

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1976.

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The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A. M., by the  
presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members  
present: PYNDUS, BILLA, CISNEROS, BLACK, HARTMAN, ROHDE, TENIENTE,  
COCKRELL; Absent: NIELSEN.

76-31 The invocation was given by The Reverend Roy Colunga,  
Southcross Boulevard Church of God.

76-31 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the  
Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

76-31 The minutes of the meeting of June 24, 1976 were approved.

76-31 MISS RECREATION OF 1976

Mayor Pro-Tem Al Rohde introduced Miss Cathy Medina, Miss  
Recreation of 1976, who was in the audience visiting the Council  
meeting, to the City Council.

76-31 STATE SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 76-31-45

REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF THE BEXAR COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FOR THE FUNDING OF  
A STATE SCHOOL FOR RETARDED CHILDREN IN  
SAN ANTONIO.

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Mayor Cockrell explained that this Resolution urges the  
State Legislation to make the necessary appropriations to fund the  
school for retarded children.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by  
Mr. Pyndus, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following  
vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente,  
Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

76-31 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 76-31-46

NAMING THE CONVENTION CENTER BUILDING THE  
"HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER"

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Dr. Cisneros made the following statement:

"In every great City and for every era there is a man who personifies more than anyone else the hopes and aspirations of his time. He embodies the character and spirit of a period. In San Antonio's early years such a man was Jose Antonio Navarro, whose leadership and wisdom helped move the frontier town toward a more genteel city. Later, it was George Brackenridge, whose civic spirit and business acumen helped the city forward. In the years of the Great Depression and the War years, it was Maury Maverick whose intellect and sense of public duty best captured San Antonio's sense of self.

It is my opinion that the single man who best personifies the San Antonio of the 1950's, 60's, and 70's is Henry B. Gonzalez. It was he who led the city through the awakening and stretching years of the 1950's, with his calls to conscience and civic responsibility. It was he who in the 1960's led the city toward national prominence with his ideas for new projects and his ability to deliver then showing the way. It is he who on into the 1970's, continues to be a voice that challenges San Antonians to be vigilant of their liberties and to build bridges of co-operation that span some of the arbitrary divisions that have kept us apart.

His legacy in projects of concrete and steel will be a great one and his contribution in laws and new opportunities has already made its mark. But to me his greatest contribution has been the clearness with which he has stood like a symbol for ideals and values, for the principles that define how a government and its leaders should relate to the people. He has stood for a consistency of service to individuals so that there is no doubt as to each person's worth in his eyes. He has stood for honesty - unchallengeable and beyond reproach - even before the present era of public expectations of public officials. He has stood for hard work of such unrelenting intensity that it is generally assumed that his public utterances are backed by voluminous background material, personal preparation, and the certainty that "he has done his homework". He has stood for openness in government and attention to the rights of the oppressed. He has stood against governmental fads which reduce the worth of individuals by categorizing them artificially.

San Antonians need realize how fortunate we have been to have that kind of representation. To realize that, one simply needs to compare our representation against that of other cities and areas. Perhaps it is precisely in being present for that kind of comparison that he has contributed most, because in simply being there as a comparison he has made many other public officials in San Antonio better people. In fact, it is not hard to imagine the twists and turns that San Antonio politics might have taken were it not for this consistent watchman.

For a young public official such as myself - one who grew up with the legend and lore of Henry B. as a regular subject of family conversations - he stands as an untarnished, undiminished symbol of government at its best. So often in the process of maturing and growing old, the symbols and ideas of earlier life lose their aura or glow upon closer inspection. We find that exalted honors are less overwhelming than they appeared in pursuit, that high offices are debased by their holders, that ideals are mouthed more than adhered to, and mortals with vices and warts. Henry Gonzalez's name and reputation defy such natural laws of time; they lose no luster with the passage of years. As I gain insight into the affairs of government - the way it actually works and the skills necessary to get things done. I am all the more impressed by Gonzalez. San Antonians can be proud indeed to share with visitors to our city, the ideals that will be represented by the new name on our Convention Center."

Following the reading of Dr. Cisneros' statement, other Council members also expressed their appreciation of Congressman Gonzalez's efforts.

Mr. Martin Sada and Mr. Raul Rodriguez appeared to speak in opposition to the Resolution.

Mr. Joe T. Rivas presented a pinata to the City Council in honor of Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez.

Mayor Cockrell accepted the pinata on behalf of the City Council and thanked Mr. Rivas for it.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. Cisneros, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

Mayor Cockrell then presented Mr. William Sinkin with a copy of the Resolution.

Mr. Sinkin thanked the City Council for the Resolution.

76-31 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION  
NO. 76-31-47

ENDORISING THE APPLICATION BY THE MEXICAN  
AMERICAN UNITY COUNCIL TO THE ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION FOR A TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE GRANT TO DEVELOP A NEIGHBORHOOD  
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION PROJECT.

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Mr. Robert Hunter, Acting Planning Director, explained the Resolution. In response to a question by Mr. Pyndus, Mr. Hunter explained that this Resolution merely endorses the application by the Mexican American Unity Council.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

76-31 DISCUSSION ON FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGES

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,829

APPROVING AND SETTING THE ADJUSTMENTS TO  
CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND GAS SERVICE PURSUANT  
TO ORDINANCE 43862, AS AMENDED, FOR THE JULY,  
1976 BILLING CYCLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The following discussion took place:

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: Mr. Don Thomas of the City Public Service Board staff.

MR. DON THOMAS: They are passing around the material that we have traditionally given you on the comparison of the monthly bills, and there is a little summary write-up we thought that might be more helpful than just giving you some cold statistics.

Essentially, I might just mention that the cost of gas for July will be up slightly. Not enough to affect the bills by its own change. As I mentioned earlier, we are in the air conditioning months and I think we're at about the peak usage period, we are moving into the peak usage period and so those people who are using their air conditioners can expect to see an increase in their bill by virtue of their

usage but not by virtue of any change in the rates. There is a comparison there again with some other cities that's attached to the last sheet and it continues to show about the same picture that we have shown before that compared to cities served by Coastal Lo-Vaca were favorable even outside the state were very favorable in our charges. Those cities still have a lower fuel price, we are still a little bit above. Basically, the average bill in July will be about \$53.00 which will be \$8.87 higher than the June bill which is due to the higher air conditioning usage on the average. Customers using the same usage in July won't see much but a very slight change in their bill.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, we are going to wait until the other Council members come back. I do need to point out to the City Council that this carries the emergency provision, that it will require six votes of the City Council. And, I just point that out, six votes. Yes, and I do think it's important for the full Council to be here. There are some citizens who are signed to be heard, and I will call on them.

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: Mrs. Cockrell, may I comment?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PYNDUS: Mayor Cockrell, last month we made a similar approval of the rates that are being fostered upon us and some of the Council people did not support the difference in rates that we have to pay. And to me, I feel that we should look to this issue as something that we must approve. We have no choice to turn back the rates, the cost of gas as we are purchasing on a month to month basis. To me it is a very serious responsibility, an obligation that this Council must face, and I would urge each member to vote approval on this Resolution.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. I want to call on the City Attorney because I think he has some comments which will clarify the issue further for us.

CITY ATTORNEY JIM PARKER: Mrs. Cockrell, the reason the CPSB is continuing to bring this particular ordinance to you is by virtue of the recent court decision out of the local District Court with the Eighth Court of El Paso reversed the local court, the Supreme Court has now refused a Writ of Error, there is an application pending for rehearing. Until that application is actually acted upon, the case will not be found. From a technical standpoint, we will just - this right now, is not a necessary, an absolute necessary instrument, but is a safeguard in the event that the Supreme Court did rehear, but it is mainly a technical, to be absolute, it is a safeguard procedure and probably it's not actually necessary legally.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, and when will you know, hear from the action of the Supreme Court on the action?

CITY ATTORNEY PARKER: I would expect the Supreme Court would act before they go into recess, hopefully. But, we can't predict what their schedule actually is.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: When is the recess, Jim?

CITY ATTORNEY PARKER: They go into recess for, at the end of July. So they will be out the month of July and August.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, Reverend Black.

REV. CLAUDE BLACK: Madam Mayor, I would like in a measure to respond to Councilman Pyndus' position and his appeal. I certainly recognize the seriousness of any vote that is cast against the rates as they are established here. I think one of the things that led to my own vote against it was the fact that I felt a voice of protest ought to be made not simply to the issue of the rate, but the fact that there is not presently in action any particular effort to bring relief to those persons within the low income bracket and those consumers that face this very terrible problem in our community. Now, there are ways, the research of a life-line rate, there might be other ways which we might be looking into the whole matter of how we might bring relief.

I noted that there was an effort on the part of our utilities to - that publicized the amount of bills that had to be written off. In many instances when you write off these, you don't write off the suffering that goes with it. If you are going to absorb this kind of law, then it ought to be absorbed with a purpose, with relief rather than identified with suffering because in many instances, you are talking about a loss, you are talking about people who found themselves with no utilities because of an economic condition that they faced in their household. Now, I am saying if we are going to lose this amount of money, then why not put into a positive frame work that permits some relief rather than simply placing the persons in a position where they cannot meet that kind of obligation. So, my position to vote against is simply to remind the Council and to make an appeal to the Council that we set in motion a rate study that will be designed to bring about some relief to the low income consumers. And this is the primary reason for my vote against it. It's not, I am not unaware of the tremendous - but it seems we are only able to move ourselves to that point when there is a tendency to raise that issue at a very critical point. And so, therefore, I attempt to raise it with that approach in mind.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Reverend Black, you may recall that we have retained a consultant to review the pending rate proposal of the City Public Service Board, and in the report that the consultant will make it is certainly my wish, and I think the desire of the Council that they will review several of these alternatives. You recall the City Public Service Board made some comment about possible alternatives that could be considered by the Council. And, they will be reviewed by the rate consultant in his overall review of the pending request. The, and when we get his report, I think we will have some further delineation of some of these issues.

REV. BLACK: Well, with that statement coming from the Mayor, rather than voting against this morning, I will just abstain.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, fine. We do have Reverend Clifton Byrd and Reverend John A. Hall with us, and we would like to call on them at this time.

REV. CLIFTON BYRD: Madam Mayor and Council members, I would like to say good morning to each one of you. And I would like for each person who is against the continued payment of the fuel adjustment, would like to see the end to the fuel adjustment, would you please stand?

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, Reverend Byrd, I am sure that every person up here would have stood up too. I hate the fuel adjustments if you want to know the truth. The only problem is, I want that gas to keep coming and somebody has got to pay for it and that's where we are.

MR. AL ROHDE: Reverend Byrd, I stand today as Uncle Sam for you.

REV. BYRD: Unfortunately, unfortunately, concern will not really do the job. It really will take some guts, courage, to use that expression, but it's true and action. What would a man give in exchange for his life? What would it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his life? The love of money is the root of all evil. From riches to rags so goes the first half of the life of a protocol son. But the second half of his life was different. He went from rags to riches. Every man and every woman has the first and second half of life, and so does this Council. The office of trust given you by the citizens of San Antonio is richness, not to procrastinate and ignore the will, the right to life, the right to liberty and the right to the pursuit of happiness of those who elected you to this office makes a ragged life. The prodigal son went from rags to riches because in the second half of his life he repented. You, too, Madam Mayor and Council members can repent. You can have a change of heart, you can also have a change of mind. After all, repentance is a turn from and a turn to process.

The utility payers today strongly urge and we're asking that you the City Council would turn from the salvation of Lo-Vaca and turn to the salvation of the people of San Antonio. This can only be done by meeting the following demand.

As of this day end all present and future payments to Lo-Vaca Gathering Company for gas above the contract price until the pending lawsuit has been finalized. If this appeal is not met, then we have no alternative but to launch an all-out intensive war to regain our inalienable God-given and constitutional right by launching Phase I of Operation CAP - that is the nickel and dime pay-ins.

Lady and gentlemen, who is on the Lord's side. Who is on the people's side? Sunday the 4th is a day that we are celebrating supposedly 200 years of progress...supposedly independence. The question comes to my mind as I enter into this weekend.....

MAYOR COCKRELL: The bell rang, sir.

REV. BYRD: Thank you. How can I celebrate an independence when my constitutional rights are being denied. We ask the Council for an answer. What is your answer today?

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. Reverend Byrd, you have quoted the scriptures to us, and I might say that as one individual I place great store in the scriptures. However, I think it also brings with it a great responsibility when you presume to speak on the Lord's side, you have to be sure you are speaking truth. Now then.....

REV. BYRD: That's right.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Now then I do urge you as a citizen I have invited you, I will be happy to make an appointment to sit down with the City Public Service Board. I regret very much that in your role as a leader and as a minister of God that you apparently do not have all the facts. And I would be very happy, sincerely, to sit down with you. The reason I say this is that in your role of leadership, there is a great responsibility because the people have to know the truth. Now the truth is that we are not doing anything for Lo-Vaca when we pay the fuel adjustment. We're not doing anything for Lo-Vaca because Lo-Vaca doesn't keep that money. All Lo-Vaca does is to pay the gas bill and through that means we get the gas. Now, we can refuse to pay just like I've told you over and over. We can refuse to pay and then the gas supplies, many of them, not all, but many of them will be cut off. Now, I do not consider it responsible leadership for the City of San Antonio to fail to get the gas that is needed by this City. To shut off hospitals, to shut off businesses, to put people out of work and I feel that if the citizens know the truth, they will not support people who are asking this Council to do irresponsible things in their role of leadership. I take my role of leadership as a sacred responsibility, and I want to tell you that I cannot heed a voice crying out for this City Council to do an irresponsible thing. Now, I'll be happy to meet with you, I'll be happy to meet with any leaders in this City. I'll be happy to meet with citizens. My office - my door has always been open, and I'll be happy to get the City Public Service Board, the officials, anyone that you want, anyone who can help shed light on this to sit down and simply show you what the facts are. But, I sincerely urge that you not continue on this route which I think leads to disillusionment of the people because they're not getting the truth.

REV. BYRD: Can I ask you a question, Mayor?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, sir.

REV. BYRD: You said you would meet with us?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Absolutely.

REV. BYRD: Any group or at any time?

MAYOR COCKRELL: We'll set up appointments, we'll be happy to... all you have to do is come in, we'll visit in the office and set up the appointment, we'll go over to City Public Service, we'll get their accountants in, we'll get their staff in, we'll see where all their information is because I want you to have access to all this information. I recognize you as a very sincere person, and I want you to have all this information because I think when you do that you will change your mind on what the facts are.

REV. BYRD: I might point this out, Madam Mayor, we will be pursuing ways and means to certainly bring about relief of these poor people. However, until that time actually happens, we will proceed with the action that we have already planned. As I said, this is a dark day in history when people have to resort to this type of work in order to end something that is not - that they're paying that they're not rightfully to pay if the courts has not said so and the court has not said so.

REV. BLACK: Madam Mayor.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, sir.

REV. BLACK: I think there has been a great deal of sincere expression on the part of both the Mayor and Reverend Byrd. I think the issue though that we confront, and I think it's an issue that is always confronted by citizens when they feel themselves caught up in a situation which on one hand they are seeking survival, they are seeking to try to maintain high rates in utilities is not just another issue in the City of San Antonio. High rates and utilities can be the difference between a baby having milk and not having milk. It can be the difference between an individual being able to just reap some of the normal benefits of life over against not receiving them. So when they're caught up in a situation in which there appears to be limited action on the part of the Council to bring relief, then this leads a community to assume responsibility in a way that sometimes seems to not fit the rational approach of those persons who have the ability to meet the demands.

Now I say this because I have been caught up in this same kind of a paradox when over the years I have stood where Reverend Byrd stands now making an appeal for changes. Everybody was saying you can't get it changed, and this is the reason you can't get it changed. Now, you have to begin where you can begin as a citizen. You have to begin with what you have to begin with. What he's seeking and what I think any citizen is seeking is a real and vital dialogue that will somehow ultimately bring relief. Now, this means that sometimes you come with limited facts sometimes you come with all the facts but the main thing is somebody's got to keep talking.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Okay. Reverend Black, I recognize that what you say is very valid, somebody's got to keep talking. Now I have made an offer here and I would be delighted for you to join with me with Reverend Byrd with any others who want to sit down and let's go over the facts and see if there are any suggestions that you make after reviewing all this, I would be delighted to listen to them.

REV. BYRD: Would you agree to an evening meeting because a lot of these people work.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, I will although I do try to save a little home-life as I know you can understand, but I will work it out to meet with you in the evening. All right, fine. We do have other speakers, I will call Reverend John A. Hall. Reverend Hall.

REV. JOHN A. HALL: Thank you very much, Madam Mayor and members of the Council. So much has already been said in regards to what I'm going to talk about, but I am the Reverend John A. Hall, a member of the Baptist Ministers Union and Assistant Coordinator of Operation CAP - Cease Adjustment Payments now. Too much cannot be said in relation to the undue hardship that has and is being experienced by the vast majority of consumers who fall into lower income brackets. In the past, and I do hope today it will be different when it comes time to approve this

demoralizing passthrough charges. The vote was always a one-sided yes. I wonder those of you who occupy the priestly seats that has to do with important decision making of our City, if it is possible to be touched with informatives of our weakness. Many times persons are not touched by an infirmatives of those who are caught up as someone has already stated. So, I feel like that if you are touched by our infirmatives, the poor, the low income bracket, then you'll know how it feels and you could act in a positive way. So, I certainly call upon you to act in this manner at this time and there is a red letter day that has been stated by a previous speaker but come ten months from now there will be another day. I don't know what color the letter will be but it will be a day of election, and certainly this will be the time to express our thoughts.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Reverend Hall, let me ask this. Are you available to meet with Reverend Byrd in this meeting that we have been talking about? Fine. Yes. And let me say, you raised the point of election. Certainly every public official recognizes that if he continues, he or she continues to serve into the future, it does mean coming back to the voters. But, I think those who serve with integrity have to make their decisions based on what they feel are the facts and what is right and not just on the basis of what will get them re-elected.

REV. BYRD: I hope that you all are touched by our infirmatives.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Fine, thank you sir. Then we have one other speaker, Helen Walter.

MRS. HELEN WALTER: Thank you and good morning. My name is Helen Walter and I live at 5286 Round Table Drive. Monday at the City Public Service Board meeting, at which one paper reported, a very good article upon. It was told that the collections of bad debts has risen 28 percent over last year. Now, this money that has to be paid, these bad debts go into operating costs and are passed on to you and to me in increased rates. And I think the time has come when the City Council must address itself to a different form of utility usage inasmuch as they will require at least a two month average deposit upon anyone signing up for utilities. Whether you are in an apartment complex, in one demand meter or what you are. I understand that in August or September, the utility commission will go this route. But, you as a City of over 100,000 will not come under this. And therefore, you as a Council body must take this into consideration to take the load off of those of us who are honorable enough and sacrifice enough to pay our utility bill.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. In the proposal is to pay, is to have a deposit of at least two months.

MRS. WALTER: Of at least two months an average two month deposit.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, I think we will certainly refer that and get the City Public Service Board to review it, Mrs. Walter. And to see what we have to balance it off against. What kind of a hardship it would impose for persons in the community who would need to do that.

MRS. WALTER: Well, as it is now, we who pay our bills are paying for this, you see. And, here are some interesting figures. In 1974, this bad debt loss was 30 cents per \$100 costs. In 1975, it was 46 cents per 100 costs. As of this point of 1976, it's 44 cents per 100. However, we realize the 100's are increasing also and therefore, this debt is increasing. And it would give relief to those of us who are trying, and I hope you seriously consider some form of an adequate deposit due to the increase of utilities of this city. Thank you very much.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you. Yes, Mr. Billa.

MR. BOB BILLA: Madam Mayor, if I may, you know these folks come here with these impassioned pleas, but what they are really pleading for is for end of exploitation. I mean the underdeveloped countries have said they have been exploited all these years, and it is the end

of exploitation is what is causing some of this because you take the oil curtails where underdeveloped nations and they are in effect causing a rise in the cost of these energy sources which are the very source of all the problems that we have. So they are asking to an end of something and they in effect, are bringing it about by the fact that this is needed and they are the ones who are raising these sources, the underdeveloped nations and those underprivileged people are now getting a price that they think is fair for those essential needs that we have in the industrialized world.

DR. CISNEROS: It doesn't have anything to do with natural gas.

MR. BILLA: It has a lot to do with it because that's one of the sources of energy believe it or not.

MRS. HELEN WALTER: A very interesting thing is happening here in the United States and that is that our Arab oil interests are busy investing in our land. We are having quite a shock in our particular area that they are purchasing a large piece of land and I'm beginning to wonder who's really going to own America when we're through. But, thank you anyway.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Thank you, Mrs. Walter. Your suggestion will be referred to the staff and to the City Public Service Board for their consideration. Let's see, have we had a motion yet?

MR. PYNDUS: So moved.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I earlier had pointed out that it will take six votes in order for this to take effect under the emergency provision.

MR. BILLA: Second.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We have a motion and a second. Clerk will call the roll.

MR. HARTMAN: Madam Mayor, I would like to make a brief statement. We have before us here an action that is actually a, you might say, a technicality as the City Attorney has pointed out. We have been going through this process for several months. I think as member of this City Council that my task first of all involves the matter of making laws and ordinances, voting for or against them.

I think secondly and equally important a portion of the function of a City Council person is to communicate policy as a Council or communicate views as an individual. And I think a lot of what we've been talking about here earlier is simply the old matter of communication. People have come before us are communicating to us their concerns, and it is a matter of communicating back to the citizens as to what the problems are and what we're up against. I don't think anyone who has explored this situation for a moment considers that it would be possible to accomplish what we have been asked to do in the form of cutting out the passthrough. The passthrough as we all know, is an added burden that has been put upon us by the supplier of our natural gas. There have been considerations of refusing to pay above a certain rate but when you get down to the practicability of it, we realize that we're - the high price of the fuel, we're apparently stuck with it, as of this particular moment.

However, I think we have said from time to time expressed our deep concern for the need to explore all possible ways by which the burden of the utility bill can more properly be shifted within the rate structure that we have. We have said this time and time again and I realize, Madam Mayor, your statement to the effect that this is part of the rate study that is being performed at this time by our consultants. But, I am concerned that we seem to have been communicating this for a long time and while we seem to get our communication received, we've so far received little in return insofar as saying, well, here are some

possibilities that we can indeed explore. The possibility as Reverend Black has mentioned of a so-called lifeline rate that is one aspect of it. I think basically what we're looking for is for the City utility to look at every possible way by which to adjust the burden within the present rate structure or within the present rate level to provide some feasible means of relief for the person who is finding his utility bill extremely overburdened. I think this is an area that we can in fact look for a solution a bit more closely.

Now, getting back to the role of the members of the Council. There are various means by which one communicates - he either makes a statement that is one thing; he passes a resolution, that is a means of communicating policy; he votes for or against a particular ordinance or a resolution that is another means; or he can use the method of abstention. And in view of the fact that I think we need to state in the strongest possible terms, views of this City Council and, in particular, this City Councilman, the need to explore other alternatives to try to lessen the load, recognizing the restrictions we have as to the price of the fuel, and I certainly don't envy for a moment the job of the people at the City Public Service Board, the Board itself or the management, but I think we've simply got to get on with this matter of really getting after the problem of trying to shift the burden. And Madam Mayor, in view of that, I will abstain on this particular motion.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Roll call will continue.

MR. ROHDE: My answer is yes. I will do it another way.

MR. TENIENTE: Yes.

DR. NIELSEN: Absent.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes.

MR. PYNDUS: Yes.

MR. BILLA: Yes.

DR. CISNEROS: Yes.

REV. BLACK: Abstain.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right. The vote is six favorable votes. We thank you very much. Reverend Byrd, I will hear from you and we will visit about the time to have our discussion.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 46,830

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 46722, ADOPTED AND APPROVED JUNE 3, 1976; ADJUSTING RATE SCHEDULES "A", "B", AND "C", ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 46722 PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE RATES IN ORDER TO CONFINE WATER RATES STRICTLY TO A 10% OVERALL INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS TO ANY RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE CUSTOMERS CHARGED IN EXCESS OF THE WATER RATE SCHEDULES PROVIDED FOR HEREIN; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Robert Van Dyke, General Manager of the City Water Board, who said that on June 2, new water rates were worked out and presented to City Council on June 3 for approval. Subsequent test runs on the computer brought about refinements in the rates to make them conform to the ten per cent stipulated by City Council. This ordinance makes those revisions in the rates.

Mr. Hartman asked that consideration of the Community Water Development fund be a part of the agenda for next week's Council meeting.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

76-31

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

## AN ORDINANCE 46,831

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF DISPOSITION PARCEL R-a-12, LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL VISTA VERDE PROJECT, TEX. R-109, TO MORTGAGE BANKERS CORPORATION FOR THE SUM OF \$189,309.00, BEING \$0.4652 PER SQUARE FOOT.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. M. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the San Antonio Development Agency, who said that the area being sold will be developed for garden type apartments. He pointed out the area on a plat.

Mr. Raul Rodriguez spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He said that property descriptions given by Urban Renewal Agency are vague and makes it difficult for the average citizen to know when a property is to be sold. He claimed also that rental rates are set so high that only rich people can afford to rent the apartments.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Rohde, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Nielsen.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. M. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the San Antonio Development Agency, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,832

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF A PORTION OF DISPOSITION PARCEL L-b-24, LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL VISTA VERDE PROJECT, TEX. R-109, TO DON J. PROVENZANO AND WIFE PAULINE F. PROVENZANO FOR THE SUM OF \$10,097.00, BEING \$0.70 PER SQUARE FOOT.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by FireChief I. O. Martinez, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Hartman, was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,833

PERMITTING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT HEMISFAIR PLAZA ON JULY 4, 1976 AT APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS AS SET OUT HEREIN.

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76-31 FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Mayor Cockrell said that she wished to remind citizens that City Ordinances prohibit the use of fireworks in the City limits. There was a recent severe injury caused by fireworks and she expressed the hope that parents will aid in seeing that there are no further violations.

Fire Chief I. O. Martinez also spoke against the use of fireworks. He urged that citizens use fireworks only under a permit and supervision of the Fire Department.

City Manager Sam Granata said that special efforts will be made this holiday weekend to enforce the City Code and extra police officers will be on duty.

76-31 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Fire Chief I. O. Martinez, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Billa, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,834

PERMITTING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY USING CLASS C COMMON FIREWORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOW

"WINDS OF FREEDOM" BEGINNING JULY 2, 1976  
AND ENDING AUGUST 29, 1976, AT 10:30 P.M.  
EACH EVENING WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY AT  
THE TEXAS STATE HISTORIC THEATRE AT SAN  
JOSE MISSION.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,835

GRANTING ST. PETERS - ST. JOSEPH'S CHILDRENS  
HOME PERMISSION TO HOLD A BONFIRE ON JULY 4,  
1976.

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76-31

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,836

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN  
AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER OF IMAGE,  
INC. FOR CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE YOUTH  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD  
FROM JULY 1, 1976 TO DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND  
AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$44,000.00 TO SAID  
AGENCY FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
FOR CARRYING ON THE PROGRAM DURING SAID  
PERIOD.

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Mr. John Rinehart, Operations Manager of Monitoring and Evaluation, explained the ordinance. He said that it would authorize refunding of the IMAGE Project. Mr. Rinehart recommended that the ordinance be rejected saying that a vote for the ordinance would be a question of the credibility of the Monitoring and Evaluation. He said that the City operates the Youth Services Project which has the same objectives as the IMAGE program. Funds used by IMAGE must be diverted from the City's program.

Mayor Cockrell responded to Mr. Rinehart's remarks by saying that Council should consider carefully all reports made by staff members. She said that she did not feel that a vote for or against an ordinance should be construed as a vote for or against the staff.

Mr. Alex Alcocer, representing IMAGE, spoke in favor of the ordinance. He claimed that the IMAGE project had not been properly monitored and that it had performed far above the target that it had set. He urged Council approval.

After discussion, Mr. Cisneros moved that the ordinance be approved. Mr. Rohde asked to amend the motion by adding that the program director of this project be placed on probation for 90 days and that the program be monitored by the Finance Director, Mr. Carl White, in cooperation with Mr. Rinehart. He seconded the motion. Mr. Cisneros accepted the amendment to his motion. On roll call, the amended motion, carrying with it adoption of the ordinance, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Cockrell; NAYS: Pyndus, Billa; ABSENT: Nielsen; ABSTAIN: Teniente.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. John Rinehart, Operations Manager of Monitoring and Evaluation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,837

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR A \$127,000.00 GRANT FOR FUNDING PROJECT DETOUR II, AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR MISDEMEANOR OFFENDERS.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Cipriano F. Guerra, Director of Community Development, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Teniente, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,838

ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,038,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ACCEPTING ALL CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT, AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH ALL ASSURANCES, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES OF THE SECOND YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MONITORING OF ALL PROJECTS, ESTABLISHING ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS FOR ALL ACTIVITIES, AND CREATING AND AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL POSITIONS AND PAY RANGES FOR CARRYING OUT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Robert B. Hunter, Acting Planning Director, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,839

ACCEPTING A GRANT OF \$132,200.00 FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING A PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR TWELVE

MONTHS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1976 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1977; APPROVING A CONTRIBUTION OF \$66,100.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE PROJECT; AND ADOPTING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT FOR THE PROJECT.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Ron Darner, Director of Parks and Recreation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following roll call vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,840

AUTHORIZING THE SUM OF \$80,000.00 TO BE PAID OUT OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND #64-001053, FOR TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTWOOD VILLAGE SWIMMING CLUB PROJECT.

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76-41 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,841

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF AD VALOREM TAXES TO THE PERRY SHANKLE COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,593.07.

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Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, explained that this refund is necessary inasmuch as the Perry Shankle Company remitted full taxes for the year 1975. The property was sold to the State of Texas and the taxes should have been pro-rated on a six month basis.

After consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Hartman, Rohde, Nielsen.

76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Rohde, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,842

AUTHORIZING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (TML WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION JOINT INSURANCE FUND) PROVIDING A WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Carl White, Director of Finance, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Pyndus, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Rohde, Teniente, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,843

AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH BEXAR METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT PERTAINING TO BILLING AND COLLECTION OF CITY SEWER SERVICE CHARGES SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF PAYMENT TO THE CITY AND THE METHOD BY WHICH THE WATER DISTRICT IS PAID.

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76-31 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:45 P. M.

76-31 CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

A group of citizens appeared to speak in opposition to the walls particularly the center walls, being erected at Milam Square Park under the direction of the Urban Renewal Agency. They expressed their concern on serious security problems that would be created as well as the aesthetics aspect of the park. They asked the Council to refer the matter to the Urban Renewal Agency for re-study. The following persons spoke regarding this subject:

Mr. John Cardenas, Plaza National Bank  
Mr. George Casseb, West Side State Bank  
Mrs. Nancy Negley, President of the S. A. Conservation Society  
Mr. Charles Heath, Administrator of the Santa Rosa General Hospital  
Mr. Oscar Flores, Continental Cafe  
Mr. Henry Guerra, Angelus Funeral Home

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Mrs. Barbara Banker, Chairperson of the San Antonio Development Agency, assured the cooperation of the San Antonio Development Agency.

After thorough discussion of the matter, Mr. Teniente moved to send this matter back to the San Antonio Development Agency with the expression of the City Council's concern as well as the concern of the citizens, particularly to the security aspects and that the San Antonio Development Agency energize a committee to review this matter from these concerns and report back to the City Council along with cost estimates. Mr. Rohde seconded the motion.

76-31 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,844

AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE BY ADOPTING NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNK AND SALVAGE YARDS SO AS TO REQUIRE PERIODIC RODENT AND VECTOR CONTROL EXTERMINATIONS, REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCREENING OF SUCH YARDS, CONTROL PLACEMENT OF JUNK AND SALVAGE, ESTABLISH NEW STANDARDS FOR THE CITY IN GRANTING APPROVAL FOR NEW JUNK OR SALVAGE YARDS OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING YARDS,

DIRECT THAT NOTICE OF ANY SUCH PROPOSED ACTION BE SENT TO ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS, PRESCRIBE INSPECTIONS BY CITY HEALTH INSPECTORS AND BY THE DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING, PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDE THAT VIOLATION HEREOF SHALL BE PUNISHED BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00.

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Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Zoning, explained the amendments to the Junkyard Ordinance that resulted from a sub-committee headed by Councilman Cisneros.

Dr. Cisneros stated that there are four areas that require additional clarification. These were outlined by Mr. Tom Finlay, Assistant City Attorney, in his memo dated June 30, 1976. They are as follows:

1. Do the new fencing requirements apply to expansions of presently existing junk yards when the expansion comes after the effective date of this new ordinance?
2. Does the requirement that certain junk be lifted off the ground apply to all junk or just to junk car bodies?
3. Is fencing to be required only for property residentially used? If fencing is to be used only for residentially used property then the words "or zoned" should be deleted from Paragraph 20-4(B).
4. Is a junkyard to be fenced along an alley as well as a street?

The following persons spoke in regard to the proposed amendments to the junkyard ordinance:

- Ms. Virginia Zamora
- Father Richard
- Mrs. Jackie Trevino
- Mrs. Inez Ramirez

The speakers wanted all four items included in the amendments. They also asked that approval of any additional junkyards be delayed until the entire area can be rezoned.

Mr. Edward Wilk, owner of Wilk Salvage Company, discussed the problem of raising salvage materials off the ground.

Mr. Jack Efron, representing the Auto Wreckers of San Antonio, also spoke concerning the matter.

In the discussions, it was agreed that the ordinance was written with the terms agreed on by the sub-committee and Mayor Cockrell suggested that the ordinance be passed as written and that the questions raised by the City Attorney be considered for some future action by the Council.

After consideration, Mr. Pyndus moved that the ordinance as written be approved. Mr. Billa seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

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76-31      The meeting was recessed at 3:25 P. M. and reconvened at  
 3:30 P. M.

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MR. TOM FANCHER

Mr. Tom Fancher, representing Festival Ballet of San Antonio, stated that the doors of the International Theatre which has been occupied by the Festival Ballet of San Antonio for the past year, were padlocked and all their property has been seized.

Mayor Cockrell asked the City Manager to have the staff go over this matter with Mr. Fancher.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz read an open letter to the City Council. He said that the Council needs a rededication of the same spirit which prevailed 200 years ago.

MR. HENRY "THE FOX" MUNOZ

Mr. Henry "The Fox" Munoz said he is not opposed to the proposed nine percent increase for firemen and policemen, but asked that hourly wage workers should also be given a raise. He mentioned that insurance rates also went up and most City employees cannot afford it.

Mayor Cockrell told Mr. Munoz that there is a City staff team available to speak to him on these matters.

MR. E. L. RICHEY

Mr. E. L. Richey asked that the Justice Department be taken to court on the edict handed down on the Voters Rights amendment.

Mayor Cockrell stated that before a lawsuit is filed, administrative remedies must be exhausted. Final answer should be received soon.

MR. RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Raul Rodriguez again complained about the operation of the Police Vehicle Pound. He had a list of the vehicles up for sale on May 12, 1976, and explained that the sale of cars were not properly accounted for. He requested a report of auto sales mailed to him each month.

Mayor Cockrell asked the City Manager to review the method of posting notices and reporting procedures. City Manager Granata said he would make available any public records to Mr. Rodriguez. Mayor Cockrell stated that the City Manager may want to reactivate a staff committee to review this matter.

MR. NOAH A. RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Noah A. Rodriguez representing the First Mexican Baptist Church, discussed a violation cited by the Historic Review Board. They appealed to the Board which denied their request. Their attorney filed an appeal to the City Council on May 20, 1976, and has not yet been put on the agenda for a hearing. He asked for a prompt disposition of their appeal.

Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Zoning, stated that Mr. Walter Mathis, Chairman of the Historic Review Board, has been out of town. He contacted Mr. Bruce Waitz, Attorney for the First Mexican Baptist Church, and he agreed with the postponement.

Mr. Vann stated that a report will be delivered to the City Council and the hearing will be scheduled for next Thursday, July 8, 1976.

MR. STEVEN HARVESTY

Mr. Steven Harvesty spoke of his support in helping this Council get elected. He reviewed his activities during the past years and stated he was proud of his citizen career in San Antonio. He again spoke against the dangers connected with nuclear plants.

Mr. Harvesty then stated that his family is moving to Powell, Texas, and this will be his last appearance before the City Council. He wished the Council good luck and Godspeed.

Mayor Cockrell on behalf of the Council stated that they appreciated his good wishes and wished him good luck in all his future endeavors.

MRS. JEWEL LEMONS

Mrs. Jewel D. Lemons, attorney, stated that she went to the City Personnel Department to apply for a position and was told that she was too old for this job. The personnel rules say that 65 years is mandatory retirement age. Mrs. Lemons asked the City Council to waive age requirements.

The City Attorney stated that any changes in rules must be recommended by the Civil Service Commission and approved by the Council.

Mayor Cockrell asked the City Manager to make a study of this matter and report back to the City Council.

MISS ROSARIO MALDONADO

Miss Rosario Maldonado read a prepared statement on a follow up of a request made last week for a traffic light at Commerce and Calaveras. She asked what action had been taken.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, made a report on the types of studies that are made to warrant installation of lights and reported on the traffic situation in this area. He then recommended that no light be installed.

Mayor Cockrell asked Mr. Fischer to review the light at the intersection of Commerce and Natividad and see which of the two sites has the highest priority and the feasibility of moving the traffic light to the Calaveras intersection.

MS. NANCY SMITH

Ms. Nancy Smith, Associate Director of the San Antonio Ballet Company, stated that they have been meeting with different groups and plan to develop a resident ballet company in San Antonio. She said that she has received many letters in support of this project. She again asked for support from the City in the coming fiscal year.

Mayor Cockrell stated that the Council will continue to review the budget and keep their project in mind.

In response to Rev. Black, Mayor Cockrell stated that a meeting will hopefully be scheduled with the Arts Council early next week.

76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,845

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC GRADE CROSSING WARNING DEVICES WHERE ZARZAMORA STREET CROSSES THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Billa, seconded by Mr. Pyndus, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Hartman, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,846

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY COVERING CONSTRUCTION OF THE CARSON STREET BRIDGE.

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76-31 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Mel Sueltenfuss, Director of Public Works, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,847

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS ENGINEERING FIRMS OR VARIOUS CITY PROJECTS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF ENGINEERING FEES TO DESIGNATED ENGINEERING FIRMS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,848

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A STANDARD PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GOETTING AND ASSOCIATES, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR REMODELING THE JOHN DEERE BUILDING, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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## AN ORDINANCE 46,849

AUTHORIZING A REVISION IN THE BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT OF THE ALAMO PLAZA, BEETHOVAN HALL, HISTORIC WALKWAYS AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS GRANT-IN-AID PROJECT TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF A PROJECT DIRECTOR POSITION EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1976, THROUGH THE END OF THE GRANT PERIOD ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1976.

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76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Joe Madison, Administrative Assistant, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

## AN ORDINANCE 46,850

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT WITH CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE OF GREATER SAN ANTONIO WHEREBY SAID COUNSELING SERVICE SHALL LEASE OFFICE SPACE IN THE MARTIN WRIGHT BUILDING FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR AT \$1.00 PER YEAR WITH A ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OPTION.

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76-31 CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICE

In connection with the previous Ordinance, Mr. Hartman commended Mr. Earl Collins with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce for his work in this effort.

Mr. Earl Collins introduced Mr. John McCue, Vice President of the International Consumer Credit Association. Mr. McCue stated that the Consumer Credit Counseling Service will help people who get overextended with credit. He thanked the Council for making the office space available for this most worthy project.

76-31 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Bob Fisher, Administrative Assistant, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Billa, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Pyndus, Billa, Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Nielsen.

## AN ORDINANCE 46,851

CONTINUING THE AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR HEALTH AND LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 1976 AND AMENDING THE COST SHARING ESTIMATES.

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76-31 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: Pyndus, Billa, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Teniente, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cisneros, Nielsen.

AN ORDINANCE 46,852

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BIDS OF ALAMO  
FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY, BLAUER MANUFACTURING  
COMPANY, INC., KAUFMAN, INC., AND SUGARMAN'S  
UNIFORMS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
WITH AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR PARK RANGER  
UNIFORMS.

