

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1975.

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The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A. M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Charles L. Becker, with the following members present: COCKRELL, SAN MARTIN, BECKER, BLACK, LACY, MORTON, O'CONNELL; Absent: NONE.

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75-10 The invocation was given by The Reverend John Warren, St. George's Episcopal Church.

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75-10 Members of the City Council and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

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75-10 The minutes of the meeting of February 13, 1975, were approved.

75-10 JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Mayor Becker recognized the Student Council of John F. Kennedy High School which was present. The President of the Council is Mr. David Herrera and the sponsor is Mr. Marvin Brown. Mayor Becker welcomed them to the meeting and invited them to visit again.

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75-10 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,930

REVISING AND ESTABLISHING ELECTION
PRECINCTS FOR THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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The City Clerk, Mr. J. H. Inselmann, explained to the Council the precinct changes which have been made by the County Commissioners' Court. There are now 197 election precincts in the City. This Ordinance officially adopts those precincts in order that the election precincts will coincide with the voter registration lists.

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

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75-10 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,931

ORDERING THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 1975,
IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, BEXAR COUNTY,
TEXAS, FOR THE ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO.

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The Ordinance was explained by the City Clerk J. H. Inselmann, who said that the election is being called in accordance with provisions of the City Charter. It provides for the use of voting machines and lists the 185 polling places.

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

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FILING PROCEDURES

Dr. San Martin inquired of City Clerk J. H. Inselmann if plans have been made to have an orderly late filing to avoid the confusion that has existed on occasion in the past.

City Clerk Jake Inselmann stated that the matter had been considered and plans are being formulated. He said that the filing deadline is 5:00 P.M., on March 1, 1975. The clock in the City Clerk's Office is official. It will be the responsibility of each candidate to have all of his papers in order and complete when they are turned over to the Clerk. He assured the Council that the situation will be controlled.

Mrs. Cockrell raised the question of whether it is legal to obtain signatures on the nomination petition without designating on the petition which place the candidate is seeking. She asked for a clarification.

Mr. Inselmann stated that if a place number is not inserted in the petition then whoever signs the petition in effect agrees to let the candidate choose the place number at a later date.

Mr. Morton suggested that candidates not be permitted to switch places after they have once filed, and if they should withdraw then be limited to refileing in their original place. After discussion of this, he asked that the City Attorney look into the matter to see if such a limitation would be legal.

Mayor Becker asked that a set of rules be formulated to assure that all candidates are given an equal opportunity in all matters pertaining to filing for the Council election and that they be published in the paper as soon as possible.

In answer to Mrs. Cockrell's question, Mr. Inselmann said that some voter registrations are being cancelled because the person has not voted in a primary or general election for three years. In order to be qualified to vote in the coming election a person must be registered at least 31 days before the election.

75-10 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by City Clerk J. H. Inselmann, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 44,932

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE COUNTY OF BEXAR FOR THE RENTAL
OF VOTING MACHINES.

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CITY WATER BOARD

The following discussion took place:

MR. CIPRIANO GUERRA: You have a letter, Mayor, from the City Water Board which addresses, according to them, the questions that you all raised last week and the closing sentence in the letter indicates that, in their opinion, this letter responds to your query and they're not going to be here today. (A copy of the letter referred to by Mr. Guerra is on file with the papers of this meeting).

MAYOR CHARLES L. BECKER: I understand Mr. Schaefer is ill in the hospital recovering from minor surgery, if I'm not mistaken. The letter that I have and I presume each Council member received a copy of it along with the enclosures, I think it sets forth the answers to the various charges that were made as they are expressed by Mr. Schaefer as Chairman of the City Water Board so unless anybody has anything they would like to.....

MAYOR PRO-TEM JOSE SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, in view of the fact that that letter just arrived in our office just yesterday or this morning, I would like to defer discussion on this until we all get a chance to apply ourselves to that.

MAYOR BECKER: All right sir.

MR. HENRY MUNOZ: For the record, I'm Henry Munoz. I'm the Business Manager for Local 2399 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal employees. I'm the Business Manager for 1,800 employee members and citizens who cannot be here this morning. I was just handed a letter this morning by Mr. Inselmann. Did any of you receive my letter that I sent to you? It may interest you that Mr. Schaefer did not get my letter. I think that without causing undue irritation there are two sections in my presentation.

Number one, very simply stating that we are going to have a meeting tonight and a documentation is necessary of the employees that were rounded up and told they were going to be laid off. If necessary we're going to have affidavits to prove that. However, if you recall, I left a list with you - here let me read what they say, "City Clerk Jake Inselmann informed me that he made a copy for you, this is addressed to you, Mr. Mayor, of the City Water Board employees list who acquired the City Water - City Water Board employees list under the public record act and paid \$110 for it. The list was delivered to us on April 10, 1974. The salary schedules does not include a 6 1/2 percent increase granted in October of 1974 and does not include merit raises of supervisory personnel. We have no way of knowing that. Please note that the City Water Board does not reflect the name of.....(inaudible).....

Attached is a letter from the City Water Board, dated May 8, 1974, stating Hardeman's title as Labor Relations Consultant to the Board of Trustees effective August 1, 1972, and receives a monthly retainer of \$700 per month. This amount could be more now. Also the City Water Board employee list does not reflect the name of Jack Morris who is a public relations consultant from the firm of Brooks and Associates for a retainer of approximately \$2,000. We presume - we presume that these two items are paid from the City Water Board General Manager's budget.

Under separate cover we have prepared a list of supervisor personnel by name, job title and monthly salaries. We have added the 6 1/2 percent increase granted in October of 1974. We have no way of knowing who received merit raises among supervisory personnel. We also have added the recent \$4,000 raise to Mr. Van Dyke. We presume that the list provided us under open records act of April, 1974, is accurate and the City Water Board does not have three sets of books. One for the trustees, one for the City and for the public and one for A.F.&E., Local 2399.

At this stage do you have any questions, please call on us. I know that you're busy, but on the second page and when we say we have an extreme difficult time getting anything out of them it is because we question them. We have to go to the Attorney General of the State of Texas to get this information in which is states here, May 8, reference is made to your letter of April 24, requesting additional information concerning Mr. Hardeman and our employees.

Mr. Jerry Hardeman was retained as a labor relations consultant to the Board of Trustees effective August 1, 1972. He receives a monthly retainer of \$700 per month. Enclosed you will find a copy of letter directed to the Honorable John S. Hill and all that stuff. Now, what we have prepared here, our presentation was very simply in trying to get your attention that jobs are hard to come along by. We've got some sad news this morning, 1,200 jobs are being laid off. If you will note, this is taken out of the book so you wouldn't have too much trouble, by name, by title, that they give them and the monthly salary. It goes on one page, two pages, three pages, four pages for a total. We've made it alphabetically so you wouldn't have any trouble. There are a 154 supervisory personnel for a total monthly payroll of a \$156,882.37. On the blue collar worker - this is the little guy, on your left we have where our \$2.65 per hour, \$3.02, \$2.81 labor, helper, helper, labor driver, labor, labor and so on down the road, for a total of this, compadres, for a 170. A 170, the total payroll per month of \$78,572.24.

