

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Peak introduced the Holy Cross High School Cheerleaders who recently competed in the National Cheerleaders Association High School National Championships and won first place in their division.

Mayor Peak presented the squad with a citation commending them for their outstanding achievement.

Councilman Ed Garza spoke to the accomplishments of the squad and to their role of setting the standard for promoting their community.

A representative from the squad spoke to their trip to Uvalde and winning their award and also to their experience in showing their leadership abilities. She further thanked the Mayor and Council, especially Mr. Garza, for recognizing them among such a distinguished group.

At the Mayor's request, the cheerleaders demonstrated one of their award-winning acrobatic maneuvers.

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KTFM MASQUERADE BALL

Mr. Emanuel O. Herrera, Special Events Coordinator, gave a brief description of the event and invited all of the Councilmembers to attend. Mr. Herrera also spoke to the small mementos given to each Councilmember promoting the upcoming KTFM Masquerade Ball.

Mayor Peak thanked Mr. Herrera for coordinating the yearly event.

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98-11 At this time, Councilwoman Guerrero introduced Valerie Tomez, a Harlandale Elementary student who attended the meeting as her guest
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SWEARING IN MAYOR PRO TEM VÁSQUEZ

Assistant City Clerk, Dick Porter, swore in Councilman Rick Vasquez of Council District 5 to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, from March 20, 1998, through May 30, 1998.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Vásquez made a motion to approve Agenda Items 4 through 23G, constituting the Consent Agenda, with items 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 18, 19, 23A-G having been pulled for individual consideration . Mr. Flores seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS.** None; **ABSENT** Webster.

AN ORDINANCE 87521

ACCEPTING THE BID OF WATSON DISTRIBUTING COMPANY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH FIVE (5) THREE-WHEEL UTILITY VEHICLES FOR USE IN PARKING METER ENFORCEMENT, FOR A TOTAL OF \$59,875.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87522

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF SRS CRISAFULLI, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH A DREDGE SLUDGE REMOVAL SYSTEM FOR A TOTAL OF \$143,170.00

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AN ORDINANCE 87523

DESIGNATING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIRPORT PARKING EXPANSION PROJECT AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$145,155.00; AUTHORIZING

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\$14,515 00 FOR A CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS, AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87524

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$19,662.00 PAYABLE TO MARY FRIEDRICH ROGERS AND WALLACE ROGERS, JR., TRUSTEES, ET. AL., FOR TWO RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENTS TO ENTER PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1014 BASSE ROAD (\$10,000.00) AND 5811 SAN PEDRO (\$9,662.00), IN THE BASSE ROAD AT SAN PEDRO METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT; AND THE SUM OF \$22,850.00 PAYABLE TO TICOR TITLE AGENCY OF SAN ANTONIO AS ESCROW AGENT FOR HOWARD SCHAIN FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO ONE PARCEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE TEZEL ROAD AT TIMBER PATH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT; FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$42,512.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 87525

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$188,106.00 FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND BEING 3,365 SQUARE FEET OUT OF LOTS 2 AND 3, BLOCK 14, NEW CITY BLOCK 11780, AND THE SUM OF \$919.00 FOR COURT COSTS, EACH PAYABLE TO GERRY RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK, FOR THE DEFENDANTS IN CONDEMNATION CAUSE NO. 97-ED-0041, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. HILLCREST SHOPPING CENTER, LTD., A TEXAS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ET. AL.; AND THE SUM OF \$2,760.00 FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES PAYABLE TO DUGGER, CANADAY, GRAFE & WOELFEL, INC., FOR A TOTAL OF \$191,785.00 IN CONNECTION WITH THE BABCOCK ROAD AT HILLCREST DRIVE INTERSECTION PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87526

APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$200.00 FOR FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO ONE PARCEL OF LAND BEING 0.038 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 62, NEW CITY BLOCK 7525, AND THE SUM OF \$4,226.08 FOR COURT COSTS, EACH PAYABLE TO GERRY RICKHOFF, COUNTY CLERK, FOR THE DEFENDANTS IN

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CONDEMNATION CAUSE NO. 97-ED-0040, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. FRANK B. BURCH, OR HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES, AND WIFE, THELMA BURCH, OR HER UNKNOWN HEIRS OR DEVISEES, ET. AL.; AND THE SUM OF \$330.00 PAYABLE TO ECKMANN, GROLL, RUNYAN & WATERS, INC. FOR APPRAISAL FEES; FOR THE TOTAL OF \$4,756.08 IN CONNECTION WITH THE HI-LIONS DRAINAGE PROJECT #80.

