

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**A BUDGET WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WERE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007**

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Budget Work Session at 3:00 pm, Wednesday, **September 12, 2007**, in the B Room with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger.

**Item 1. CITY STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET, FOCUSING ON ENHANCEMENTS TO IDENTIFIED CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ENHANCEMENTS**
- B. AIRPORT SERVICES**
- C. 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT PLAN**
- D. POTENTIAL BUDGET AMENDMENTS REVIEW**

Mr. Mark Webb presented an overview of the Airport Budget for FY 2008 totaling \$59,707,455. He highlighted changes to the budget noting the addition of positions due to completion of the new SAIA 5-level parking Garage, Operational and Customer Service Enhancements, and Facility Capital Improvement Projects. He noted that \$33K would be used for a system which would perform Digital License Plate Inventory. He also mentioned the Air Service Incentive Program to fund advertising reimbursement for new non-stop domestic service and new non-stop international service on un-served "target" routes.

Mr. Peter Zanoni provided an overview of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT). This revenue helps fund the City's convention, tourism, and arts and cultural related activities. Departments financed by the HOT include: Convention, Sports and Entertainment Facilities (CSEF), Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), Cultural Affairs, and International Affairs. In HOT Reserves, \$1M has been added to the Facility Renewal, Improvement and Contingency Fund, while \$6.3M has been programmed in the Six-Year Capital Improvement Budget. Mr. Zanoni highlighted program enhancements of \$892K to the Office of Cultural Affairs. The majority of this funding will be used for a Deferred Maintenance Program, addressing maintenance and capital improvement needs of art and cultural agencies in city and non-city owned facilities. Mr. Michael Sawaya reported that in the CSEF Department, program enhancements include a pricing study, labor analysis, additional training and support for a total budget of \$31,796,723. Mr. Scott White addressed the CVB budget amounting to \$19,231,081 which includes funding for new Destination Marketing Programs, a Marketing Reserve for Destination SA, and an Expanded Sales Program. The CVB will also contribute to the Air Incentive Program in conjunction with the Aviation Department.

Ms. Jelynn Burley presented an overview on the Infrastructure Management Program (IMP). This program identifies projects and develops schedules in Street Maintenance, Drainage Maintenance, Sidewalks, and Traffic Signals. As part of the annual budget process, funding for the current year will

be appropriated and an additional year of the plan will be added for an approximate total of \$200 million over a five-year period. Ms. Burley reviewed the project selection criteria for each of the four programs. Councilmember Galvan asked about alley maintenance. Ms. Sheryl Sculley suggested that it be added to the IMP and all Councilmembers agreed. Councilmember McNeil stated her concerns in fixing streets in good condition prior to those in bad condition. Councilmember Clamp wanted assurance that projects for 2008 and 2009 are on track. Councilmember Cibrian wanted explained that the sidewalk issue on DeZavala be considered prior to 2011. Councilmember Herrera asked to consider a change order to the HUD 108 Projects to a 2-year bid. Councilmember Wolff agreed with street maintenance of older streets and thanked staff for their great work on the 2-year plan. Mayor Hardberger acknowledged the importance and significance of the IMP.

A short discussion ensued in regard to the FY 2008 Budget Amendments. Several Councilmembers stated they did not want to take funding from the FY 2009 Reserves. Mayor Hardberger suggested that each Councilmember discuss their priorities directly with the City Manager prior to the Regular City Council Meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hardberger adjourned at meeting at 5:25 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **September 13, 2007** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Bill Tucker, Concordia Lutheran Church, Guest of Councilmember Kevin Wolff, District 9.

Mayor Hardberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger.

### **MINUTES**

Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve minutes of the August 16, 21, and 22, 2007 City Council Meetings. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

### **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

#### **2007-09-13-0969**

Item 4. AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008; APPROVING THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FY 2008-FY 2012 5-YEAR INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT PLAN; APPROVING THE FY 2008-FY 2013 6-YEAR

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AMENDING RELATED ORDINANCES.**

City Manager Sheryl Sculley began the presentation by referencing amendments to the FY 2008 Budget. She stated that in the General Fund, the recommendation was to include additional funds for Workforce Development, San Antonio Police Officers, Early Childhood Education, San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative (SATAI), Alley Maintenance Program, and the Summer Youth Employment Program totaling \$2,425,000. She then provided a brief overview of the amendments to the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund, Environmental Services Fund, and Development and Planning Services Fund totaling approximately \$2,000,000. She noted that the City would be setting aside \$1,590,000 to assist senior citizens, disabled persons, and low-income families with the \$2.00 Solid Waste Fee increase. In Development Services, she recommended adjustments to various revenues which had not been changed in five to ten years. In the Six Year Capital Improvements Plan, amendments included the acceleration of three projects in the 2007-2012 Bond Program, and the addition and reduction of various projects with \$0 net impact to the budget.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked City Manager Sculley, Peter Zanoni, Director of Management and Budget, as well as his entire staff, for their hard work on this year's budget.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to adopt the Ordinance approving the proposed budget as presented by City Manager Sculley. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The following citizens appeared to speak:

Ms. Carri Baker Wells, Chairman of the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Public Affairs, spoke in support of adopting the City's Annual Budget. She stated that the additions presented by the City Manager have a significant impact, not only for this budget but in next five years to come. Ms. Wells stated that during the budget process it is important to remain fiscally responsible and commit to only those expenditures that the current tax structure can afford.

