

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1966 AT 8:30 A.M.

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, GATTI, PARKER and BREMER: Absent: NONE.

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66-918 The invocation was given by Reverend John W. Price of the St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

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The minutes of the meeting of July 21, 1966 were approved.

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66-918 Mayor McAllister recognized a delegation representing the Woman's Pavilion For HemisFair 1968, and called on Mrs. William R. Sinkin, wife of Vice Chairman of the Board of HemisFair 1968 to say a few words.

Mrs. Sinkin introduced the following women who were: Mrs. Henry Shaper, First Vice President of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. G. T. Inge, President of San Antonio Links; Sister Mary Arthur, Our Lady of the Lake College and Member of Educational Exhibits Committee for HemisFair 1968; Mrs. Bess White, First Vice President of San Antonio Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Dorothy Steinbomer, Chairman of the Religious Arts Program Committee for HemisFair 1968, and Mrs. Clark Webber, President of San Antonio Quota Club.

Mrs. Sinkin then made the following statement.

"It is Man, the Adventurer, who explores the new, untracked wilderness. But it is Woman, the Homemaker, who civilizes it.

The history of the Western Hemisphere begins with a woman, Dona Isabella, Queen of Spain, who made it possible for Columbus to sail on his voyage of discovery. Indeed, the past, present, and future of the Americas is completely intertwined with and revealed in the story of its women.

Just what has been woman's role in this brave New World? Her contribution has been as complex and many-faceted as the unfolding and developing life of the great continents of this Hemisphere. But we might do well to try to understand the broadest implications of woman's influence upon history and life.

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Mrs. Lyndon Johnson once wrote, 'To me, the greatest contribution of women from Eve (to the present) is two-fold: continuity and idealism.' When Man embarked upon the adventurous challenge of conquering and creating a New World, Woman came with him to make the New World into a home. Man blazed the trails; Woman turned the trails into streets. When the refinements of the parent civilizations of Europe came to the New World, they came in the luggage and hearts and minds of women. It was the woman who adapted her knowledge of the Old World into a suitable pattern of life for this new land. She was the link through which the old world met the new and merged to create a habitable environment. In 'The Confluence of Civilizations in the Americas', HemisFair's theme, woman was probably the most important instrument. Man chose the wilderness; Woman made the wilderness into a home."

Councilwoman Mrs. S. E. Cockrell, Jr. then made the following statement.

"In order to properly represent the role and contributions of women to the development and future of the Americas, a Woman's Pavilion is being organized for HemisFair 1968 and it is envisioned that the women of the Western Hemisphere would build this pavilion.

Mrs. E. Lee Ozbirn of Oklahoma City, formerly international president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, an organization of eleven million members, is general chairman of the Woman's Pavilion for HemisFair 1968.

Mrs. Perle Mesta, immortalized in 'Call Me Madam', will host a luncheon for the presidents of the large international women's organizations and other distinguished women of the Americas, in Washington, in October, to dramatically introduce the project on a national and international scale.

A Commission of First Ladies, comprised of the wives of Presidents of all the Republics of the Western Hemisphere, is being organized as an advisory group for the project. Mrs. John Connally, now travelling with the Governor in South America on behalf of HemisFair, is presenting letters of invitation to the First Ladies to serve as members of this Commission.

Locally the women are organizing, well aware that the national and international effort will reflect the dedication and support of San Antonio women, and the building that remains will serve the exciting post-exposition Inter-American Educational Center. A corporation is being formed that will administer the project. Charter membership is \$5.00 and regular membership \$1.00. Checks addressed to the "Woman's Pavilion for HemisFair 1968" should be mailed to the acting local chairman, Mrs. Harry Meyer, 153 Mahncke, San Antonio, Texas.

I heartily endorse the project and request that all the women of San Antonio join to make the Woman's Pavilion for HemisFair 1968 a reality.

I am writing to all of the women holding elective municipal offices in the State of Texas, councilmen, aldermen and commissioners, urging that they, themselves, assume a role of leadership in the effort to enlist all Texas women in support of the project."

Mayor McAllister expressed delight that the HemisFair program has received this fine boost and felt sure that this group of women who have assumed this responsibility, will see that it will be successfully carried out, and assured them that they would have the cooperation of the City.

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66-918 The Mayor then recognized a group of ladies from the League of Women Voters and welcomed them to the Council meeting as the Council was always glad to have interested citizens present to see how the community functions.

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The following ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp and on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

66-919

AN ORDINANCE 34,646

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF ESTEY CORPORATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WITH STEEL SHELVING FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$2,226.00.

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66-920

AN ORDINANCE 34,647

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF LES FERGUSON COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH CERTAIN RECORD OF ARREST FORMS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$1,395.25.

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66-921

AN ORDINANCE 34,648

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF INTERNATIONAL AERIAL MAPPING COMPANY FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER PLAN FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN AREA FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,600.00.

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66-922

AN ORDINANCE 34,649

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF JONES INDUSTRIES, INC. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH A BAGGAGE CONVEYOR SYSTEM FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$35,898.00.

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66-923

AN ORDINANCE 34,650

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH ALAMO IRON WORKS TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF SEWER JOINT COMPOUND FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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AN ORDINANCE 34,651

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH MISSION CONCRETE PIPE CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN CONCRETE DRAIN TILE AND BUILDING BRICK FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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AN ORDINANCE 34,652

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH C.M.C. CONCRETE PIPE CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN PIPE AS LISTED BELOW FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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The Clerk read the following ordinances.

66-924

AN ORDINANCE 34,653

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH W. S. DICKEY CLAY MFG. CO. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN CLAY PIPE AS LISTED BELOW FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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66-924

AN ORDINANCE 34,654

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHERN COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN CLAY PIPE FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, explained that the ordinance awarded contracts to W. S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Company and the Southern Company on the items on which they were the respective low bidders. However, a tie bid was received from these two firms on 6" pipe which would require a drawing to determine the successful bidder on this item.

The Mayor conducted a drawing and the Southern Company drew the low number and was determined to be the successful bidder on 6" pipe which was incorporated into the ordinance.

On motion made and duly seconded, the foregoing two ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

The following ordinances were explained by Purchasing Agent Al Tripp, and on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

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66-925

AN ORDINANCE 34,655

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF SAN-BLON COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT OF FIRE WITH LABOR AND MATERIALS TO SANBLAST FIRE STATION #1 FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,555.55.

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66-926

AN ORDINANCE 34,656

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF CHARLES F. PALMER LANDSCAPE & SPRINKLER COMPANY FOR EQUIPMENT AND LABOR TO INSTALL AUTOMATIC WATER SYSTEM AT McCRELESS LIBRARY FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,797.74 AND APPROPRIATING SAME FROM FUND 489-06, LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND FOR PAYMENT OF SAME.

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66-926

AN ORDINANCE 34,657

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED BID OF GRIMMS GARDEN CENTER TO FURNISH MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT AND LABOR FOR GRADING, PLANTING OF TREES, ETC. AT McCRELESS LIBRARY FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,854.00 AND APPROPRIATING SAME FROM FUND 489-06, LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT BOND FUND FOR PAYMENT OF SAME.

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66-926

AN ORDINANCE 34,658

ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF AND MANIFESTING A CONTRACT WITH ACE SUPPLY COMPANY TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF 30 MINUTE FUSEES FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 1, 1966 AND TERMINATING JULY 31, 1967.

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In connection with Ordinances No. 34,656 and 34,657, Assistant City Manager Dave Harner reported that the Representatives for the State Library Board as well as the City have approved the corrections made by the contractor in the McCreless Branch Library except for minor details which are presently being corrected.

The following ordinance was explained by Mr. W. S. Clark, Land Division Chief, and on motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

66-927

AN ORDINANCE 34,659

APPROPRIATING \$7,366.00 OUT OF 1964 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, NO. 489-01 FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR BLANCO ROAD WIDENING AND DIVISION AVENUE WIDENING; AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY IN EXCHANGE FOR RIGHT OF WAY PERTAINING TO HILLCREST DRIVE AND CALLAGHAN ROAD PAVING PROJECTS, ALSO ACCEPTING A DEDICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEDICAL CENTER SEWER OUTFALL LINE.

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The following ordinances were explained by members of the administrative staff and on motion made and duly seconded, each were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones and Gatti.

66-928

AN ORDINANCE 34,660

APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U. S. 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; MEDICAL CENTER SANITARY SEWER LINE; NACOGDOCHES ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BLANCO ROAD WIDENING PROJECT; HILLCREST PAVING PROJECT; LEON CREEK SEWER OUTFALL LINE; AND DIVISION AVENUE PAVING PROJECT.

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66-929

AN ORDINANCE 34,661

AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH PAPE-DAWSON, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PERTAINING TO CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS TO SERVICE VARIOUS UNSEWERED AREAS; APPROPRIATING \$24,000.00 OUT OF SEWER REVENUE FUND 204 PAYABLE TO SAID FIRM AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$5,000.00 OUT OF THE SAME FUND TO BE USED AS A MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.

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AN ORDINANCE 4,662

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT BY SOUTHWEST FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION AT LOOP 410 AND WEST COMMERCE STREET.