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AN ORDINANCE 46,853

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH BAKER AND  
TAYLOR COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
TO CATALOG, CLASSIFY AND PROCESS LIBRARY  
BOOKS FOR THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,000.00.

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76-31 Item 25 on the agenda was withdrawn at the request of the  
applicant.  
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76-31 METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Hartman asked that appointments be made expedi-  
tiously to the recently created Metropolitan Transit Authority Council  
Advisory Committee.

Mayor Cockrell stated that a work session for board appoint-  
ments needs to be scheduled as soon as possible.  
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Mayor Cockrell reported on her recent trip to the Conference of Mayors in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I really will be very interested to see how the resolutions went this morning. I hated to have to leave without having the opportunity to vote on the resolutions, but I did leave my proxy on the ones that we were the most concerned about.

The overall impression that I got from going to that Conference was that it left me feeling good from the point of view that I felt that our problems here, although they seem large to us, are by comparison much less than problems that some other cities have in all aspects.

I think many other cities have much worse budget problems than we do. I think we are just very thankful that, even though all of us are looking with varying viewpoints perhaps on the budget process, we are not faced with a horrendous tax rate increase or a deficit budget or any of the problems that some of the other cities are looking at. We are not faced with some massive curtailment in services. From these points of view, really, I felt very good about our City.

I think in terms of our professional staff, as I observed listening to other people, again, I came away feeling good about our situation.

I think there are many, many plusses that I think as we compare our City with others and really get down to the nuts and bolts of where we are, I think we can feel good about it.

When you talk to members of Council-Manager cities, I think they all have the same problem. They all have a situation where all the Council members feel they are working awfully long hours and taking the time to do the citizens work is taking a great deal of time. In most cases in Council-Manager cities the Council members are on very small remuneration of one kind or another and just generally feel that it's not really comparable to the amount of work they are doing. So, this kind of feeling I think is general among those in Council-Manager cities. I think many cities are reviewing their charters from that point of view, particularly on being more realistic about the workload of the Council and the compensation.

I do have some more things in detail to report. Those are just a few overall impressions.

One thing I wanted to report to Claude in connection with the arts. I had the opportunity to visit a very fine inner city arts program that reminded me somewhat of what we are hoping to accomplish at the Carver Center. They are having an Arts Festival that comprises several states up there and I have brought back information for you in case you want to look into that possibly with someone from the Carver Center Staff.

Thank you for asking for this information."

Reverend Black stated that he had reviewed a report on the Affirmative Action Plan and expressed concern about certain areas in the plan. He said that he felt concern about the administration of the plan. He discussed the report in some detail saying that he would like to have a further breakdown of the report.

City Manager Granata stated that he would get with Reverend Black on this matter.

Councilman Cisneros stated that a three part study is being made of the Defense Map Agency. One part will be a cost benefit study to be done by the Defense Map Agency itself. The second one is a production analysis to be done by the DMA itself. The third one is a Economic Impact statement to be done by the Mid West Research Institute. They will arrive in San Antonio on July 9 for a week to meet with particular organizations on different categories. He asked that efforts be organized so that the City may be prepared for meeting with the Mid West Research Institute.

Councilman Teniente stated he had met with Ms. Pat Wolf, Director in Charge of the Texas Film Commission. He stated that the City Council should generate more activity in this field. He mentioned leasing area at Pablo's Grove for a Hollywood set for filming purposes.

Councilman Cisneros mentioned the Camp Bullis area also.

City Manager Granata stated that the Office of Economic Development with Mr. Frank Leach can check into this matter.

Councilman Billa again raised the question about naming the Commander's House in honor of the late County Clerk James W. Knight.

76-31 The Clerk read the following letter:

June 25, 1976

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

Madam and Gentlemen:

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

June 22, 1976

Petition submitted by Mr. Max J. Triplett, P. O. Box 32546, SAT 78216, requesting permission to erect a ten foot (10') tennis court enclosure to be constructed on Lot 18, Block 4, NCB 13623.

June 24, 1976

Petition submitted by Mr. George J. Carson, attorney, in behalf of St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, 2504 N. St. Mary's Street, requesting a hearing before the City Council regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the premises located at 2501 N. St. Mary's Street, San Antonio, Texas.

/s/ G. V. JACKSON, Jr.  
City Clerk

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There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

A P P R O V E D

*Lela Cockrell*

M A Y O R

*G. V. Jackson, Jr.*

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL, JULY 1, 1976.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 46,836

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER OF IMAGE, INC. FOR CONTINUING OPERATION OF THE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 1976 TO DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$44,000.00 TO SAID AGENCY FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR CARRYING ON THE PROGRAM DURING SAID PERIOD.

The following discussion took place:

MR. JOHN RINEHART: This ordinance relates to the request of IMAGE of San Antonio for funding reconsideration. The sub-committee appointed by the Mayor reviewed this request and has made its report to you.

I appeal to the Council to disapprove this ordinance this morning. A vote for this ordinance, in my opinion, will severely question the credibility between staff and Council and could discredit the capability that the City has developed over the past six years in terms of its monitoring and evaluation and fiscal control process. In other words, the question at hand is do we continue to monitor and evaluate or do we not? A vote against the ordinance, in my opinion, will be a vote of confidence for staff credibility and the process that is so absolutely necessary for grant control.

This project purports to deal with crime delinquency prevention among youths. The City of San Antonio itself operates a Youth Services Program which deals with the same objectives and has received national recognition for its success. A decision must be made now as to who is going to provide this service, the City of San Antonio or Image, because the funding that is being provided for the Image program is being deducted from the City's Youth Services Program. In essence we are robbing one City project at the expense of another and it is the staff recommendation to disapprove the ordinance this morning.

DR. HENRY CISNEROS: I move for adoption of the ordinance.

MAYOR LILA COCKRELL: All right, we have a citizen registered. We have a motion and don't we want to wait until we get all the reports before we go into motion. The only point I would like to make in response to what you said is that I think all the members of the Council wish to consider very carefully the reports of all of our staff persons but I don't wish to have this issue presented in such a way that a vote for the Image Program has to be construed as a vote against the staff. I don't feel that that is the context or conotation that should be placed on the voting. I feel that the staff recommends, we expect them to exercise their best judgment and it is not a matter of support or not supporting staff but is a matter that the Council must weigh the issues. I would say that if the Council in the majority of the cases does not choose to accept staff recommendation there is some problem but on individual cases where it feels there are reasons why it would care to

override the recommendation I think it has to be stated that Council has that responsibility not only the privilege but the responsibility, otherwise it could be very clearly stated that Council was nothing more than a rubber stamp and was simply obligated to accept all recommendations coming to it. So I just wanted to make that clarification that while we are very appreciative of our professional staff in no sense do I want to have an issue presented to me that if you do not accept that particular recommendation that you are somehow not appreciative of the staff.

REV. CLAUDE BLACK: I certainly would like to support you in that because there would be no point in bringing these reports to the Council if, in your actions, you would be saying that the group was either creditable or not creditable. I think that that's too strong a position to take. I think the only position I believe that we would have for the staff is to deal with the substance of their evaluation over against what might be challenged in that evaluation because I am not prepared to have my vote say that I have lost any - that I'm voting against your creditability or that I'm voting for your creditability. I'm neither. I'm voting for or against the report as presented. I certainly would like to support what you said because I think it places it in a perspective that I don't want to see develop. I don't want every time the staff comes to say if you vote against you're against me. Well, I'm not against it and if you put that in that context we've got a real battle going on that can be awful.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Granata.

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA: Yes, let me speak for the staff. Your points are well made. Mr. Rinehart came to me this morning and he is a very conscientious, hard worker and got the feeling, as he stated. He said, "May I make these statements?" I said, "You can make statements just as anybody else but the outcome will be whatever the Council decides. That's the way we will carry it out when five members of the Council so tell us". He will continue to monitor and evaluate. There are times of frustration as you all well know and it's very difficult sometimes to wonder why some things are heard and why not but he got it out of his system which I thought was .....

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Rinehart, I want to say that I hope that you also, without even having had the vote come up yet, I hope that you understand our feelings too as a Council, that we do support our staff, that we do give careful attention to their recommendations but there are occasions when for one reason or another that we may disagree on that particular issue. So I just wanted to make that as a general comment before we continue .....

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: We expect to lose more.

MR. PHIL PYNDUS: I'd like to make a general comment on behalf of the staff. I think that the remarks made by Rinehart were quite appropriate for this reason. In our judging the merits of this case the applicant attacked the staff's creditability and also mentioned a member of Mr. Rinehart's staff had not performed his duty and Mr. Rinehart came to his defense. I do not think that he is getting anything out of his system. I think his remarks are pertinent to the case and I don't want to lose sight of what our decision should be whether this case has merit or no merit, not whether the staff is on trial here or not. In his particular position I have seen time after time, due to political pressure, his staff work has been discarded and ignored. So I say make your remarks Mr. Rinehart, I'm for them and always stick with the truth and your defense of your staff is commendable and I commend you for it.

MR. GLEN HARTMAN: Having been a bureaucrat a number of years myself I can perhaps appreciate Mr. Rinehart's frustrations as well as anyone but I would also like to strongly support the statements of our Mayor and Reverend Black with regard to the fact that when I see a report, you know, that's another piece of advice for me as a decision maker and my job is different from yours. I look upon those reports in that context. I would also like to extend this or to apply this matter to recommendations that come before this Council from our utility boards. The fact that this Council disagrees with the recommendation of a board or a commission that is established for that purpose of coming before the Council with something, the fact that we turn it down doesn't mean we don't love them. It's just the fact that we have that option that we must exercise as policy makers. I think there's been a sort of growing feeling that when you vote against somebody you're damaging his creditability and I certainly don't view it that way at all.

MR. AL ROHDE: John, I'd like to say that I like your approach to this thing because I like what you always say and when you're uncomfortable I'm uncomfortable. I mean that very sincerely because I've had reservations on this program but I've sent some memos to the City Manager here and I've talked to Mr. Carl White that if I come back on this program I want the strongest measures ever taken on any program we've had and that's my answer to some of these situations because of your uncomfotability. You're just making me a better watch dog when I feel that you are watching out for the citizens interest and for the City's interest. I just want you to feel comfortable in saying how you feel about these things and let us make the final decision but I like your input, it's professional and I have no quarrel with it but sometimes my vote against you, I'm just voting for you to strengthen the system.

MAYOR COCKRELL: We have a sub-committee which has studied this and I call now on Mr. Billa to present their report.

MR. BOB BILLA: Mayor, you did appoint a sub-committee which I chaired and Mr. Pyndus also attended this meeting and gave us his input. We, I think, evaluated all the information. I had personally several problems with it but didn't come up with the recommendation to either fund it or not fund it because the committee was split on what they should do so then we put the burden or the responsibility on each Council person based on the evidence presented by both the Image people and our staff and make their own judgment whether this should be funded or not. My problem is that we had a vote of 7 - 2 sometime back on the overall package of revenue sharing and it wasn't included. Then I look at a stack of green papers which indicates that there are many people who come to us for funding of programs, so even though the program is very important, I guess, it has a lot of meaning to some people, particularly those that are presenting it. I don't really feel badly about not funding it because I've turned so many things down because the funds were not available. So it would be up to staff to tell me if the funds were available. Certainly we're going to have to take the money from somewhere but my own thoughts are that it should not be funded, and everybody else can say what they like about it. Not because I'm not in favor of the program but because we have to make these hard judgments sometimes and this may be one of them.

MR. RICHARD TENIENTE: I had to leave early, Madam Mayor, the last time we had a meeting but the problem that I have is that I think I'm going to have to abstain on this particular vote because I support the program as such but as co-chairman of the Manpower Consortium and I've had some, Mr. Rinehart, could you remind me or refresh my memory on a letter that I received from Jerry Watson where he singled out several programs that were not working to full efficiency.

MR. RINEHART: That letter did not address itself to this particular entity. We were getting it confused with some other one. The subject in question, however, there was a verbal discussion and an excellent interview by Mr. Jerry Watson, the field representative from DOL with you when he left town after a weeks' visit and monitoring this particular program, but he never made a written report on that particular visit it was another entity.

MR. TENIENTE: He did point out that the program was weak at the time. I support the concept of the program. So I'm kind of mixed in between on the whole thing.

MR. BILLA: Well, I certainly support the concept.

DR. CISNEROS: Are we going to hear from anyone else?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Yes, we have some citizens represented and then we, yes, Mr. Pyndus.

MR. PYNDUS: I'd like to ask some questions regarding the program, if I could, Mr. Rinehart. Suppose they did not get their funding. As Mr. Billa has mentioned, a decision has been made previously which denied this program along with some other people. Do they have additional funding going on right now? Do you have any idea of that funding and the amount of it?

MR. RINEHART: They have a contract with the City using CETA funds from the Department of Labor. The current contract will terminate on that program September 30, 1976. All programs within the manpower program have been extended three months, July 1 thru September 30, to correspond with the new Federal fiscal year. They were provided the appropriate funds to transition thru this quarter, like all the operating agencies have so that they can get back on and, of course, shortly will be coming in with new planning process for consideration for next year.

MR. PYNDUS: What is their budget under the DOL grant?

MR. RINEHART: I don't have that figure on top of my head, sir.

MR. PYNDUS: You mentioned in sub-committee that there had been some irregularities with reference to the handling of funds and reimbursements of funds. In our discussion there was some talk of some of the funding had been returned. There was some differences between you and Mr. Alcosar who was in charge with that program. To your satisfaction from a funding aspect only, do you feel that that has been cured or does that still exist, as far as the Monitoring and Evaluation Department is concerned?

MR. RINEHART: As I understand your question, the concern still exists. Yes, sir.

MR. PYNDUS: With reference to the phasing out of Image in San Antonio, you mentioned there were other agencies that would absorb this agency. Would you repeat that to me.

MR. RINEHART: Well, with reference to the clients they serve, yes, a possibility for example the City's Youth Services Program could pick up some of the referrals that they get. Now with reference to staff, I'm sure qualified people on their staff that would qualify for vacancies that exist even within the City structure or with any of these other outside agencies, consideration would be given to absorbing them to fill these vacancies.

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MR. PYNDUS: Do you think the present management of Image can continue to function effectively if they're granted the funds or not?

MR. RINEHART: In my opinion, no sir.

MR. PYNDUS: The present management cannot function effectively.

MR. RINEHART: No sir.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Any other questions? All right, at this time we'll call, there's several speakers registered, will Mr. Alcocer prefer to go first?

MR. ALCO CER: Mayor Cockrell, members of the Council. I'm hearing to-day the same thing that I heard about this approximately a year ago where Mr. Rinehart made to you in "B" Session, recommendations to our programs it was asked of him his opinion why the program wouldn't be successful. His research, his thorough research is the basis of this is a gut feeling. We're going through the same thing again, same thing have been said here half truth. I have to, I wholeheartedly would like to work 100%, 150% with Monitoring and Evaluation. We are not being monitored folks. The monitor for the program has not been to the site for the two years that I've been on there except for two occasions that I personally know of when I both invited him to come out to a little weiner roast that we had for the kids where we gave some certificates. Now how can a monitor, monitor a program if they're not there?

Where they're getting this information or misinformation I don't know. But I do know the program has been successful. We have done more than what we were contracted to do. We were contracted to handle 72 youngsters, 14 to 17 years olds. I will differ with Mr. Rinehart that the other agencies can handle these folks. There are no other agencies that give the type of training that we give to these kids. Seventy-two we were suppose to counsel within the year period thru April 30, a ten month period. We had actually, in fact, counseled 163. More than 260 percent. We're not getting the facts to you gentlemen.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Alcocer, let me ask you to concentrate on two aspects. I think there are two parts to this that the Council before voting has to review very carefully in it's own mind. Now, one of them is the financial aspect and Monitoring and Evaluation staff has pointed to some specifics where they felt that the accounting process did not fit in to what they felt were the standard procedures that would be allowed by the Federal Government. Naturally as Council members, we have to be responsible. You understand that. We have to certainly recognize this point. The second point would be on the actual results of the program. The programmatic aspects of it. I would appreciate it if you would just again have your staff review from these two points of view.

MR. ALCO CER: I'll be the first to say if misappropriation of funds - and that's the way it came out in the paper, Council people. I don't appreciate that because the first thing you think is that someone put the money in their pocket. Let me go over some of these charges that were made.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Well, actually I do want to say this too, our ..... I do want to point out that our staff has the responsibility of pointing out everything to us that they feel can be a problem. So, on behalf of the staff I do need to make that point too. Would you like to, does the Council wish to have this review again.

