

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

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The regular meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor W. W. McAllister, with the following members present: McALLISTER, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, GATTI, TREVINO, PARKER and BREMER.

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66-510 The invocation was given by Reverend Joe Webb, Beacon Hill Baptist Church.

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

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66-511 The Mayor welcomed Mrs. Marjorie Bruington, a teacher, accompanied by 25 students of the Political Science Class of Brackenridge High School who were present to observe Municipal Government in action.

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66-512 Mr. Bert Whiteaker, President of the Beautify San Antonio Association, introduced Mr. O. P. Schnabel, founder of the organization. Mr. Schnabel complimented the Council, the City Manager and Staff for the fine work they are doing. He also thanked Mrs. Cockrell for taking the lead in the Beautify San Antonio Conference on May 9, 1966.

He stated their presence was concerning news stories that the brush pickup may be discontinued and the Association's 600 members felt it would be a backward step. He advised that with HemisFair coming, the Chamber of Commerce wants to cooperate with the Association and next Spring have a block to block campaign to clean up the city.

He said it was felt that the public had been abusing the trash pickup in some instances, and the Association has made a few suggested rules for this service which he presented for the Council's consideration.

The Mayor advised him that the suggestions will be studied and considered and may call on his committee to confer with the City Manager and the Director of Public Works.

City Manager Shelley advised that there are three new locations being opened up to the public for dumping of brush and will be given publicity. These locations will also be open on Saturday and Sunday.

66-512 Discussion took place concerning advertising on litter cans and Dr. Calderon felt that as part of the beautification program, this practice should be discontinued.

City Manager Shelley reported that the City has purchased 150 containers during the last three years and the advertising has been eliminated and will continue this policy. Prior to that time, there were signs on the containers.

66-513 Mayor McAllister was obliged to leave the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti presided over the meeting in the Mayor's absence.

66-514 Mr. Sandy Clark, Land Division Chief, briefed the Council on the following ordinance, and on motion made by Mr. Trevino, and seconded by Dr. Parker, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 34308

ACCEPTING THE HIGH BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED IMPROVEMENTS; MAKING AND MANIFESTING BILLS OF SALE THERETO AND REJECTING ALL OTHER BIDS RECEIVED; REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED ON PARCELS 2545 A and 2554 A, COMBINED, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO READVERTISE.

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

66-515 AN ORDINANCE 34309

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM TO THE R. L. WHITE COMPANY TO CERTAIN STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 34310

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,193.00 OUT OF 1964 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS FOR ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE HILLCREST DRIVE PAVING, 36th STREET DEVELOPMENT AND BLANCO ROAD WIDENING PROJECTS.

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AN ORDINANCE 34311

CLOSING AND ABANDONING AN ALLEY IN NCB 9456, BETWEEN OPPENHEIMER ROAD AND PLEASANTON ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A QUITCLAIM TO SUCH RIGHT-OF-WAY TO WHITE MONEY ORDERS, INC. FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$960.00.

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

AN ORDINANCE 34312

APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS IN PAYMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES FOR U.S. 90 WEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT; MEDICAL CENTER SANITARY SEWER LINE; NACOGDOCHES ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; AIRPORT EXPANSION - NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY EXTENSION AND BITTERS ROAD RELOCATION PROJECT; HARLAN STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT; I.H. 37 AND I.H. 10 SANITARY SEWER RELOCATIONS; BLANCO ROAD WIDENING PROJECT; HILLCREST DRIVE PAVING PROJECT; AND NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN PARK.

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Item 6 on the agenda, pertaining to lease of property on the San Antonio River, was withdrawn for one week at the request of Councilman Bremer in order that the City Manager and his staff could investigate insurance requirements.

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66-520 Mr. Bob Jamison, Acting Director of Aviation, explained the following ordinance, and on motion of Dr. Calderon, seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister and Parker.

AN ORDINANCE 34313

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO TERMINATE A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO GEN-AERO, INC.

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66-521 The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 34314

APPROPRIATING \$613,735.40 OUT OF AIRPORT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1966, FUND NO. 806, FOR ACQUISITION OF FOUR TRACTS OF LAND.

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City Manager Shelley pointed out to the Council the method used in financing this purchase was necessary in order to pick up the six month option on each of these tracts which would otherwise expire the first of the month. He stated the City has applied for an open space program grant. The only approval received as yet, states that if Washington approves this program, it will apply to any property after the effective date of the letter. The project has not been approved, but, by purchasing this property today, if the project is approved, and he felt it will be, the Government will participate on 50% of the cost of three larger tracts. Tract 6068 A, was not in the application. The reason it was in the option is that this Tract has the same owner and when Bitters Road was relocated, this has split the Tracts. After the dam and lake is built, it will require a portion of the land from the Airport itself. It will later on require shifting of funds, one fund selling to the other, but, the more critical problem today, is that the Park Bonds for this project cannot be sold until August, so it is necessary that there be an immediate financing program in order to exercise the options on this property. Professional appraisals have been made on these tracts and he assured the Council that if for some reason the Council did not wish to use this property, it could be sold for a lot more than the City is paying for it today. He said there is no problem with the use of funds. Sometime in August or September, this property can be sold to the Parks Fund.

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

66-522 Mr. Jamison explained the following ordinance and on motion of Mr. Trevino, seconded by Dr. Calderon, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 34315

MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF A LEASE OF SPACE AT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO SATURN AIRWAYS, INC.

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66-523 Mr. Stewart Fischer, Traffic Director, explained the following ordinance, and after discussion by the Council, on motion of Mr. Bremer, seconded by Mr. James, was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

AN ORDINANCE 34316

PROHIBITING THE DRIVING OR OPERATING OF MOTOR GRADERS, COMBINES OR HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ON ALL EXPRESSWAYS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

66-524 AN ORDINANCE 34317

REGULATING THE PARKING OR STANDING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON ALL EXPRESSWAYS WITHIN THE CITY AND PROVIDING FOR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200.00 FOR VIOLATIONS.

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AN ORDINANCE 34318

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN NEW CITY BLOCK 13422 FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AT A TOTAL COST OF \$5,608.00 AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SAME OUT OF STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 1964, FUND #489-01; ALSO APPROVING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF LAND FOR REDEVELOPMENT BY PUBLIC BODY PERTAINING TO SAID PROPERTY.

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66-526

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION FROM THE URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OF THE LAND IN CIVIC CENTER PROJECT, TEX. R-83, NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE PUBLIC BOAT MARINA WITH SERVICE FACILITIES, THE PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE, AND A HOTEL; AND AUTHORIZING THE CIRCULATION OF THE INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF CONSTRUCTING AFORESAID BUILDING AND OF OPERATING AFORESAID HOTEL WITH SAID PROPOSALS TO REACH THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS BY 11:00 A.M., ON THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 1966.

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AN ORDINANCE 34319

AMENDING THE CONTRACT WITH DONALD H. HOGAN TO MANAGE LA VILLITA AND EXTENDING THE SAME FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 1966.

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Mr. Shelley presented two ordinances for the purchase of 12 trucks for the Brush Pickup Program, which includes replacement of five old trucks and seven additional trucks. The delivery is scheduled for ~~90~~ days and for this reason he asked for permission to make the purchase in order to keep the Brush Program up. The cab and chassis can also be adapted for Garbage Truck bodies.

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

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AN ORDINANCE 34320

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CO. TO  
FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH TWELVE TILT CAB &  
CHASSIS FOR A NET TOTAL OF \$39,645.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 34321

ACCEPTING THE ATTACHED LOW QUALIFIED  
BID OF COMMERCIAL BODY CORPORATION TO  
FURNISH THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, DE-  
PARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH TWELVE TRUCK-  
PLATFORM BODIES FOR A NET TOTAL OF  
\$9,888.00.

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In regard to the above ordinance, Mrs. Cockrell stated she was glad the City Manager made the arrangements for these vehicles. In regard to the suggestions of the Beautify San Antonio Association, she felt that some ground rules should be set up and publicized, to let the property owners know approximately when they can expect pickup. Study should also be made of the other suggestions. The Council discussed all aspects of the Brush Pickup and the three locations being opened for dumping of brush by the public.

66-530 Asst. City Manager Henckel explained the request from the Gunter Hotel for a permit to place flags on the hotel balcony extending over Travis, St. Mary's, and Houston Streets, and made the following report.

Our investigation reveals that this would consist of 18 flag staffs on the balcony at a 10° angle approximately 20 feet above the street. This is the first request of this type and may cause complaints from other businesses in the vicinity because the flags may possibly obstruct the view of other stores and signs. An ordinance has been prepared if the Council so desires to grant this permit.

Mr. C. E. "Bud" G'Sell, representing the Gunter Hotel, asked the Council to approve the Hotel's request to mount flags over these streets as he felt sure that the flags would not block out any of their neighbor's signs.

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Mr. Henckel explained that the staff was not opposed to this request. However, they felt that the question of obstructing the view of any other signs and stores should be brought out. After further discussion, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Trevino, the following ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Gatti, Trevino, Parker and Bremer; NAYS: None; ABSENT: McAllister.

## AN ORDINANCE 34322

GRANTING A PERMIT FOR THE PLACING OF  
 FLAGS ON THE GUNTER HOTEL BALCONY EX-  
 TENDING OVER THE TRAVIS STREET SIDEWALK  
 AND OVER STREET ON ST. MARY'S STREET AND  
 HOUSTON STREET.

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66-531 The City Manager presented the following report on the request of Mrs. R. L. Burch discussing three sidewalk problems as follows:

1. West side of Sacred Heart School (east side Nueces, Commerce to Houston)
2. East side of Trinidad Lutheran School Cafeteria (west side of Picoso, Buena Vista to end of property)
3. Automobile obstructing existing sidewalk at Sabinas and Commerce

The report is as follows:

Our investigation revealed that Mrs. Burch's requests for construction (1 and 2 above) would not normally be done under the School Sidewalk Program. Both of these sidewalks are adjacent to school property. This particular policy has been adhered to for the past five years. It would seem improper to build for Sacred Heart and Trinidad Lutheran a type of project that we have turned down for many other schools.

The third request is certainly valid. We discussed the problem with the Mother Patrol on duty at Commerce and Sabinas. She told us that on occasion cars from the automobile repair shop do block the sidewalk. She also stated that the previous owner, at her request, cooperated in keeping the walk clear. Unfortunately, she has not had an opportunity to discuss this problem with the new owner. We have sent the garage owner a letter asking his cooperation in this matter and anticipate that this will solve the problem.

As a general observation, Sacred Heart seems to have ample sidewalk for the use of its students. Trinidad Lutheran seems to need additional walk on Buena Vista. It is difficult to evaluate sidewalk needs for religious school facilities, without specific requests, because of their large service areas. We have no requests on file for Trinidad Lutheran and only one request for Sacred Heart which, except for the portion adjacent to school property, we constructed.

If either of these schools has need of additional sidewalk that is not adjacent to school property we will, as always, be happy to investigate their request.

The City Council concurred with the Manager's report.

Asst. City Manager Henckel explained the following reports on petitions.

66-532 Petition of Mrs. Marcel Quebedeaux requesting the City to install a traffic signal light at the intersection of West Avenue and Jackson-Keller Road.

Our investigation reveals that a signal light would improve the traffic conditions at this intersection, however, it is not in this year's budget but will be submitted in next year's budget.

The City Council concurred.

66-533 Petition of Mrs. A. H. Tacquard and others requesting the City to deny a permit for a lounge at 542 Fredericksburg Road.

The investigation reveals this property is zoned "J" commercial which permits cocktail lounges and dance halls. All precautions will be taken regarding compliance with the City Code and City ordinances for this type of business. No further action is necessary.

The City Council concurred.

66-534 Request for street name change.

The Planning Commission has recommended that all streets comprising the connection from I.H. 410 extending west to Quintana Road be renamed Southcross Boulevard. This connection consists of streets now named Southcross, Dauchy Road, Burkedale, etc. As only part of this east-west thoroughfare has been completed, we recommend the renaming of the completed part only at this time.

After consideration, Mr. Henckel was instructed to prepare an ordinance changing the name of the entire street to Southcross Boulevard,

The Mayor returned to the Council Chamber and presided over the meeting.

66-535 The Mayor recognized Mr. B. J. "Red" McCombs, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, who made the following statement.

Mayor McAllister, Members of the City Council, ladies and gentlemen, I am Red McCombs, President of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. I want to again commend this Council on the foresight of action they had in seeing that we had developed for us, in San Antonio, a Convention Center Complex that is capable of handling 9 out of 10 National Conventions or National Association meetings. I know that there was a lot of time and study and that the Mayor and Members of the City Council visited various cities and complexes around the country to see that we got the best that we could possibly get. I think it was a tribute to your own judgement and foresight that the citizens of San Antonio, in a bond election some two years ago, voted some 30 million dollars with the keystone of that entire vote and the funding to be spent on the Civic Center Complex, carrying in every precinct. I think it also is commendable that when the bids came in and you and the Council found that the funds that had been provided for this Civic Center Complex didn't meet the bid, you found a way to go on with the project with a minimum loss of time period. So we commend you from the Chamber's standpoint for providing a facility that has been much needed for many years in San Antonio. We are here this morning to discuss another need, and this is a need for a new downtown hotel. I want to say emphatically that we have beautiful relations with all of our hotels and motels in San Antonio and we couldn't ask for better cooperation than what we have had at the Chamber in working with these people. However, we find ourselves at the present time in somewhat of a quandry. The best information that we can gather leads us to believe that the Granada Hotel downtown will change hands very shortly and more than likely will not be available for convention or tourist use after March 1, 1967. This involves some 430 rooms. We already have booked in that hotel after March 1, 1967, headquarters for some 31 conventions involving 42,000 plus delegates. So you can see that we have somewhat of a problem.

We ask the City Council to look at this problem sometime back. You appointed a committee, as I recall, of Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti and Councilmen Jones and Bremer. It has been our pleasure to meet with them on a couple of occasions to discuss the possibilities of how we can arrive at a downtown hotel. We realized from the start that this was to be a most difficult proposition to see to finality. We found this out after a thorough study of downtown hotels and the problems involved in getting them

built. Local equity is required in almost every instance in the past 15 years or so. In trying to approach this problem as to how we could produce a housing facility that would help us meet the needs that are going to be required for this magnificent Convention Center Complex, we found ourselves just running into obstacles in every corner. To show that there is a real need, for 500 rooms plus, even if the Granada were available, we still could not house certain conventions and trade associations that have asked or requested that we consider the fact that they come here. I will name just a few that we cannot handle at the present time because of the housing situation, that have expressed sincere interest in coming to San Antonio. Texas Restaurant Association, the Lumberman's Association of Texas, the Texas Hospital Association, Texas Funeral Directors and Embalmers, the Regional and National Rotary, International Lions International, the Southern Automotive Show, the American Hospital Association (with exhibits), the American Library Association, the American Dental Association. These are but a few.

We know that a new downtown hotel, with 500 rooms plus, will not solve all our housing problems. We don't want to see the problem get lost in the shuffle as being a HemisFair Project. Certainly we know with the expectation of more than seven million visitors during the 6 month period of the HemisFair, that no one or two or three new facilities downtown will solve the problem that we will have with accommodations. We speak of this as a matter that involves our future in the next 20 to 30 years. We find that several things are necessary to attract conventions and trade shows and associations. One is easy accessibility which we have with our beautiful highways network and we recently have moved ahead a great degree with our improved airline service here. The other is a city that is romantic, unusual, and different, and we have this to advantage over any other city in America. Another is a Convention Center Complex where the people can meet and show their exhibits and the fourth is they would like to have a place to sleep while they are in town.

We can meet all these requirements at the present time except for headquarters, hotels and availability of rooms in the downtown area. We realized when this land situation was approached that the possibility that there would be a legal question, involving the use of Urban Renewal Land was certainly prevalent. The Councilmen who have sat with us on sessions realize this. We want to commend them for still taking a positive action and saying lets move the question as far as we can and see. Now we are concerned that recently we have had some opposition in the use of this land by a very close vote on the Urban Renewal Board, and that recently a local citizen has spoken out opposed to it. We are just here this morning to petition you again, in the City Council, to proceed with this project. Lets move it as far as we can. We have the records available at the Chamber and we can show the need to anyone that is interested in figures and facts. And we would like to still see this Council

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move on the same positive approach they took when they ran into problems concerning the Civic Center Complex and with the problems that we certainly anticipate in this hotel project. Still with the problem, we are asking you in the Council to proceed with this project in the same manner that you have started it and let's see if we can't solve the questions as they present themselves.