Ms. Mari Garza Bird, Chairman of the Hispanic San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Budget Task Force, stated that the Hispanic Chamber was pleased that two positions had been budgeted for Economic Development to manage Small and Minority Business Procurement for all Bond Projects. Ms. Bird stated that the Hispanic Chamber will continue to be a resource to the Economic Development Department. She also noted that the Budget was well-researched, fiscally sound, and took the City's needs into account.

Mr. Teddy Stewart, President of the San Antonio Police Officers Association, thanked the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager for the consideration that the San Antonio Police Department had been given. He thanked Police Chief McManus for working with the Union concerning the annual budget. Mr. Stewart stated that as the City grows it is important for the Police Department to also continue to grow.

Mr. Glen Alan Graham addressed the Council and stated that his only means of transportation was Public Transportation and that VIA provides good services. He reported that the sidewalks along his bus route were in disrepair and in need of attention. Mr. Graham mentioned that the sidewalks along Vandiver and Austin Highway have big gaps and stretches of missing sidewalk. He stated that the posted speed limit was 30 miles per hour; however, most people speed down Austin Highway, creating a safety hazard for those who rely on public transportation, especially when there are no sidewalks.

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk read a written testimony from George Britton, Chairman of the Joint City-County Commission of Elderly Affairs. He stated that the City-County Commission on Elderly Affairs was established in 2002 to be an advisory board to both the City Council and Bexar County Commissioners Court on issues impacting seniors. He stated that the proposed FY 2008 budget included increases in solid waste and storm water fees and that the Joint Commission respectfully requested that seniors be protected from increased fees. Mr. Britton noted that many seniors live on low, fixed incomes and cannot afford fee increases.

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk read a written testimony from Faris Hodge Jr. He wrote that lowering taxes will not work because the City continues to annex more land and that costs taxpayers a lot of money. He stated that the City pays high wages to the Police and Fire Departments and that the City gives businesses like Toyota a tax break and that is why the City cannot save money. Mr. Hodge stated that the City and the County should combine their police forces to save money. Lastly, he noted that school taxes should be lowered if the City is seriously considering reducing taxes.

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk read a second written testimony from Faris Hodge Jr. He stated that San Antonio businesses were not paying taxes properly. He stated that he understands the City wants more business in San Antonio; however, everyone should pay their share of taxes. He mentioned that the City should not be selective on who pays taxes. He stated it is wrong when individuals do not pay taxes and should pay fines or go to jail.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2007-09-13-0970**

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2008 BUDGET THAT WILL REQUIRE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN IN THE FY 2007 BUDGET.

Councilmember McNeil moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

Item 6. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE TAX RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2007:

**2007-09-13-0971**

Item 6 A. AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AT 36.080 CENTS PER \$100.00 OF TAXABLE VALUATION FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2007, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2007; AND CONTAINING STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 26.05 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE, AS AMENDED.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the City Manager's Proposed Budget and the City Council's Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008 which rolls back the City's total tax rate by 0.6 cents. The Budget also includes improved levels of Basic City Services and Programs. To that end, she moved that property taxes be increased by the adoption of the Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate of 36.080 cents per \$100.00 of taxable valuation. Councilmember Wolff seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** Gutierrez. **ABSENT:** None.

**2007-09-13-0972**

Item 6B. AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE FUNDED DEBT OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AT 21.150 CENTS PER \$100.00 OF TAXABLE VALUATION FOR THE TAX YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2007, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2007; AND CONTAINING STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY SECTION 26.05 OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE, AS AMENDED.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the City Manager's Proposed Budget and the City Council's Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008 which rolls back the City's total tax rate by 0.6 cents. The Budget also includes improved levels of Basic City Services and Programs. To that end, she moved that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a Debt Service Tax Rate of 21.150 cents per \$100.00 of taxable valuation. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** Gutierrez. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2007-09-13-0973A-Q**

Item 7. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING NEW FEES AND AMENDING OR REPEALING EXISTING FEES WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND, SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE A) CITY CLERK, B) COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, C&D) DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS, E) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, F) FIRE, G) HEALTH, H) LIBRARY, AND I) PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS; AND WITHIN THE J) AIRPORT FUND, K) COMMUNITY & VISITOR FACILITIES FUND, L) DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING SERVICES FUND, M) ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FUND, N) FACILITIES SERVICES IMPROVEMENT & CONTINGENCY FUND, O) OTTO KOEHLER FUND, P) RECREATION ATHLETIC FUND, AND Q) SAN JOSE BURIAL FUND; AND AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT SUCH CHANGES.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Ordinances 7A – 7Q. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA: Items 8-20E**

Councilmember Gutierrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 8-20E. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

Ms. Elyzabeth Earnley of AGUA encouraged the Council to approve Item 11 on the Consent Agenda. She stated that by approving Item 11, funding will secure sections of the Edwards Protection Properties and pay for endangered species surveying of 350 acres of Edwards Aquifer Protection Properties.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, McNeil, Gutierrez, Cortez, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Galvan.

**2007-09-13-0974**

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID FROM SHOOK MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH A PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT VEHICLE FOR A COST OF \$595,106.00, FROM URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS.

**2007-09-13-0975**

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID FROM MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH FIRE HOSE FOR A COST OF \$41,256.46.

**2007-09-13-0976**

Item 10A. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FROM SHOOK MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ONE SEMI-TRACTOR PRIME MOVER FOR A COST OF \$318,597.00, FROM URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS.

**2007-09-13-0977**

Item 10B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER FROM SHOOK MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH ENHANCEMENTS TO ITS MOBILE COMMAND TRAILER FOR A COST OF \$122,077.00, FROM URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT FUNDS.

**2007-09-13-0978**

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$689,000.00 TO PAY FOR SECURING SECTIONS OF THE EDWARDS PROTECTION PROPERTIES LOCATED IN DISTRICTS 6 AND 8, AND APPROVING A \$30,000.00 AGREEMENT WITH THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TO CONDUCT AN ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY OF 350 ACRES OF EDWARDS AQUIFER PROTECTION PROPERTY, BOTH APPROVED PROPOSITION 3 EDWARDS AQUIFER RECHARGE ZONE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM PROJECTS.

**2007-09-13-0979**

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$2,117,571.08 TO INCLUDE AWARDDING A \$1,950,000.00 CONTRACT WITH G G & G GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. TO CONSTRUCT A TRAIL FROM HUEBNER ROAD TO BLANCO ROAD ALONG WITH PARKING, TRAILHEAD, AND KIOSK AS PART OF THE SALADO CREEK GREENWAY NORTH SEGMENT (HUEBNER ROAD TO BLANCO ROAD)

PROJECT IN DISTRICTS 8 AND 9, A PARK BOND FUND AND 2005 PROPOSITION 2 PARKS DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION VENUE PROJECT SALES TAX INITIATIVE FUNDED PROJECT.

**2007-09-13-0980**

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (NEISD) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STONE OAK PARKWAY FROM U.S. HIGHWAY 281 TO BULVERDE ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 9, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$1,490,000.00 TO NEISD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

**2007-09-13-0981**

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BULVERDE: EVANS TO MARSHALL ROAD PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 9, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$306,000.00 TO BEXAR COUNTY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

**2007-09-13-0982**

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RELEASE BACK TO TXDOT THE PARKING AREA UNDER I-37 IN THE AREA BETWEEN NEWELL AVENUE AND AVENUE B EXTENSION, DISTRICT 1.

**2007-09-13-0983**

Item 16, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL REPRESENTATION SERVICES WITH HOLLAND & KNIGHT L.L.P. AND PATTON BOGGS L.L.P., EACH IN A MONTHLY AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000.00, FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

**2007-09-13-0984**

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING \$900,000.00 IN FUNDING FOR A COST-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (NEISD) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JOINT USE LIBRARY AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCH AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

**2007-09-13-0007R**

Item 18. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REISSUANCE OF HARRIS COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REVENUE BONDS (CHRISTUS HEALTH) SERIES 2005A-5 AND SERIES 2005A-6 TO FINANCE THE COST OF HEALTH FACILITIES FOR CHRISTUS HEALTH LOCATED AND TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**2007-09-13-0985**

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH URBAN MARKETING COLLABORATIVE TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF EXISTING RETAIL PROGRAMS AT LA VILLITA AND MARKET SQUARE AND TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF BOTH SITES.

Item 20. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE NOMINEES, FOR TERMS TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON APPOINTMENT

Item 20A. APPOINTING JOSEPH MINELLA, III (DISTRICT 6) AND REAPPOINTING GILBERT BARRERA (DISTRICT 8) TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRING MAY 31, 2009.