MR. PYNDUS: Yes madam, I would like to hear it.

MR. ALCOCER: The total amount that is due the City of San Antonio is \$197.02. The total amount that was stated by the auditor that we owe the internal revenue \$2000. The fact is that we owe the internal revenue \$370. That came about because we got misinformation from the parent company, Image Inc., which is a national organization and they told us we were not responsible for employment taxes. We found out later we were, we paid it to the State, reduced the federal liability of \$2,000 to a national figure of \$370. We owed the City \$197, \$370 which is less than \$600. And, my gosh, you go to any other program and this is a small percentage of the total budget. Our total budget is \$80,000. We have, in fact, up to date spent about \$60,000, if I'm not mistaken, not the full amount. And this misappropriation of funds doesn't sit well with me.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, will you address the other issue of the programatic. I have received a number of letters, nearly all of them in support of the program. I have received one letter in opposition to the program. But in general would you state why you think this organization can do some things that other programs can't do.

MR. ALCOCER: I'll be happy to because we address ourselves to the kids that nobody else wants to handle. These are kids that are referred through high school principals, junior high principals, community officers of the community that nobody else wants to tend to. Again, we were charged with addressing, taking care of seventy two kids. Through April the 30th we have handled 163. Of these, about 80 some were in a positive manner. They either went back to school and again we are criticized because they didn't stay the 14 weeks with the program. It doesn't call for staying 14 weeks with the program. It calls for us to help do something positive with these kids. And they are with us three weeks and we get them to the service or we get them back in school, this is positive termination. Monitoring and Evaluation refuses to acknowledge this, or hasn't. Twenty-five are enrolled in school, 20 and this is through April the 30th, doing better since then. Twenty acquired part time jobs, 35 acquired full time jobs, 14 have been referred to other agencies, those are kids that we could not handle. And we have some with very serious problems, Gentlemen and Mayor Cockrell. We've got people that are drug addicts. We got people that are alcoholics, we've got people with mental problems. We can't handle them, we're not geared for that, so we do have to refer them to other agencies. One factor that is very significant is the total that we've handled four have returned or are incarcerated at this particular time which is 2 percent of the total amount. I don't think you'll find a better figure in any of the programs that we have here in San Antonio, in this type of return figures, talking dollars and cents, Councilman Pyndus. I don't think you'll find a better program.

MR. BILLA: Mayor, I'd like to ask Mr. Alcocer the amount of indebtedness to the City. You've explained how the change has brought about through an error what you thought, you know you were obligated or responsible for, did you do this before it was brought to your attention or who brought this to your attention? If I owed someone \$10,000 then I went on and never paid .....

MR. ALCOCER: Internal Revenue did, Bob.

MR. BILLA: Internal Revenue. Was it our own Monitoring and Evaluation? Another thing that troubles me, you say you deal with a certain type of person yet there's no one on your staff qualified to make determination what the needs of these people would be other than, you want to train them in body and fender and auto mechanics, paint shop. I think that they're are .....

MR. ALCOCER: As a father, I don't think you have to be ..... as a father you can have a certain amount of intuition as to what the person needs.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I have been advised that one member of the Council will have to leave right away so I think it's important we go head and conclude this issue. Dr. Cisneros.

DR. CISNEROS: Madam Mayor, if I may make a comment. I have, as a member of the committee, and before that watched very carefully the progress of the Image program and my feeling is that though no program in San Antonio, absolutely no program is performing in a manner that would be called completely effective that in part is due to the difficult job that they are attempting to accomplish. The people that they are working with are the people for whom the system has failed, who if the market were - who if the placement procedures of the private sector, who if the educational system was accurate would be working on their own, but for whom because of all the realities of life in our City and in any City relative to the problems of poverty, the problems of drug abuse, the problems of educational inequity, etc. are handicapped and this is damaging in serious ways. The result is that some programs try to deal with them and the results often is that success rate and retention rates don't look very good.

When a person has a drug problem you're doing well to keep him in the program for two weeks and convince him that he ought to be back in school. Maybe he doesn't finish the 14 weeks of the program but at least he's back in school. It doesn't show up on anybody's number tabulation as a successful accomplishment or a successful graduate but at least the man is off the streets, out of the gutter and back in a school situation some self confidence renewed, that sort of thing. That's the kind of program that Image is and that's what they're working on. I think they deserve a chance. I think it's very clear that there have been some administrative foul ups and I think they can be doing a better job as all our programs could be doing a better job and the message, Al, after all, of this ought to be very clear. If you're lucky enough to get approved, it ought to be very clear that there are some serious re-thinking of how you proceed both with respect to the training aspect and with respect to the budget that needs to be undertaken. No nonsense no playing around, just get the job done and perform. With a view toward that kind of understanding I move the adoption of the ordinance.

MR. ROHDE: Yes, I wanted to ask my Councilman to stop and yield to me. I'd like to add to your motion, Councilman Cisneros, that the program director be placed on probation for 90 days and that the program itself be funded and be personally watched over by the Finance Director, Mr. Carl White, in cooperation with Mr. Rinehart that we get very direct supervision on this program and I'd like to add that to the motion. Will you accept that? I second the motion and a report every 30 days.

MAYOR COCKRELL: Were you seconding it with that amendment? All right, with that amendment it was moved and seconded. Yes, Mr. Hartman was next.

MR. HARTMAN: Madam Mayor, the only or one of the ways by which you judge a program is by viewing the results of a program. I've had the opportunity on several occasions to see what Image is doing and to participate in their graduation exercises. I think from what I have seen the program has indeed been performing a very worthwhile function of re-establishing self confidence in the individual and that's what this type of program is basically designed for. I think in that regard I certainly agree with my colleagues, Cisneros, Rohde, that the program should be given another chance. I think that I would strongly second the continuing of the

program wondering in terms Councilman Rohde's point at the probation if this gets into a technical area from a standpoint of funding and management that would be awkward to handle.

MAYOR COCKRELL: I think he was just giving that as directive .....

MR. ROHDE: I'm talking about management probation .....

MR. BILLA: From words of funding (inaudible). I appreciate the eloquence of which these people make a plea for this program but don't they have any feelings for this whole stack of green applicants, very worthwhile programs that are going on and then to come in and say this is the best program, they're doing such a great job, sure it's doing a great job but we're going to have to get the funding from somewhere and this Council approved the whole packet several weeks ago and it was not included in the funding. Where are we going to get the money and why don't we fund all these other programs, too?

MAYOR COCKRELL: Mr. Granata, will you comment if there were a majority of the Council who wish to have this program refunded, would you speak to that issue.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Yes, I believe Mr. Rinehart stated in his statement it will be taken from the Youth Services Project .....

MR. RINEHART: The Youth Services Project, the Human Resources Department. What this amounts to is an approximate 8 percent curtailment in their program.

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: Which is \$40,000.

MR. BILLA: What does that program do?

MR. PYNDUS: Who is going to defend that program? Who is going to defend the taking of those funds from that program?

CITY MANAGER GRANATA: That's ongoing.

MR. PYNDUS: I would like to say that I feel that a resurrection of this particular project is coming on a little bit late. It seems that the Council had voted on the issue of revenue sharing funds previously and many, many good projects were turned down. Now, if we take an action on this one, which we agree has done, has performed and contributed to the problem we have what are we going to do with these numerous others that come before us and ask for a rehearing and review? Inasmuch as our staff has questions stated publicly about the effectiveness of management and performance, I cannot vote for it.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right, we have four other speakers that had been signed but in the interest of time, if they would permit us to go ahead and have the vote .....

All right, fine. We ask the Clerk to call the roll.

On the following roll call vote, the motion carried: AYES: Cisneros, Black, Hartman, Rohde, Cockrell; NAYES: Billa, Pyndus; ABSENT: Nielsen; ABSTAIN: Teniente.

CITY CLERK: The motion carried.

MAYOR COCKRELL: All right.

MR. ALCOCER: Thank you, Mayor and Council. Our City Councilmen, I appreciate also. My doors are always opened for you all and I invite you all to come in and we'll continue to be that way. We love your input and we'll be happy to work with Monitoring and Evaluation.

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