MAYOR McALLISTER: We are very happy to have you here to make this statement. You have expressed the sentiment of the Council. You have just given the information to the public which was given to us. I want to ask you just one question. You have figures there with regard to the conventions that are booked. You stated how many from 40 odd thousand people were booked at conventions after March of 1967 with headquarters at the Granada. How many people do you estimate are booked now already from the period of April 6 through October 6, 1968?

MR. McCOMBS: During the period of HemisFair we already have booked approximately 90,000 people in here as convention delegates in that six month period. We know that there are many ways that we can increase business in San Antonio, and I wouldn't take your time to go through them because you are more familiar with them than I am. The one way that we can increase it immediately is the tourist and convention dollar. We can do that today and tomorrow and we don't have to wait 10 years or 15 years. We needed a Civic Center Complex that would accommodate these large groups and now we have that. Now that we have that we cannot stand the loss of any rooms. In fact, we need those rooms that we consider we are going to lose plus the others, but we are in no position to stand the loss.

COUNCILMAN GATTI: Mayor, I just want to thank Mr. McCombs for coming and briefing us on the operation. There have been some comments about the tax aspects of this program, and I would like to make it clear that this is not giving anybody a tax free operation. The hotel would be an 8 million dollar complex and fully taxable. The land will be leased to these people on a lease basis. This as well as the many other facilities we have at the airport or any place else. We ought to make that very clear to the individuals who have been making all of this noise.

MAYOR McALLISTER: I also want to point out that just as the city does in all items where they enter into a contract for the performance of a service or for the purchase of merchandise, specifications are drawn, bids are advertised for, bids are opened in public, and the bids are calculated, adjusted and sent in to the City Council for approval. If this land is available, and since the City is advertising that they would be glad to lease this land for hotel purposes, any person who can qualify has the right to enter into a contract to try to build the hotel. In other words, this isn't giving somebody, some specific person an advantage or benefit. This is something

that is open to anybody. And here is a group of citizens who are disapproving this particular program because they think its going to be to the advantage of the individual that enters into that contract. All I say to them is the field is open. We invite you to come in and present your bid. Maybe you will make the best proposal as far as the City is concerned. If so, your proposal will be accepted.

COUNCILMAN JONES: Mr. Mayor, I would like to add too, that every taxpayer in the city of San Atonio should be interested in this hotel, because any income that the City derives from the air rights or the air space above the site is going to be "pilon". I think that every tax payer in the City of San Antonio has a chance to lose if we don't get this project off the ground.

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66-536 Mayor McAllister read a proclamation designating May 1, 1966, as Law Day U. S. A. and presented it to Mr. Lewis LeLaurin, President of the local Bar Association.

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66-537 At 10:00 A. M., the Mayor called to order the public hearing on the ordinance extending a franchise to the San Antonio Belt and Terminal Railway Company.

The Clerk read the ordinance for the second time as follows:

AN ORDINANCE 34291

EXTENDING FOR A PERIOD OF TEN(10) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF, UNTO THE SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY, ALL OF THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND FRANCHISES HERETOFORE GRANTED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO UNTO THE SAID SAN ANTONIO BELT & TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE CERTAIN RAILROAD TRACKS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, UPON, ALONG AND ACROSS THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AND VARIOUS STREETS, AVENUES AND ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, AS NAMED IN PRIOR ORDINANCES MAKING SUCH GRANTS TO SUCH COMPANY; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 28, 1966, AND DIRECTING PUBLICATION THEREOF.

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MAYOR McALLISTER: I might say that this is granting an extension to the San Antonio Belt and Terminal Railway Company, which is the railroad that was organized here in San Antonio many years ago, and is the one that brings the Katy Railroad into the city and on up to the Katy Depot, and this is merely complying with the law and granting them an extension of their franchise for ten years. Is there anyone else that cares to be heard? If not, the hearing is declared closed. At the third reading, the Council will finally pass the ordinance and that will make the extension of their lease legal.

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

After a brief recess, the Council reconvened

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The Clerk read the following ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 34323

APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE CITY SOLICITATION COMMISSION.

Members are appointed as follows:

For term expiring March 31, 1967

- M. C. Beldon
- George A. Volz

For term expiring March 31, 1968

- Stanley E. Ahlgren
- Charles H. McClinton

For Term expiring March 31, 1969

- W. I. Elo
- Juventino Guerra
- G. W. Seffel, Executive Vice President,  
Better Business Bureau

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

66-539

The Clerk read the following Resolution.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO CITY  
EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR FINE WORK IN  
MAKING THE 1966 FIESTA WEEK AN  
OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

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WHEREAS, Fiesta Week, 1966, was the biggest ever,  
and many City departments contributed to its success, and

WHEREAS, the Departments of Health, and Housing  
and Inspections worked many hours to see that health and  
sanitary standards were maintained, and

WHEREAS, Traffic and Transportation Department  
furnished the coordination for the entire weeks activities, in  
addition to providing fences and barricades to protect public  
property; the Public Works Department erected the reviewing  
stands at Alamo Plaza, and provided the clean-up crews during  
the entire week and disposed of tons of trash and debris;  
and the Fire Department furnished the equipment and personnel  
to block off streets to keep the parade route clear of  
spectators and provided fire protection for the night parade,  
and

WHEREAS, the Police Department, all during the  
week, was called upon to work long hours to protect the public  
and control traffic at the various functions, and

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather, two major  
parades were held in one day within a six hour period, calling  
for a maximum effort on the part of all City employees and  
through a prepared plan of action, the parades were able to  
move smoothly and with precision, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby express  
appreciation for the fine work that the City employees of the  
various departments performed in the face of unusual demands  
during Fiesta, 1966.

SECTION 2. Passed and approved this 28th day of  
April, 1966.

/s/ W. W. McAllister  
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ATTEST:/s/ J. H. Inselmann  
City Clerk

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

The Clerk read the following ordinance:

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AN ORDINANCE 34324

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN OWNERS IN THE AREA KNOWN AS AIRPORT INDUSTRIAL PARK CONCERNING THE COSTS OF THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING, PROPER PLATTING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO REQUIRE THE OTHER OWNERS TO COOPERATE IN ELIMINATING THIS NUISANCE.

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Asst. City Manager Harner advised the Council the improvements included in the ordinance are everything needed to make this a standard subdivision. The street, however, meets residential standards and comes close to commercial standards, and is in good condition. To reconstruct would add \$74,000 to the cost. The plan recommended covers cost of street repairs over the ditches and a one-inch overlay over the entire street to avoid the appearance of being repaired. He then went over the method of allocation costs to each property owner and stated that when an owner paid his share of the cost, he would be regarded by the City as having done everything in his power to make the subdivision legal and would be entitled to utility services and other normal day to day services.

He added that certain buildings extend into the Airport Glide Zone and the owners of these buildings will also have to agree to bring the structures back to the required height.

The agreement will provide that the City will furnish the engineering and let the contracts when all the money is collected. He concluded by stating that the agreement expires after three years unless some share of the work is underway. He felt that in three years they would be able to solve this problem as they would be filing suits and expect to receive judgements from those who do not pay their share.

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Mr. Bill Ward, Asst. City Attorney, advised the Council the City has not heard from the attorney representing some of the owners, but that some of the owners have contacted him and are willing to go ahead and pay their share of the costs.

Mayor McAllister stated this was a fair settlement and indicated the willingness on the part of the City to meet a most unusual and difficult situation.

After discussion of the ordinance, the ordinance was changed to include a provision that all funds collected shall be deposited into a special account.

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

66-541 Mrs. Myrtle Hance, President of the Citizens Association, spoke in favor of continuing the brush pickup service. She then stated there are many corners that do not have street signs and those that do are not reflectorized. On main arteries, such as West Avenue, Blanco Road and San Pedro Avenue, she said the block numbers are not included in the sign posts. She also suggested the time allowed for left turns at certain signalized intersections is too short, especially during peak traffic hours.

City Manager Shelley reported that many of the street signs are not fully reflectorized. The name of the street is but the background is not. He advised that all signs ten years or older which are not reflectorized will be replaced and will be 100% reflectorized material. These new signs will have a blue background with white lettering.

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

A P P R O V E D :

*McAllister*  
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ATTEST:

*J. H. Inselmann*  
city clerk