Now, Mr. Mayor, I may be accused of a lot of things, but I've got a pretty good memory. As I recall go back to my letter, I took your word out of your folder when you campaigned. When you campaigned one of your statements, you said that there were going to be 500 jobs and boy I got awfully uneasy about that, because I didn't know those 500 jobs were going to be the people that I represent, the citizens, and no it was pretty good. The folder said, no, that's not what I'm saying. Quote: "I am saying that this manpower and bureaucracy," Quote: "should be directed because staff are making reports that nobody reads." Am I wrong in quoting you, sir? I took it right out, and you said we want to put them in the nuts and bolts and all we're asking you.....

MAYOR BECKER: There's still some that could be eliminated.

MR. MUNOZ: That's right, but I didn't like cutting them off, but when you said, well, we need more firemen, we need more policemen, and I buy that, and I don't want nobody losing a job, but I'm not going to stand here and say that the 154 supervisors making \$100, \$200, \$300 a week and as much as \$2,000 a week, when the poor man is down in the hole and say, there's nothing wrong, let's cut out the bureaucracy. I'm asking you again. I'll quote you; if you think this is fair, we're only asking fair. We don't want you to do anything but our citizens who pay taxes want an equal shake and we say if you're going to give them \$400,000 there is no need, and I'm not trying to price the contractor out of the business, but they have the equipment. They have the supplies, why in the world can't they put them to work. If some of the supervisors have to get down in the hole then they ought to get down in the hole. But, let's quit wasting money. Thank you, sir, and everybody's got - I don't like this monkey business and we're-- I'm not mad at anybody. But, I try to look after the citizens who pay my salary, yours and everybody else's and if we quit whacking and whacking 'em, they won't be able to pay the bill.

MAYOR BECKER: Let's give Mr. Schaefer the opportunity to get out of the hospital, and we can take it up directly with him and Mr. Van Dyke and come to the.....

MR. MUNOZ: This is the only thing we ask, sir.

MR. CLIFFORD MORTON: Right. Okay. Henry, before you leave, I want to make sure that I have an understanding of what your concern is specifically. You're saying that people have been laid off.

MR. MUNOZ: Well, there have been some. Let us say this, the supervisory personnel was brought in and said we are going to review your crews. We're going to reduce your crew by three people. There are three people who reduce from Class 2 to Class 1. Whatever that is, it's money out of pocket.

MR. MORTON: Well, you know it's one thing to say we will as opposed to they were.

MR. MUNOZ: But, there are some that were.

MR. MORTON: I think what I would like to see would be this. I would like to see documentation that says, "these people were laid off." Name, rank, serial number and the timing on it and the reason why.

MR. MUNOZ: As I stated today, we will have a meeting, and we will have affidavits as to who said this. A funny thing happened on the way down here. They rounded them up and said, "Fellows, don't worry about this. We found \$300,000. Don't shake the boat because we found \$300,000 in some cigar box." That made me happy.

MAYOR BECKER: Who said that, Henry?

MR. MUNOZ: Well, wait till I document it. It's more a matter of an affidavit because it involves the high paid man and I presume that when somebody speaks in the authority or is highly paid \$2,000 per month, I hope he knows what he is saying. If he found \$300,000 hurrah for them. This means that the little people won't be laid off.

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MR. MORTON: Again, let's get back to your areas of concern. Your area of concern number one is people have been laid off.

MR. MUNOZ: Some were reduced and the others were threatened with being laid off. And the other one is my concern that if we have that much money.....

MR. MORTON: I'd like to know who has been laid off.

MR. MUNOZ: Yes, we have all that.

MR. MORTON: And then number two, you indicate that there have been some reductions in pay. I would like to have the documentation on that.

MR. MUNOZ: Well, I would never get up here unless I got.....

MR. MORTON: Okay, I am assuming that, Henry. But, again, I think in fairness to everyone, I think we need this information. And the third thing I think we need to evaluate your general charge which is the relationship of the total number of supervisory employees to laborers.

MR. MUNOZ: Well, if you don't believe their list and again if you don't believe the list, then I suggest that you check all three lists. They might have one for trustees and one for the general public and one for Local 2399. If you don't believe this list, it's their list. It's not mine.

MR. MORTON: Henry, that's true. But, I think that one thing in fairness that we have to have in order to make an objective evaluation would be the total volume of work that they subcontract out to independent contractors versus that work which is done in-house. You know, you could have no laborers at all and have a 150 supervisory-inspector type employees. If you subbed everything out, you would say, gee, this is a crazy relationship. So, I would like to have the City Manager get this information on what is the total amount of work that was subbed out over the last year to independent contractor versus work that's done in-house.

MR. MUNOZ: I believe, Mr. Mayor, that I did, at one time that you were there, address the trustees, that I don't like subcontracting. This is the City, you buy supplies, you have the manpower. The City Public Service Board doesn't contract anything. I am not trying to put them out of business now, I am trying to create more jobs for the citizens that pay taxes, period.

MR. MORTON: Henry, let me say this. This is one area that I will disagree with you on, and I can give you specific example. Mr. Sueltenfuss and I sat in on a meeting last week, it was called by the Bexar County Independent Contractors and one of the utilities, and I won't say which one here in town, had given a figure for moving a piece of their system of \$2,000. A little pressure was put on them, saying this is ridiculous, cut it to a \$1,000. The independent contractor went out and did for a hundred and some odd dollars - the same thing.

MR. MUNOZ: We are talking about a different subject, because if you get.....

MR. MORTON: No, it's the same subject. Listen you know what empire building is, and let's face it, the more people you have working for you, the more you can command in salary as far as the top man is concerned. I am just saying that there are exceptions, but generally speaking, I think you will find utilities that have their own work crews for the same amount of work actually spend more money having that work done than when it is subbed out. If you would like to go down and get the records on this, I will be very happy.

MR. MUNOZ: Well, I have got my own records, too. You ask a private entrepreneur if he was to have 164 supervisors or 150 changos in the hole, you would be sitting there, you would be broke. You would be selling pencils for six cents and given a rebate of one cent. Thank you, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: Thank you, Henry.

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BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FRANCHISE

The following discussion took place:

MAYOR PRO-TEM JOSE SAN MARTIN: Are we finished with that, Mr. Mayor. Before we go into the matters submitted by the City Manager, Mr. Mayor, I would like to have the Council give me the courtesy of a couple of minutes on two items that I would like to bring up at this time. One of them is the letter that I sent to you and the members of the Council with respect to the franchise tax that the Bell Telephone Company is now paying the City of San Antonio.

I brought out some points which I think Mr. Carl White will help me discuss with you and my real request at this point is that perhaps the Council will be willing to turn this over to O'Brien and Gere people to give us the benefit of their thinking. However, before the Council makes up its mind as to whether they should pursue it, it should be pursued any further, I would like to ask Mr. White, if he is around, to bring out some points. One of them is that first of all I find that it is very difficult to understand why Dallas pays four percent franchise tax and San Antonio gets only two percent. We're supposed to be looking at a system that is supposed to play fair with everybody.

Now, the additional revenue that might be generated which amounts to about \$500,000 could probably be offset by some of the charges that Mr. White recommended. One of the reasons that we specifically picked on those service charges is that if it's my understanding, and I think Mr. Carl White would verify this, that those charges are less than the actual cost of the telephone company. In other words, the connection, a service connection charge of say \$25.00 is being subsidized to the extent of another \$25 or \$30 by the other rate payers. So, this is an area where perhaps additional revenue could be generated. Carl, would you please come up here and discuss some of the items that you and I discussed specifically as to the position of the service charges which could be increased and even if it were increased by the amount that you recommended, it still would be less than the actual cost to the telephone company, is that correct?

MR. CARL WHITE: Yes, sir, the telephone people, Jim Reed, is, - we've been in discussion with him several times on this one issue. They claim that their costs per call to go out and move a telephone or to install a telephone or make any kind of changes of that nature, their cost is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$65 per call. They are permitted to charge at the present time about \$15 and.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: All right. So the difference is subsidized by the rate payers.

MR. WHITE: Oh, yes, it has to be. It's covered in other areas, that's correct.

DR. SAN MARTIN: These service charges would probably occur under one type a one time only basis. In other words, it's not something that would be reflected every month.

MR. WHITE: Oh, no.

DR. SAN MARTIN: It's a one time only.....;

MR. WHITE: It's just an installation or changing.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Installation and if you don't.....

MR. WHITE: Changing the phone from one location to another and something like that.

DR. SAN MARTIN: So the difference right now is actually being subsidized by the basic rate, is that correct?

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'd ask the Mayor and the Council, if you have any questions at this time, I'd like to discuss this, but I think that these matters need to be brought out to our attention before we can make a final decision on it. Mr. Mayor, I really feel this belongs in the hands of O'Brien and Gere, at least for the time being unless - there's only one more thing I'd like to clarify and that is that the additional revenue, if we increase the franchise tax to three percent instead of two percent, which in Mr. White's opinion would be another half a million dollars, is that correct?

MR. WHITE: That's correct.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Could be either an additional source of revenue or it could be used by the Council to reduce the basic rates on the residential or business and this - so, I would like to say that this could be another source of cutting down on the overall rate increase.

MAYOR BECKER: Of course, anytime you increase the franchise tax money has to be cranked in the rate structure. It's just an inexorable fact of life.

DR. SAN MARTIN: But, it would in the direction of a service that is not being fully paid by the ones.....

MAYOR BECKER: It could be channeled.

DR. SAN MARTIN: It could be channeled and if Mr. White says that that the charge is \$15 and the actual cost is \$60?

MR. WHITE: It's \$65.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I think that's an inequity which I don't think the other rate payers should bear because if I want to change my telephone around every three or six months I think I ought to pay for that changing around. If I want one in the kitchen instead of the bathroom, I think I should pay the full cost for that.

MAYOR BECKER: I think as much as anything, Doctor, you have to get an analysis as to where this occurs, and you'll probably find that most of it probably occurs due to the fact of the large number of transient population we have in the City of San Antonio, the military and the civil service, the many people who are being transferred here and transferred out. We have about a 20 percent transient population in the City. So, I guess they'd have to analyze their records to see where most of this is occurring. That will give you a clue, you know, as to whether or not the charge of \$15 or whatever.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Even if that is correct, and I am not questioning the correctness of that statement, I still think that if somebody wants to change their telephone from their bedrooms to the kitchen or to some other place, and the cost of that service is \$65, I don't think that he should pay \$15, because the other \$50, they're going to have to come from the rate payers, see. And the added revenue could be used by this Council either way either for the general fund or just to reduce the overall rate.

MAYOR BECKER: I imagine the phones in your home have been changed.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: They've been changed around quite a bit. My wife likes one here and one there.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, I was going to say, I would imagine for all practical purposes.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: After awhile, you change furniture around you may have to change the telephone around. Yes, I agree. I think it's a survey that you should take.

MAYOR BECKER: You had one other.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: I would like to know what the feelings of the Council are so that we can instruct the City Manager to include it in their request of O'Brien and Gere. I don't know what the Council wants to do.

MAYOR BECKER: Do you care to make a motion?

DR. SAN MARTIN: I'll make the motion, Mr. Mayor, and I invite discussion be put in the hands of O'Brien and Gere.

MR. MORTON: Well, essentially what you're asking, Joe, is for rationale for the wide disparity between the franchise rate in one major city in Texas versus the rate in San Antonio.

DR. SAN MARTIN: That is correct and the possibility of shifting the service charges to relieve the other basic rate.

MAYOR BECKER: Any discussion. Call the roll.

AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Lacy, Morton, O'Connell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following discussion took place:

DR. SAN MARTIN: As a third item, there is a concern that I have with respect to our Energy Advisory Committee that we appointed, which I think is a very good committee. I think it has some excellent members in that Committee, and I think Mayor McAllister is going to try to do an outstanding job. I have some concerns though that it has become a very cumbersome and I think that the disadvantages that I see at this point is that we have two different problems. One of them is the energy problem which requires that we either find an additional supply of gas or perhaps a specific plan whereby we can solve our problem and the other one will address itself to the problem of finding a lifeline rate or a fund to help poor people pay. So, I think that perhaps the overall Committee is wasting valuable time and neglecting the most important part which is trying to find the solution to our problem. I would suggest that perhaps this Council either separate a section of that Committee or a small subcommittee and charge it with a specific job of trying to find a solution so that this Council and CPS can start looking at one or two specific plans of settling this thing.

We've just been dancing around too much and we're hung up on the question of whether the lawsuit should be settled or should be dismissed and this thing settled out of court. But until we have the specifics that we're just not going to be able to do anything, and I think this smaller committee will address itself to that and then be in the position to bring a plan which people could look at and, on the merits or demerits, either reach an agreement and dismiss the lawsuit at that point.

Now, I want to make it clear that our legal action should continue as if there were no hope of a settlement but once we have a plan, then at that point I think everybody should sit down and then study it. But, as I see it right now, Mr. Mayor, as far as this Council is concerned, we have never had a plan before us that we can even discuss. The only plan that ever came was a Tom Berg plan which was not approved by CPS 4 to 1, but it never got to us. So, I think that our energy problem will be solved when somebody brings a plan to the City with specific recommendations.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, they're working on both phases of that, Doctor. Mr. Guenther Krellwitz has a tentative plan for the partial assistance to the people who are unable to pay their bills. That's one subcommittee that was formed by Mayor McAllister. The other subcommittee that is dealing with the energy situation, per se, is headed by Mr. H. B. Zachry and they are making progress with some type of a plan that's being evolved for the type of discussion that they need and all that sort of thing. Something will be forthcoming on that. I would say probably next week or in two weeks at the very most.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Let me ask you, Mayor, do you feel that under the present setup, that it has not become a very cumbersome committee that would neglect what I feel is our most important item?

MAYOR BECKER: No, sir. I don't think it's become cumbersome, nor do I think it's neglected that subject, Dr. San Martin. It is, of course, having a difficult time arriving at what could be considered to be a finished product because of the mere fact that there is much negotiation involved and that's just one of the elements in anything like this. I can't criticize them for what they've done, no, at this point.

DR. SAN MARTIN: That is correct. I'm not criticizing for what they have done. I was just hoping that there would not be an angle where the overall problems of the whole Committee to the point where they might not get to this other as fast as I think they should.

MAYOR BECKER: Well, I think they're working on it and moving forward on all fronts.

MRS. LILA COCKRELL: Mr. Mayor, in connection with this subcommittee which is looking into possible solutions, settlement agreements or whatever, I had this one strong feeling that I would like to express and that is I would be extremely concerned if this Committee does not have the full advice of legal counsel. I think that the attorneys who are being retained by the City Public Service to represent them in the lawsuit and who have been involved in all of these matters must be available to consult and to advise the subcommittee because I really feel that it's improper to have anything negotiated without the full participation of the attorneys, and I would like to ask that that request be forwarded.

MAYOR BECKER: I will assure you, Mrs. Cockrell, that the attorneys will be given every opportunity to examine exactly what has transpired and what has taken place before it is ever presented beyond the subcommittee.

MR. LAUREL: Mr. Mayor, I came here as citizen Laurel to talk on a plan that I wanted to submit on the downtown question but since this question has been opened here, I have just been privileged.....

DR. SAN MARTIN: We're not quite ready for that.

MR. LAUREL: Oh, all right.

MAYOR BECKER: Can we do that when we come to the Citizens to be Heard portion of the meeting?

DR. SAN MARTIN: Ten minutes. Are you signed up?

MR. LAUREL: I'm signed up, but I just attended where there was an expert there on this question, and I took some notes that are relative to this conversation and we would like to see solutions and not so much in-fighting and from Washington and anywhere else. I think as citizens, we would like to come to some solution to this. We would like input through out officials. They are responsible and responsive and this is our concern from the silent majority. We are very, very pleased with the job you gentlemen have been doing. You've worked extensively and we realize this, but we think the time has come to quit all of this in-fighting and political fighting and get down to the sober, very serious question of resolving this problem.

MAYOR BECKER: I can assure you one thing, Mr. Laurel, and I presume that's your last name.

MR. LAUREL: Yes, sir.

MAYOR BECKER: That no one could agree with you any more than I do and I think the rest of the members of this Council share that same feeling. This thing has been dragged through the mud to the point where it is unrecognizable at this point and the Committee is doing its dead level best to provide a solution for this problem that up to this point has almost seemed hopeless and insurmountable by its nature.

MR. LAUREL: Well, Mr. Mayor, the reason that I stood up is I just heard in a legislative body in one of our neighboring states where they have an abundance of energy. They don't have the problem we have, but they had Dr. Harold Agnew who is the Director of Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and I took a bunch of notes here. He says there is no simple solution to this problem. He says there is no one way you can go. There are four avenues you can pursue and none of them can give you the panacea, we just hope. So, this is the reason I wanted to address the Council as a concerned citizen and people that I've been talking to, all we want is a solution to the problem, and we would like to see what they did out there. They invited the two senators, their two congressmen and the governing bodies of two cities and they got down to get down to the nitty gritty of this problem and resolve it. And take the politics out of it. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'll wait for the ten minutes.

MAYOR BECKER: Fine, sir. Thank you, Mr. Laurel. All right.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following discussion took place:

REVEREND CLAUDE W. BLACK: I would like to have a brief statement. Mr. Mayor, I think it was at the last session, I raised the issue of the matter of having discussed in our "B" session, the issue of conflict of interest. I raised this issue in connection with our Council because it was introduced to us by our citizens, and it is also personally one of my concerns because I think one of the great problems, one of the grave problems in this nation that we are facing is credibility of government. I think there's a serious national problem and you cannot read the paper over a week's period that you don't find somebody that has gotten into hot water of some kind because of the way in which these matters have been handled. I think if we can take a look at what we might do to establish or what this Council might do, whatever Council it is and what might be done in the agencies that serve this Council. I think we can strengthen the government in terms of strengthening the confidence that the citizens have in the decisions that are made by the government.

I would like to submit to each one of the Councilmen a proposed ordinance that I've asked the staff to review in terms of its potential, in terms of the relationship to the Charter and all, and I would like for the members of the Council to have a copy of

this so that you might have an opportunity to review it as well so that when it is discussed and brought by the staff, it will not be - it will not come to the staff simply as new material. So, I'd like you to hand out to each one of the members of the Council.

MR. W. J. O'CONNELL: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to call to the attention of the Council members that Shirl has given to us a copy of Houston's new ordinance which is in effect now in the City of Houston. I hope that we all will be given this too.

MAYOR BECKER: I can only say that there is and should be a sense of responsibility harking back to what Mr. Laurel was saying about this energy issue, harking back to charges of conflict of interest that have been I think indiscriminately thrown at Council members, members of boards, and various people who are attempting to serve the City of San Antonio in whatever capacity it might be. That there should be a sense of responsibility on the part of all those that point the finger and make these accusations to know, first of all, what they're talking about and to do it with authority, with accuracy and above all, with knowledge of what they're speaking of.

I can't help but say that we've suffered a loss, in my opinion, in the resignation of Dr. West from the City Public Service Board of Trustees, and the resignation of Mr. Al Padilla of the City Council here, a real serious loss to this City. It is my feeling that neither one of these gentlemen deserves the criticism that's been heaped upon them by many and all that have been involved. We cannot possibly ever extract the services of honest and dedicated people to the positions that we need them in if this sort of thing is going to continue. I've spent the better part of the last two days in conference with certain people in the City who are in a position to influence great majorities of people, great numbers of people, trying to point out that fact.

I would also like to say that anybody that continues to make charges of misconduct and allegations that they have so far been unable to prove about anybody's political activity with their source of political funds, campaign funds and so forth, should be given a time limit to either prove those charges or be quiet. I, for one, have been accused now by our Congressman Gonzalez for a period of almost two years of having accepted campaign funds from Coastal States, Lo-Vaca, Oscar Wyatt, et al. I have not in any way ever accepted any of these funds and I would only say to the Congressman that it is time he either put up or shut up as far as the proof is concerned as to whether my campaign funds came from Mr. Wyatt or any of these corporate directors or anybody connected with those companies or else cease and desist forever in his claims.