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AN ORDINANCE 87527

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE 1998/99 PUBLIC HEALTH STATE SUPPORT CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE AID TO THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT (SAMHD) WITH AN INITIAL AWARD OF \$989,435.00 IN CASH AND \$23,840.00 IN IN-KIND DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT ONGOING HIV/AIDS PREVENTION AND PATIENT SUPPORT, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD) CONTROL, AND TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION ACTIVITIES, ESTABLISHING A FUND; ADOPTING A BUDGET; AUTHORIZING CONTRACTUAL SERVICES; AND APPROVING A PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 87528

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,684,504.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE HEAD START EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 1997 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1998; REVISING A BUDGET AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 85682, PASSED AND APPROVED ON FEBRUARY 27, 1997, TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL FUNDS RECEIVED; AND AMENDING THE HEAD START EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM BUDGET

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AN ORDINANCE 87529

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$30,000.00 FROM MR. K.K. AMINI FOR THE PARTIAL PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF DE ZAVALA ROAD AND SILICON DRIVE, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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AN ORDINANCE 87530

AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF 3000 W. FRENCH PLACE BETWEEN GERMANIA AND EPWORTH STREETS, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 6:00 P.M., SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 1998 FOR A FUND RAISER, SPONSORED BY ASSUMPTION SEMINARY ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO

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AN ORDINANCE 87531

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN STREETS IN CONNECTION WITH THE KTFM MASQUERADE PARADE BEING HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1998 FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M., SPONSORED BY WATERMAN BROADCASTING COMPANY.

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87532

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF SMITH CHEVROLET TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS WITH SEVEN (7) SUBURBAN TYPE TRUCKS FOR A TOTAL OF \$187,135.00

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Mr. Flores made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Mr Bannwolf seconded the motion.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, expressed his opinion that there is a conflict of interest by the Mayor's use of the Smith Chevrolet building for his campaign headquarters during his last mayoral campaign.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster.

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87533

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BID OF INDUSTRIAL DISPOSAL SUPPLY TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH THREE (3) WALK BEHIND/RIDING SWEEPERS TO BE UTILIZED FOR SIDEWALK CLEANING IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, FOR A TOTAL OF \$76,350.00.

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Mr. Marbut made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Mr Salas seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke in support of the purchase of the sweepers and to his concern that some of the VIA bus stops are in need of better upkeep.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Webster.

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The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to the details of the Ordinance and to the fact that contributions were made to various Councilmembers by the firm named in the contract. He then requested that those members of Council who accepted contributions in amounts more than \$100 should abstain from voting.

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Mayor Peak stated that he has confidence in Council's ability to make a decision without being influenced by money.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak, **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87537

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BASE BID AND ADDITIVE ALTERNATES ONE, TWO AND THREE OF CHARLIE AND COMPANY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$148,410.00 FOR THE ADDITION OF AN OUTDOOR EDUCATION FACILITY FOR FRIEDRICH PARK; AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; REVISING THE FRIEDRICH PARK EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BUDGET FUNDED OUT OF A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) GRANT AND 1994 PARKS GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDS; AUTHORIZING \$20,678.00 FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING \$1,500.00 FOR BID ADVERTISING EXPENSES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr , 140 Dora, expressed his desire to have more explanations on park Master Plans.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Marbut, Webster.

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87538

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, INC. AND THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSESS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,900.00.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Mr Salas seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr, 140 Dora, spoke to law enforcement issues regarding the combination of City and County police departments

Ms. