man or whatever it is. I think we need to make another decision as to whether this Council as a whole is going to be involved in this project or whether we are going to designate someone to. Now, my feelings are that the magnitude of this project is such that we should all be involved as much as we possibly can so that we have a very thorough and knowledgeable background when the decision making comes. Otherwise, we will find ourselves very much like in the New Town-In Town, either with too many voids and empty spots in our heads that we don't know how to fill them in. I'm just offering that as a comment. Other than that, I don't have any other feelings.

MR. PADILLA: I think this touches on what I want the Council to consider. I tend to agree with Dr. San Martin but, again as I stated earlier, I would like to defer my position and my feelings in any detail for that time when we will meet and discuss this but I do feel that it is very important that the complete Council give the matter the consideration it deserves and then make some decisions so that the people that are actually involved in the nuts and bolts of it have at least the advantage of that kind of direction.

MR. CLIFFORD MORTON: Al, you have been following that project pretty closely. Is there any comment you would like to make?

MR. ALFRED BECKMANN: I was just wondering. We have had several meetings. I don't know that we are organized as a particular committee but Councilman Morton and I have met with these people on several occasions but nothing definite has been done. I just wonder where we stand. Have you heard anything on it?

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MR. MORTON: I think where we stand is this. The Chamber of Commerce has written letters to anyone who might be qualified to be a consultant or so-called action man on this project asking for proposals. Number one, to verify that the project will be economically viable and, Number two, to work with the City of San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and others in developing an overall outline and scheme for taking it from where it is today, which is an idea that I share with Dr. San Martin's position that what we are saying formally or informally that basically we are in favor of supporting it with enthusiasm by taking it all the way through to actually structuring the bid proposals, specifications, the whole works.

I have a very close friend who was the consultant that did the work for the Regency Hyatt House both in Houston and in New Orleans and I reviewed with him the procedure that the Chamber had proposed as far as having someone who, from the outside, that was familiar with the problem or the series of problems that we are going to be facing and that we could rely upon for advice. He was not able to do it because of his current workload. He did say that he felt this was unique and he felt that it was something that showed a lot of foresight on the part of those people who had requested that type of procedure. It is my understanding that the Chamber has now written the Mayor and has asked him to appoint people off the Council to work in about a five-man committee on this program. It will be up to us to decide who that is going to be, if we decide to go that way.

MR. PADILLA: I would just like to recap just briefly. I also attended several meetings at which--some of which--Mr. Beckmann and Mr. Morton were present. When I was not able to make the trip to Los Angeles for some reason apparently I was dropped off the mailing list. I would like at this time to request that staff ask the Chamber, respectfully, to make at least information copies available of all correspondence dealing with this project to all of the Council so that we can stay current with the situation.

MR. MORTON: I don't believe the staff has generated any.

MR. PADILLA: Well, you mentioned Mr. Mayor, that you understand that there is a letter that has been transmitted. I do not know of it or do I have a copy of it.

MR. MORTON: The only reason I know about it, Councilman Padilla, is because the Chamber of Commerce called me and asked me a couple of questions and said they were going to write a letter to the Mayor. I don't know whether he has received it or not.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: I have a copy, Councilman Padilla and Councilman Morton, to Mayor Pro-Tem Lacy that was written by the Chamber while Mayor Becker was away. That's the only letter I have reference to. What I recall--we've discussed this before and we make it perfectly clear that Mr. Cip Guerra of the Development and Planning Department of the City would be in complete charge in order that he might keep you fully informed. Of course, we would like input from any organization, the Chamber and all. All we ask is that we keep advised of what's going on so that there won't be crossroads and one man can put it all together and there will be no overlapping.

MR. PADILLA: Mr. Granata, may I ask you to ask Mr. Guerra to make available information and copies of correspondence relative to this

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project so that we may stay abreast of it and remain informed.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: I certainly will, sir. If he gets it, if it's channeled to him we'll make available to you and so will I anything that we do get but we must get it in order that you will be fully informed of what is going on.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I don't want to belabor the point, Mr. Mayor, I just want to make this clear that it is the City which is the project manager and should have the leadership. That's all.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: We welcome input from everyone at any level and we will work with them if they will just let us know so that we can assist them in trying to get this done.

MR. BECKMANN: I was just wondering if Mr. Guerra had any last minute.....

MR. CIPRIANO GUERRA: I can give you a rather informal status report, We are again going to deal with another group who, again, has asked us to deal with them privately until we have something to present to you. But, we have another candidate and that's part of the delicate business we are in here is that quite often we will get calls from some people that don't want to deal with this thing publicly. We are not violating any rules; we are not violating any guidance. I don't believe, from the Council. We are simply being discreet at this point until we have something useful to present to you.

MR. BECKMANN: That's one of the problems, Mr. Padilla, is..... some of the people don't want their names to be.....

MR. PADILLA: I don't mean to imply that anyone at staff or anywhere else is trying to keep anything that legitimately belongs in the category of information that should pass to the Council. I don't mean to imply that anyone is trying to keep it from us. I simply, whenever possible, and in all cases where possible, I would like to ask that any communications, be they written or otherwise, be passed on to the Council so that the Council can stay abreast of the situation particularly, in the area of decisions that are made as to the general direction that this project is going to take, whether it is going to be handled by the whole Council or whether it is going to be handled by a delegated individual or a committee of the City or a committee of the Chamber or any combination thereof, I think these are properly Council decisions, and I would ask that we be kept abreast of this type of information.

MR. GUERRA: We will certainly do that, sir. All I ask is that with your indulgence you grant me some amount of discretion when we are dealing only in an exploratory stage. Beyond that certainly I would not even think of keeping it from the Council.

MR. PADILLA: That is a very legitimate request and.....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: There may be others acting in the same thing that you know nothing about, and I think.....

MR. PADILLA: Obviously, if you don't know it you can't pass it on.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: But when we do we should get it to the City so that it can all be put in the same hopper.

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MR. GLENN LACY: Let me say this, the letter that I received recently from the Chamber of Commerce seemed to indicate that they wanted to establish a nucleus and not have all members at this point. Now, it is such a tremendous undertaking and consideration and input is needed from all of us. That is the point I think we should determine as to whether or not.....inaudible..... in the steering committee, how many people should be on it. I think every City Council member should be kept abreast of it---and not restrict it to a small nucleus. On the other hand I see that we need to perhaps tread carefully until we know which way we are going and which direction we are going to take.

MR. MORTON: Let me say this, Al, if I may. I think I can bring you up to date by saying at this stage of the game all the Chamber is doing is trying to develop a plan to present to the Council as a whole on how they think the City can best go about trying to bring this project about. So far all it is is preliminary. I think in the way of preliminary one of the things that both Councilman Beckmann and Councilman Lacy and I were in agreement with the Chamber on after our trip to Los Angeles was, I think, it is very important that every Council member be given an opportunity to make that trip out there for this reason: you are looking at a project that is very similar in scale to the project that is proposed for Alamo Plaza, and you are also looking at one that has the basic composition of shops and other uses that is proposed for Alamo Plaza. So, you can go out there and you fill in a lot of voids real quickly on what your comprehension of the proposed Alamo Plaza project is and the Chamber was absolutely in agreement that we get every Councilman involved in this project as deeply as his time will permit that he be involved but at a minimum to start with we need to get every Councilman out there to see this particular project that we had the privilege of going through.

MR. PADILLA: I think my concern, when I refer to giving direction to this thing from the Council, is that we present to the people who are trying to negotiate with us who are expressing an interest in the City of San Antonio and the Alamo Plaza Project that we create as healthy a situation locally as we can and that we keep the confusion down to an absolute minimum. This is the kind of direction I think this Council should give. In terms of the Chamber, I think this Council as a body should draw up some sort of guidelines as to what the organization is in San Antonio, who is in charge of this organization, what committees if any will be seated, what their makeup will be et cetera. I think these issues and probably others, but at least these demand the attention of the City Council of San Antonio. They shouldn't be administrative decisions, and they shouldn't be unilateral decisions on the part of any individual because I think we all share the enthusiasm on the commitment to this project, and we want to see it a success.

MR. LACY: I was just wondering if perhaps we should have a "B" Session sometime to determine some policy because this letter I just received from Harwood, of course, he is trying to keep it down to a nucleus in the beginning where he says, "to this end I recommend that each of us appoint three people from the Chamber of Commerce and the San Antonio Industrial Foundation. I'd like to appoint _ _ _ _ _." Then he says, "I do not want to seem presumptuous but it seems logical for you to appoint two City Councilmen and a City staff member." So, I'm wondering about the appointment of just two City Councilmen as opposed to all City Councilmen taking part equally from the very inception.

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MR. MORTON: Let me offer this as another suggestion. I think that we are talking about something that is still in the preliminary stages. The Chamber of Commerce has taken the responsibility for coming up with a proposed procedure from start to finish on how to bring this about. My suggestion would be - let's wait until they come to us with a proposal on how they think we can best do it and then we can digest it, discuss it because right now we are talking about something that is just a fuzzy shadow.

MR. PADILLA: The only point I'm trying to make, Mr. Mayor, is that, and I think this letter is a good example based on what Councilman Lacy read to us. I think the whole point of my comments this morning is this - that the Council should be involved in the determination of how it is we are going to pursue this, through what process, through what procedure. Are we going to have committees? A steering committee? Are we going to have this committee made up of Chamber members or City Council members or any combination thereof? I am simply saying this, that I would urge that the Council undertake this type of decision as a Council.

MR. MORTON: Let me offer this suggestion on that. I don't mean to be argumentive but until we know what the task is in outline form can we really determine how best to approach it from a standpoint of composition of people to work on the project. Mr. Guerra, am I over stating it?

MR. GUERRA: No, but I am a little concerned about something Mr. Padilla said. If I have acted unilaterally in any way I didn't intend to. It's only in this exploratory stage that we deal sometimes very discreetly with potential developers. So, if I've left you with the impression that I haven't been---that I haven't kept the Council informed, that's not the intent.

MR. PADILLA: Mr. Guerra, let me restate that I do not mean to suggest in any way that anyone has acted certainly improperly in any manner yourself included. I am simply concerned that the entire Council make the decisions, the basic decisions, as to procedure as we go.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I think that before we can determine composition of committees, procedures and everything we still have to give the administration the guidance by this Council approving the basic concept of what we want. This is to me, the rest is secondary and superfluous until we know what we need so we can tell you and the Chamber. That decision has really not been made. If we approve the basic concept of what we need than the other will just come.....

MR. GUERRA: In that regard, I did flag for the Chamber and Councilman Morton can verify this that I stated to them that I felt that because this involves the public domain and public property there are potentials for conflict of interest here that we need to be very careful how we move into this field and the Council should be the major policy decision maker in this area.

MR. MORTON: I don't think there is any question about that. Could we wrap this discussion up because, again I think we are talking about something that I don't feel like I'm qualified to be able to really evaluate until I know what the task is that we are trying to achieve. Could I ask Mr. Guerra to contact the Chamber and ask them when they might have something in the way of a proposal that they could present to the Council on how they feel the City can best go about bringing this project to be.

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MR. GUERRA: Yes, I will. I will also, of course, like the opportunity to bring you our input at the same time.

MR. MORTON: I'm going to assume that you had your influence on them. I don't think you are operating in a vacuum. The impression that I got was that you are working together very closely.

MR. PADILLA: I think Mr. Guerra made a very important point, Mr. Morton. That is that certainly I would welcome what you suggested--that the Chamber give us their concept of how best to approach this. I think that we should also hear from City staff in terms of what City staff considers to be the way they think it should be approached or perhaps the best way lies somewhere between the two positions. I think we should hear from both of them and not only staff, not only from the Chamber but from both.

MR. MORTON: I'm going to assume, and it's just an assumption, and certainly we want to hear where our staff would disagree but the impression I have gotten in the two or three sessions I had--one to California on the trip and a debriefing on it after we got back here and one other meeting with about two people from the Chamber plus yourself was that there was absolute cooperation between City staff and Chamber.

MR. GUERRA: I think we both agree completely that the key economic turning point for this City revolves around this project and we all want to see it come to pass.

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