We are not ever going to make any progress in this City as long as this type of stuff continues. There is absolutely no way. We need people on these boards, and I regard Dr. West as the type of a person who has the ability to think constructively and if there ever was a time in the history of the City of San Antonio where we need people who can help, particularly with this energy crisis that has the capabilities of a man like Dr. West, is now. He is in oil and gas industry, he does know the problems, he knows what the business is all about and his assistance was invaluable while he was on the board. It's too bad that we were not able to progress any further than we did but partly the reason for that was due to the fact that it's awfully hard to make any headway in one direction when you have everybody pulling at you from another direction. The Committee, Dr. San Martin, I think is finally at long last hopefully making some type of progress in this respect.

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Last Saturday morning I read an editorial that absolutely took the roof off when it charged certain members of that Committee with being part of a conspiracy. Now, the conotation and the semantics of the word, conspiracy, denotes some type of nefarious, skullduggery, underhanded action and all that sort of thing. I can only point out that the members of the subcommittee and the members of the Committee do not deserve that type of accusation. They do not deserve to be dealt with in that manner. They do not deserve to be treated in that fashion. They're trying to perform a service and it was a darn poor choice of words.

DR. SAN MARTIN: Mr. Mayor, may I just clarify that the reason for bringing up this thing is that.....

MAYOR BECKER: I know what you are saying, Doctor.

DR. SAN MARTIN: I know, I just want to make absolutely sure that they do not become involved in other activities which would take their time away from giving their full energy to this period and if it's necessary we might have to separate it into separate committees.

REVEREND BLACK: Mr. Mayor, the only reason I insisted upon the City Council considering this is that I don't think you can come out of the kind of national trauma and then also the kind of state problems that we've had without finding that there is created a national climate that makes it extremely difficult for men of integrity, men who are capable of offering their talents and time, their insights to City government without coming up with some definite guidelines at a local level tha offer themselves as tools for rebuttal and tools for dealing with it. I do think that we are faced with a very serious problem throughout this nation where everybody believes or you've got a great number of people who believe that possibly the individual is only participating because he has some personal gains. I think we've got to try to deal with that problem and whether this is the way the way you want to deal with it we will go through the democratic system of discussing it and analyzing it, but I still believe that we've got the problem and that we've got to try and deal with it in some manner. It is scheduled for "B" Session next week. That is my understanding.

MAYOR BECKER: You know, Reverend, it may be that some of these people that are being accused of having some self-interest might be that their only self-interest is trying to help preserve the type of government that this country has enjoyed for almost 200 years and that is the democratic form of government. That could be their self-interest. That could be what they're guilty of but they'll never be given credit for that, of course.

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COMMON CAUSE

Mr. David Dewall, representing Common Cause, spoke to the Council of the need for a code of ethics and a disclosure statement for City Council members. He urged the Council to consider the ordinance which has been proposed by Common Cause.

MR. STEPIAN HARVASTY

Mr. Stephan Harvasty, representing Involved Texans, urged the Council to put its 14% share of the CPSB passthrough charge into a reserve account to be used to assist poor people in paying their utility bills.

MR. HENRY MUNOZ

Mr. Henry Munoz said that the City should appeal to the patriotism of contractors doing work for the City and then back it up with an ordinance requiring these contractors to employ only U. S. citizens. He said that the legal staff had been instructed some time ago to update the City Code as to the minimum wage requirement but nothing has been done.

After discussion of the matter, Mayor Becker requested that the City Attorney draft an ordinance which would require the employment of U. S. citizens by contractors doing business with the City.

MR. RAUL RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Raul Rodriguez said that he had read in the newspaper that Mr. Eloy Centeno, Trustee for the City Public Service Board, had suggested that the Energy Advisory Committee be dissolved. He argued against such action saying there is a great need for this committee and it should be made a permanent committee to look into many matters concerning the City government.

MR. KARL WURZ

Mr. Karl Wurz, 820 Florida, spoke concerning the Community Development funds. He said that two weeks ago he had requested a written list of proposed projects along with the name of the person or organization originating the request. To date, this information has not been provided. He then spoke in opposition to the Urban Renewal Agency and Mr. Martin, the Executive Director of the agency.

Mayor Becker instructed staff to provide Mr. Wurz with the information he had requested.

HILDEBRAND AVENUE

Miss Elaine Barger and Mr. John Haradon, representatives of the Incarnate Word Student Government Association, read a prepared statement pointing out the extremely hazardous condition of Hildebrand

Avenue between Broadway and Devine Road and calling attention to the numerous fatal accidents. They requested that the City take steps immediately to remedy the slippery surface and to widen the bridge at the river. They also suggested that warning signs be erected to slow traffic. (A copy of the statement is included with the papers of this meeting.) Miss Barger submitted signatures of persons who wish to see these improvements made.

Mrs. Cockrell said that Mrs. Dominguez had brought this situation to the Council's attention some weeks back and staff had been asked to make a report. She asked Mr. Fischer to comment.

Mr. Stewart Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, said that he had recommended these improvements for the 1970 Bond issue but this project had not been included and, therefore, no funds are available at this time. He explained that the street is scheduled to be resurfaced in about a month which will reduce skidding. The entire route needs to be widened and the bridge need to be replaced. He cited the problems involved in acquiring the necessary right of way. He said that he is very familiar with the problems and agreed that improvements are badly needed.

Mrs. Cockrell said that she felt that this project should have the very highest priority because of its danger to human life - there have been entirely too many fatalities. She asked the staff to furnish the Council cost figures for adequate replacement of the route and then the Council could attempt to find funds to do the job.

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MRS. RONDA PEARSON

Mrs. Ronda Pearson spoke of the high cost of utility bills and property taxes. She asked that the City furnish a list of assessed valuations and taxes paid by the large apartment complexes and malls in the City. She also asked why the Policemen's hospital insurance was changed from Blue Cross to another insurance company.

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MR. ARMOND LAUREL

Mr. Armond Laurel, 115 Hiler Road, said that he and his friends were very pleased with the job done by the present Council. He then spoke of an energy meeting he recently attended in New Mexico and the comments of Dr. Harold Agnew on the energy question. He said it was time to restore responsibility and respect to members of the City Council. He suggested that responsible people - senators, congressmen, experts, be invited to meet with the Council to discuss solutions with politics left out.

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MRS. HELEN R. WALTER

Mrs. Helen R. Walter, 5286 Round Table Drive, spoke of the events which took place in the City Clerk's Office two years ago on the last day for filing for a place on the ballot of the general election. She asked that the rules be made clear and said she was pleased at the decisions in this regard made earlier in this meeting.

City Clerk Jake Inselmann said that he will have people control - Fire Marshal and Police officers - available and if the office becomes too crowded, those persons who are not candidates may be required

to leave the second floor. The City Clerk's clock will be official. He said that a notary public will be available in the hallway. Candidates will be required to submit their filing papers complete and in order. The Clerk's personnel will not assist in completing the papers this year.

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MR. G. L. SMITH, JR.

Mr. G. L. Smith, Jr., 114 Surfrider, spoke representing his mother, Mrs. Dora Hediger, 3118 Linda Kay. He said that on November 20, 1974 he had taken out a building permit to add rooms on to the house. He also got a temporary permit for a mobile home to be located there during construction. Subsequently, Mr. Smith's father died and no construction has been started. The building permit expires today. He had applied for an extension yesterday but had been denied an extension on the mobile home permit. He asked that the Council grant an extension of 180 days.

Mr. George Vann, Director of Building and Planning Administration, said that the rule is that a mobile home can be placed in a residential area pending construction. This was done but no construction has even been started. Neighbors are complaining and accusing the City of allowing people to live in the mobile home and in the house. Mr. Smith has not given a definite date for construction and, therefore, the extension was denied.

After discussion Dr. San Martin moved that Mr. Smith be granted a 90 day extension on his permit. The motion was seconded by Reverend Black and on the following roll call vote was passed and approved: AYES: Becker, San Martin, Black, Lacy; ABSENT: Morton, O'Connell, Cockrell.

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MR. CONNIE TRUSS

Mr. Connie Truss, AFL-CIO Labor Council President, recalled that about 6 months ago he had protected the construction wage rates being used by the City for its public works contracts. At that time, he had been told the matter would be resolved in about four weeks. Nothing has been done. He said that he is receiving pressure from his members and contractors and asked the Council to settle the matter now.

Mayor Becker cautioned that an increase in wage rates might price union laborers out of the local market. He recommended that the union seriously consider whether or not they were asking for a proper hourly figure considering the present condition of the building industry.

Mr. Truss asked the Council to give this matter their consideration.

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HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM
NUTRITION PROGRAM

Mr. Ernesto Gomez, Executive Director of El Centro Del Barrio, Inc., said that he wished to report to the Council on the first six months operation of the Human Services Program and Nutrition Program which were funded by the City Council through revenue sharing funds. Mr. Gomez distributed copies of printed reports documenting the programs and reciting their accomplishments. (Copies of these reports are on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Gomez and Miss Yolanda Santos then had a colored slide presentation which was shown to the Council and showed some of the activities taking place and the facilities being used. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Gomez thanked the Council for their support and said he would give a final report at the end of the year.

Mayor Becker thanked Mr. Gomez for his presentation and congratulated him on his accomplishments.

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75-10 The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 P. M., and reconvened at 2:10 P. M.
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A. CASE 5928 - to rezone a 0.266 acre tract of land out of NCB 11260, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, 7336 New Laredo Highway, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located southeast of the intersection of New Laredo Highway and Masters Avenue, having 135' on New Laredo Highway and 30' on Masters Avenue.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the south property line. Mrs. Cockrell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,933

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS A 0.266 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 11260, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 7336 NEW LAREDO HIGHWAY, FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE.

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B. CASE 5924 - to rezone Tract A, NCB 751, 730 W. Cypress Street, from "D" Apartment District to "B-3" Business District, located on the south side of W. Cypress Street, being 126' east of the intersection of N. Flores Street and W. Cypress Street, having 42.3' on W. Cypress Street and a maximum depth of 110'.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 44,934

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS TRACT A, NCB 751 730 W. CYPRESS STREET, FROM "D" APARTMENT DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE SOUTH PROPERTY LINE.

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C. CASE 5930 - to rezone Lots 20 and 21, Block 9, NCB 3184, 2603 Steves Avenue, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-1" Business District, located northeast of the intersection of Steves Avenue and Clark Avenue, having 50' on Steves Avenue and 117' on Clark Avenue.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Morton made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the north and east property lines. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: San Martin; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,935

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 20 AND 21, BLOCK 9, NCB 3184, 2603 STEVES AVENUE FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-1" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE NORTH AND EAST PROPERTY LINES.

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D. CASE 5926 - to rezone the southwest 100' of Parcel 11, NCB 16587, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District; and Parcels 11 and 12, save and except the southwest 100' of Parcel 11, NCB 16587, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District.

The "B-2" zoning being located on the southeast side of Nacogdoches Road, being approximately 2,244.1' southwest of F.M. 1604, having 100' on Nacogdoches Road with a depth of 250'.

The "B-3" zoning being located on the southeast side of Nacogdoches Road, being 1847.2' southwest of F. M. 1604, having 396.9' on Nacogdoches Road with a maximum depth of 250'.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 44,936

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE
THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION
AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY
DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE SOUTHWEST 100'
OF PARCEL 11, NCB 16587, FROM TEMPORARY
"R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT
TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND PARCELS
11 AND 12, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE SOUTHWEST
100' OF PARCEL 11, NCB 16587, FROM TEM-
PORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT,
PROVIDED THAT PROPER PLATTING IS ACCOM-
PLISHED.

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E. CASE 5933 - to rezone the southeast 250' of Parcel 4, NCB 16583, being that portion presently inside the City limits, 6300 Block of Nacogdoches Road, from Temporary "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located northeast of the intersection of Stahl Road and Nacogdoches Road, having 1238' on Nacogdoches Road 215' on Stahl Road and 50' on the cutback between these two roads.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 44,937

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE
THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE
ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION

AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE SOUTHEAST 250' OF PARCEL 4, NCB 16583, BEING THAT PORTION PRESENTLY INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, 6300 BLOCK OF NACOGDOCHES ROAD, FROM TEMPORARY "R-1" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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F. CASE 5927 - to rezone an 11.618 acre tract of land out of NCB 13667, being further described by field notes filed in the office of the City Clerk, from "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District to "B-3" Business District, located 2000' west of Fredericksburg Road and 660' north of Hamilton-Wolfe Road, being 1,083' in length and 662' in width.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 44,938

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS AN 11.618 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF NCB 13667, BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED BY FIELD NOTES FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, FROM "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-3" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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G. CASE 5754 - to rezone Lots 13 and 14, Block 79, NCB 7979 1321 Southcross Blvd., from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located northeast of the intersection of Kyle Street and Southcross Blvd., having 125' on Kyle Street and 50' on Southcross Blvd.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Morton made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished and that a six foot solid screen fence is erected on the north and east property lines. Mr. O'Connell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: San Martin; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,939

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 79, NCB 7979, 1321 SOUTHCROSS BLVD., FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED AND THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ON THE NORTH AND EAST PROPERTY LINES.