Item 20B. APPOINTING HARVEY HODNETT (DISTRICT 6) TO THE CITY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR A TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING MAY 31, 2009.

Item 20C. REAPPOINTING LEO GOMEZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE LINEAR CREEKWAY PARKS ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING MAY 31, 2009.

Item 20D. APPOINTING RAMIRO VALADEZ, III (DISTRICT 8) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2008.

Item 20E. APPOINTING MARISSA GARZA (DISTRICT 6) TO THE SAN ANTONIO YOUTH COMMISSION FOR A TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRING MAY 31, 2009.

**[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]**

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Sheryl Sculley stated that she did not have anything to report at this time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Hardberger recessed the Regular Meeting at 11:11 am to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

- A. Deliberate competitive matters regarding CPS Energy and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.086 (competitive matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Pro Tem Cibrian reconvened the Regular Meeting at 5:38 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action.

### **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Mayor Pro Tem Cibrian read and presented a Proclamation to the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Commission celebrating their annual September 16th in recognition of Mexico's Independence from Spain.

Mayor Pro Tem Cibrian read and presented a Proclamation in recognition of Hispanic American Heritage Month which was established in 1989. Hispanic American Heritage celebrates the anniversary of Independence of several Latin American Countries from Spain.

Mayor Pro Tem Cibrian also presented a Proclamation to Holy Cross School representatives in celebration of their 50 years of service to the community. Holy Cross is an independent Catholic School for Middle and High School grades that teaches spiritual, intellectual, and physical courses to their students.

### **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Glen Alan Graham, 6900 N. Vandiver, addressed the Council and spoke in favor of extending term limits because he felt the last Council did such a great job. Mr. Graham also spoke of the various cultures in San Antonio and expressed his enthusiasm for the Diez y Seis de Septiembre event.

Mr. Ignacio Perez, 211 Leigh, addressed the Council on behalf of the Lavaca Neighborhood Association and thanked Councilmember Mary Alice Cisneros for her leadership in resolving conflicts with the San Antonio Housing Authority over the Victoria Commons development. Mr. Perez also thanked the King William Association, South Town Association, San Antonio Conservation Society, and Downtown Residents Association for their support.

Mr. Bobby Contreras, 523 Devine Street, addressed the Council and stated that he was a Downtown Vendors Association board member. Mr. Contreras expressed his discontent with the San Antonio Parks Foundation because several local vendors were excluded from participation in the New Year's Eve Celebration. He requested assistance from Council to rectify the situation.

Mr. Javier Hernandez, 216 Blanco, addressed the Council and expressed his discontentment with not being allowed to purchase a vendor permit for the City's New Year's Eve Celebration. He then described his experience at the previous New Year's Eve Celebration.

Mr. Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez, 627 Hearne, addressed the Council and showed a picture of a frog in a boiling pot which he stated represented the City. He then showed a picture of the "Tree of Justice," and referred it to Main Plaza. Mr. Flores Perez expressed his support for the San Antonio Police Department.

Mr. Nick Calzoncit, 66 Brees, addressed the Council and spoke in favor of the promotion of nonviolence, peace, and education in Harlandale. He stated that much of the problem is the result of an incompetent school board. Mr. Calzoncit then asked that schools be renamed for people who promote peace.

Mr. Ignacio M. Castellanos, 710 Torreon Street, addressed the Council and expressed his dissatisfaction with the current Council. He then asked for a recall of all City officials.

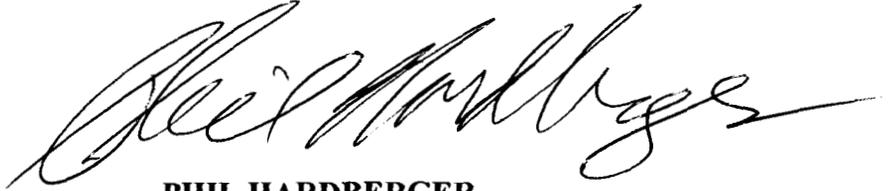
Mr. Mark Perez, 119 Hardeman, addressed the Council and stated his concern regarding businesses that operate without permits. He reported that companies that are hazardous to the environment are operating in areas that are not zoned for that type of business.

Mr. Faris Hodge Jr., 140 Dora, spoke of the need for better attendance by Council at Citizens to be Heard. Mr. Hodge spoke in opposition of moving the 3-1-1 Department away from downtown. He also spoke in opposition to the garbage fee increase and the need for lights to turn on at 7:30 in the downtown area. Mr. Hodge noted the need for public restrooms in the Council offices and problems with City Hall elevators.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Cibrian adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

**A P P R O V E D**



**PHIL HARDBERGER**  
MAYOR

Attest:



**LETICIA M. VACEK**  
City Clerk