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66-931

AN ORDINANCE 34,663

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF SPACE IN THE TERMINAL BUILDING AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO EMERY AIR FREIGHT CORPORATION.

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66-932

AN ORDINANCE 34,664

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO W. R. CAMPBELL, D/B/A CAMPBELL'S DELIVERY SERVICE.

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66-933

AN ORDINANCE 34,665

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONTINENTAL AIRLINES.

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AN ORDINANCE 34,666

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE LEASE OF SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO ALAMO FLYERS, INC. FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.

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66-935

AN ORDINANCE 34,667

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SOUTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.

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66-936

AN ORDINANCE 34,668

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$12,024.03 OUT OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1966, FUND 806, AS REIMBURSEMENT TO THE GENERAL FUND FOR EXPENSES PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT SALE OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS.

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66-937

AN ORDINANCE 34,669

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT STINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO TOBIN MAP COMPANY FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR.

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66-938

AN ORDINANCE 34,670

AUTHORIZING TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$16,740.00 OUT OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT TO COVER COSTS INVOLVED FOR THE 1966-67 FISCAL YEAR.

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66-939

AN ORDINANCE 34,671

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$300 OUT OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BOND CONSTRUCTION FUND 8-06-8 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT THEREOF TO CURTIS KALTEYER FOR SERVICES RENDERED WITH REGARD TO REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL SPUR TRACK IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

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66-940

AN ORDINANCE 34,672

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SUM OF \$1,074.45 OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND, ACCOUNT NO. 05-01-01, CODE 2-55, TO WILLIAM J. MOORE & ASSOCIATES, COURT REPORTERS, FOR TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY IN ROBERT B. CRUZ HEARING BEFORE THE FIREMEN'S AND POLICEMEN'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

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AN ORDINANCE 34,673

APPROVING PETITION OF WILLIAM J. LYONS FOR  
SIDEWALK ELEVATOR 7' 8" x 5'8" IN FRONT OF  
235 BROADWAY PROVIDED THAT SAID ELEVATOR IS  
MOVED ONE FOOT CLOSER TO THE CURB AND FURTHER  
PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE  
COVERAGE.

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66-912

AN ORDINANCE 34,674

GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE SAN ANTONIO  
ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY TO MAKE CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS  
IN THE ZOO FENCE.

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66-942

AN ORDINANCE 34,675

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH  
WILLIAM L. KENNEDY FOR SPECIAL SERVICES TO  
THE CITY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY  
RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE 1966-67  
FISCAL YEAR.

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The following ordinance was explained by Assistant  
City Manager Henckel and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded  
by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote:  
AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino,  
Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones.

66-943

AN ORDINANCE 34,676

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER AND ALLOCATION OF  
FUNDS TO COVER INCREASED RETIREMENT COSTS  
FOR FIREMEN DUE TO INCREASING THE BASE PAY  
FROM \$360 TO \$380 PER MONTH.

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The following ordinance was explained by Assistant City Manager Henckel and on motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Mr. Trevino, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Jones and Parker.

66-944

AN ORDINANCE 34,677

AMENDING THE 1966-67 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 34645, BY INCREASING THE HOURLY RATE PER DIEM EMPLOYEES TO A MINIMUM OF \$1.40 PER HOUR; APPROPRIATING AND AUTHORIZING FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH HOURLY INCREASE.

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The City Council considered the bids received for the operation of the insurance counter at the International Airport.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Gatti, seconded by Mr. Bremer, the following ordinances were passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSTAINING: Jones; ABSENT: Parker.

66-945

AN ORDINANCE 34,678

REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON JULY 5, 1966, TO FURNISH TRAVEL INSURANCE COUNTER IN THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING AND AUTHORIZING READVERTISING FOR NEW BIDS.

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66-945

AN ORDINANCE 34,679

EXTENDING THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH TELE-TRIP COMPANY, INC. TO FURNISH TRAVEL INSURANCE COUNTER IN THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING FOR A PERIOD OF TWO FULL MONTHS, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1966.

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The following ordinance was read by the Clerk and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Trevino and Parker.

66-946

## AN ORDINANCE 34,680

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF \$4,100 TO THE COUNTY OF BEXAR FOR THE RENTAL OF 164 VOTING MACHINES USED IN THE JULY 9, 1966 REFERENDUM ELECTION.

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The Clerk read the following resolution and on motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Mr. Gatti, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: McAllister, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti and Bremer. NAYS: None; ABSENT: Trevino and Parker.

66-947

## A RESOLUTION

PROVIDING THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1966 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ON THE PROPOSED ROSA VERDE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, TEX. R-78 AND THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN THEREFOR AS PROPOSED BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE NOTICE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW; IDENTIFYING THE PROJECT AREA; STATING THE PURPOSE OF SAID PUBLIC HEARING AND OUTLINING THE GENERAL SCOPE OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT UNDER CONSIDERATION; AND PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION WILL BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT SAID PUBLIC HEARING.

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The Mayor asked if any citizens wished to be heard.

66-918 Mrs. Franz Stumpf inquired as to what are the exact plans for the preservation of buildings in the proposed expansion of LaVillita on which a hearing will be held August 4, 1966.

Mrs. Stumpf was advised that this would not be decided until after the public hearing, but if any citizens desired to prepare for the hearing, they could see the plat of same at the Urban Renewal Agency Office. She was also offered an opportunity to study the report on LaVillita prepared by Southwest Research.

66-949 Mrs. Robert J. Ahr, 330 Summertime, presented the City Council with a petition signed by over 300 citizens in the Harmony Hills area requesting the City to consider a reduction in the maximum speed limit on San Pedro Avenue, from the overpass at Loop 410 to Sandau Road; the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Sahara Drive and San Pedro and at the intersection of Rhapsody Drive and San Pedro.

She reported that the State Highway Department is working on the matter, but it may be anywhere from three months to three years until something may be done, and asked the Council to see if this work can be expedited.

The Mayor stated that the City will be glad to have the matter investigated and see what can be done about it.

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After a twenty minute recess, the meeting reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

66-879 The Mayor declared open the public hearing on the proposed annexation of 50.017 acre tract of land, being Units 4D and 4F Harmony Hills Subdivision.

Mr. Steve Taylor, Director of Planning, described the location of the property and reported that the action was being taken on the request of H. B. Zachry Properties, Inc., owner of the property involved, in order to connect to the City utilities.

66-879 No one asked to speak on the matter.

The Mayor then declared the hearing closed and stated that the first reading of the annexation ordinance will be held on August 11, 1966.

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66-883 The Mayor declared open the public hearing on the request of the City Water Board for approval and adoption of a new schedule of rates, fees and charges for water services.

Mr. Elmer R. Crumrine, Vice Chairman of the Water Works Board of Trustees, stated it was the responsibility of the City Water Board to provide the necessary water service to the public, and after consideration, has determined that an approximate average increase of 17% was needed to continue to provide quality service. He asked for approval of the new schedule of rates effective October 14, 1966. (Formal proposal for increase in schedule of water rates filed with original copy of these minutes.)

Mr. Robert Van Dyke, General Manager of the City Water Board, reviewed the operation of the water system from 1925 to the present time. He stated the increase in rates is the most economical means of financing the needed capital improvements due to the rapid growth of the City. This program requires expenditures of \$5,362,200. per year for the next five years which is \$1,350,000 more per year than the amount available from current funds.

Mr. John Shields, City Water Board Comptroller, explained the cost of financing the improvements with revenue bonds, which would still require an increase in the water rates.

Mrs. Myrtle Hance, President of the Citizens Association, stated this group wants the rates to stay the same and preferred the improvements be made through the sale of revenue bonds.

Also speaking against the increase in rates were Mr. Fred Muntzer, 302 West Euclid; Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 719 Delgado; a Mrs. Lamme, and Mrs. Franz Stumpf.

Mr. John Nicolson, 550 Senisa Drive inquired about the use of the depreciation reserve and whether the City Water Board will be faced with another large replacement program and another raise in the future.

He was answered that a reserve is provided for, and the funds are kept in a separate account which are used to replace old mains.

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66-883 Mr. Alfred G. Vasquez, Chairman of the City Water Board, stated it was necessary to continue to have a first class water system as it assured citizens better fire protection and as a result, saves money through lower fire insurance rates. He reported San Antonio has the lowest fire insurance rate of the major cities in Texas, and in addition, gets a 15% credit which means a \$13.00 saving on an average \$10,000 home.

With respect to prices for water, Mr. Vasquez reported they are presently less than in Dallas, Houston and Ft. Worth, and will be less after the raise. They will also be less than the prices charged in El Paso, Lubbock, Witchita Falls, Laredo, Victoria, Seguin, San Marcos, etc.

He concluded by asking approval to the increase in rates presented in order to be able to serve every citizen of the community with a high quality water service.

After giving every citizen desiring to be heard an opportunity to speak, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, and announced that the Council will consider the matter and in all probability, will render a decision next Thursday, August 4, 1966.

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

A P P R O V E D :

*M. McWhorter*  
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ATTEST:

*J. H. Lushman*  
City Clerk

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