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H. CASE 5873 - to rezone the remaining portion of Lot 24, NCB 7530, 2800 Block of General Hudnell Drive, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located on the northwest side of General Hudnell Drive, being northeast 171.78' from the intersection of Croyden Avenue and General Hudnell Drive, having 80' on General Hudnell Drive and a depth of 156.30'.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

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

AN ORDINANCE 44,940

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS THE REMAINING PORTION OF LOT 24, NCB 7530, 2800 BLOCK OF GENERAL HUDNELL DRIVE, FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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I. CASE 5856 - to rezone Lots 30, 35 and 36, Block 3, NCB 6617, 1715 N. Trinity Street, from "B" Two Family Residential District to "B-2" Business District, located between Trinity Street and McAllister Street being 110' south of the intersection of McAllister Street and Tiner Avenue, 120' south of the intersection of Trinity Street and Tiner Avenue, having 60' on Trinity Street, 110' on McAllister Street and a distance of 225' between these two streets.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Dr. San Martin made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished. Rev. Black seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, O'Connell; NAYS: Morton; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,941

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOTS 30, 35 AND 36, BLOCK 3, NCB 6617, 1715 N. TRINITY STREET, FROM "B" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO "B-2" BUSINESS DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

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J. CASE 5936 - to rezone Lot 38, Block A, NCB 11529, 200 Block of Broadview Drive, from "A" Single Family Residential District to "R-3" Multiple Family Residential District, located north of the intersection of Broadview Drive and Oakwood Drive, having 460' on Broadview Drive and 60' on Oakwood Drive.

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

No one spoke in opposition.

After consideration, Mr. Morton made a motion that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be approved, provided that proper replatting is accomplished, that a six foot solid screen fence is erected adjacent to the single family residences to the south and that a 65' building setback line is imposed along the southeast property line on Broadview Drive. Mrs. Cockrell seconded the motion. On roll call, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,942

AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS LOT 38, BLOCK A,

NCB 11529, 200 BLOCK OF BROADVIEW DRIVE,
FROM "A" SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DIS-
TRICT TO "R-3" MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT, PROVIDED THAT PROPER REPLATTING
IS ACCOMPLISHED, THAT A SIX FOOT SOLID
SCREEN FENCE IS ERECTED ADJACENT TO THE
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES TO THE SOUTH
AND THAT A 65' BUILDING SETBACK LINE
IS IMPOSED ALONG THE SOUTHEAST PROPERTY
LINE ON BROADVIEW DRIVE.

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AMENDMENTS TO ZONING CODE

Mr. Gene Camargo, Planning Administrator, said that several amendments to the Zoning Code were discussed with the Planning Commission at its meeting this week at which time the Commission agreed on those they wish to implement. A draft ordinance is being prepared for circulation to all City departments for comment after which a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission and then will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

75-10 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart C. Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. O'Connell, seconded by Mr. Morton, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,943

AMENDING CHAPTER 38 (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)
OF THE CITY CODE; DESIGNATING ONE-WAY
STREETS; DESIGNATING STOP SIGN LOCATIONS;
DESIGNATING YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY SIGN
LOCATIONS; SETTING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS
ON CERTAIN STREETS; ESTABLISHING PARKING
METER ZONES; PROHIBITING PARKING AT ALL
TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS; PROHIBITING
STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING DURING
DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS;
PROHIBITING RIGHT TURN ON RED LIGHT AT
CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS; AND PROVIDING THAT
VIOLATIONS HEREBY BE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE
OF NOT LESS THAN \$1.00 NOR MORE THAN \$200.00.

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75-10 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-10-12

SELECTING FEDERAL AID URBAN SYSTEM
PROJECTS AND REQUESTING TEXAS HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION.

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The Resolution was explained by Mr. Stewart C. Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, who distributed copies of an analysis of the cost situation with regard to street improvement projects. Included in the list of projects are the remaining projects from the 1970 bond program. The 36th Street project is left over from the 1964 bond issue awaiting completion of a drainage project. He then went over a comparison of the original cost estimates and the revised cost estimates on the projects.

After a review of all of the projects, Mr. Fischer stated that he had arrived at a recommendation for use of second and third year Urban Systems funds. There is a total of about \$7.5 million available out of these funds. The recent release of \$2 billion in Highway funds may change this but that is not known presently. He recommended completion of bond issue projects that meet the requirements.

1. 36th Street from Castroville Road to Culebra Road.
2. Coliseum Road from I. H. 35 to East Houston Street.
3. Pleasanton Road from Pyron to I. H. 410.
4. Energy Conservation Program (car pooling)
5. Safety overlay for streets.
6. To be selected.

Mr. Fischer outlined five other projects for the Council to consider in this priority list. Among these projects would be the use of some of these funds for the purchase of buses for the Transit System.

Mrs. Cockrell stated that in considering the Transit System's comments about Urban System funds she wondered just what risk the Council would be running if funds for the Transit System were not included. She also said that it had been suggested that the Transit Board approach the suburban cities for possible utilization of some of their Urban Systems money to help the Transit System.

Mr. Tom Fuller, Assistant General Manager of the Transit System, was present and explained that over the next two years the System will require \$13 million just for replacement of worn out equipment. He reviewed the situation regarding the use of Urban Systems funds and said they could be used to buy new buses.

The entire matter was discussed at length by the Council which in the end agreed on the following order of priorities:

1. 36th Street, from U. S. Hwy. 90 to Culebra Road.
2. Coliseum Road, from I. H. 35 to East Houston Street.
3. Pleasanton Road, from Pyron to I. H. 410.
4. Safety and Street Improvement Overlay.
5. Energy Conservation Program.

6. Perrin Beitel Road Improvements.
7. Fredericksburg Road, from Wurzbach to I. H. 10.
8. Replacement of buses.

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After consideration, on motion of Mrs. Cockrell, seconded by Dr. San Martin, the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSTAIN: Morton; ABSENT: Lacy.

The Council discussed the matter of approaching the suburban cities regarding their use of Urban Systems funds. Dr. San Martin said that he felt that probably the proper forum for such a discussion might be the Bexar County Conference of Mayors where the mayors seem more cooperative with the City of San Antonio.

Mr. Morton asked Mr. Fuller to provide the staff with figures showing the amount properly owed by the suburban cities based on mileage for operating deficit and capital expenditures for the Transit System. These figures should be given to the City Manager who will give them to the Council.

75-10 The following Resolution was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Stewart C. Fischer, Director of Traffic and Transportation, and after consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

A RESOLUTION
NO. 75-10-13

DESIGNATING THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,
ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE TRANSIT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SAN ANTONIO, AS
RECIPIENT TO ACCEPT AND DISPENSE
FUNDS UNDER THE FEDERAL URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1974.

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75-10 Item No. 4 of the agenda being a proposed ordinance agreeing to a reduction in the amount of a grant previously awarded by the Governor's Office of Traffic Safety was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the City Manager.

75-10 The following Ordinance was read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. George Bichsel, Traffic Safety Coordinator, and after consideration, on motion of Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. O'Connell, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,944

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$6,642.08 FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY AS APPROXIMATELY 50% OF THE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED, "SAFETY OFFICER-SECONDARY SCHOOLS," AND APPROVING A BUDGET.

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75-10 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: San Martin, Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,945

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 44798 BY ACCEPTING A \$1,648,000.00 INCREASE IN GRANT FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MANPOWER ADMINISTRATION, UNDER TITLE IV OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACT OF 1973; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS THEREFOR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND APPROVING REVISED BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,946

AMENDING SECTION 38-42 OF THE CITY TRAFFIC CODE SO AS TO INDICATE THAT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS MAY BE WOMEN OR MEN.

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75-10 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. M. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the San Antonio Development Agency, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, San Martin, Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,947

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF PARCEL NO. L-a-1, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 28,854 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED WITHIN THE VISTA VERDE PROJECT, TEX. R-109, TO A.B.C. RUG WORKS, INC., FOR THE SUM OF \$24,500.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,948

APPROVING THE PRICE AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF 1.2381 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, TEX. A-8 TO THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$27,500.00.

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75-10 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Members of the Administrative Staff, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Cockrell, Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,949

CONTINUING THE AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR HEALTH AND LIBRARY SERVICES THROUGH 1975, AND AMENDING THE COST SHARING ESTIMATES.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,950

AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE YOUTH SERVICES PROJECT--JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS, EAST SIDE AND WEST SIDE OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,951

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF ELMORE & SONS MOVING & STORAGE CO., INC., TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH THE TRANSPORTATION OF VOTING MACHINES FOR THE CITY ELECTION AT A PRICE OF \$17.40 PER MACHINE, LESS 2% - 10 DAYS.

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75-10 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,952

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,644.30 TO CRUMRINE, INC., TO FURNISH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH PRINTING OF ELECTION SUPPLIES FOR THE APRIL 1, 1975 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Archie Titzman, Assistant Director of Purchasing, who said that this covers professional services to be rendered by Crumrine Printing Company including printing of the ballots to be used in the voting machines. He explained that this is a single source of supply locally. There is another company in Dallas that does this type of work.

Dr. San Martin stated that this item should have been put out for bids in any event in order to abide by the City Charter. It is a matter of principal which should be adhered to even if there would be only one bid.

Mr. O'Connell suggested that today's conversation be noted and the future bids be invited.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Rev. Black, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Black, Lacy.

75-10 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and explained by Mr. Archie Titzman, Assistant Director of Purchasing, and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,953

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF
HOBBS TRAILERS AND COMMERCIAL BODY
CORP. TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN
ANTONIO WITH STAKE AND UTILITY
BODIES FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$19,039.29.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,954

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID OF
PRODUCTION AUTOMATION SYSTEMS TO
FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
WITH PLAYGROUND PARK SHELTERS FOR
\$9,288.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 44,955

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN
MICROFILMS FROM THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,000.00.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 44,956

ACCEPTING THE HIGH QUALIFIED BID OF SAN ANTONIO SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION TO FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WITH A FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION AT ALVA JO FISCHER BALL DIAMOND COMPLEX IN LADY BIRD JOHNSON PARK ON A CONTRACT BASIS, FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS ENDING JANUARY 31, 1978.

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The Ordinance was explained by Mr. Archie Titzman, Assistant Director of Purchasing, who said that two bids were received on this Concession and the high bid was submittee by Alamo Concessions, Inc., who subsequently requested that their bid be withdrawn in favor of the San Antonio Softball Association. Mr. Titzman recommended that the withdrawal of Alamo's bid be accepted and the award be made to the San Antonio Softball Association. The contract contains the normal specifications for quality and quantity of food and drink.

After consideration, on motion of Dr. San Martin, seconded by Mrs. Cockrell, the Ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

75-10 The following Ordinances were read by the Clerk and after consideration, on motion made and duly seconded, were each passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

AN ORDINANCE 44,957

APPOINTING DR. ROBERT L. M. HILLIARD TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY. (FOR AN INDEFINITE TERM)

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AN ORDINANCE 44,958

APPOINTING MR. CONRAD J. TRUSS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENERGY FOR AN INDEFINITE TERM.

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PROVIDING FOR CITY MANAGER'S SUBSTITUTE

Councilman Morton stated that recently when the City Manager was disabled there was some confusion about who would be next in line to take his place as administrator for the City of San Antonio. The ordinance which was in effect apparently was in conflict with the Manager's preference. He asked that at the next meeting of the Council

an ordinance be considered which will be more in compliance with the wishes of the City Manager. He put this request in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Dr. San Martin and was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

Dr. San Martin stated that he felt that Mr. Cipriano Guerra has done an excellent job of keeping the business of the City moving in the absence of the City Manager. There has been good cooperation in this endeavor.

75-10

CITY MANAGER SAM GRANATA

Mr. Cipriano Guerra advised the Council that Mr. Granata has resumed his duties as City Manager although on a rather limited basis at the present time.

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Mr. Cipriano Guerra reminded the Council that there is a special meeting on February 21, 1975 to continue consideration of the Community Development budget. It was also pointed out by Mrs. Cockrell that the Council should visit the arsenal property to inspect the buildings there.

Mr. Morton stated that he could be present early in the morning but would have to leave by 10:30. After discussion of the situation it was agreed that the Council would meet Wednesday, February 26, 1975, at 9:00 A. M.

At this point, Mayor Becker outlined in general terms his idea of setting aside about \$5 million of the Community Development funds to be used as a fund to guarantee loans to the poor for home improvements to improve insulation, et cetera in an effort to reduce the utility bills. He said that this is the subject that he wished discussed at next week's special meeting.

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ALVIN G. PADILLA, JR.

City Clerk J. H. Inselmann stated that he had received a letter from Councilman Alvin G. Padilla, Jr., dated February 17, 1975, in which he tendered his immediate resignation from his position on the City Council.

Mayor Becker said: "I'm sorry that that has happened, of course. I personally valued Al as a very fine person and a very fine City Councilman. He is a man of courage and spoke his mind and wasn't afraid to stick his neck out. I, for one, am sorry he is gone. I think everyone on the Council feels that way."

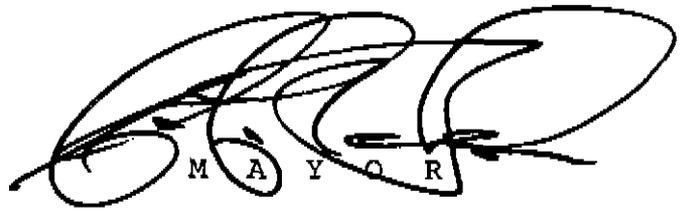
Dr. San Martin moved that the record reflect the regrets of the City Council in accepting his resignation according to his wishes and that the statement of appreciation be included in the minutes of this meeting. The motion was seconded by Reverend Black and was passed and approved by the following roll call vote; AYES: Cockrell, San Martin, Becker, Black, Morton, O'Connell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Lacy.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Reverend Black stated that there is an executive session scheduled following this meeting. He suggested that the Council consider the matter of filling the two vacancies which exist on the Council.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

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Charles L. Becker

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

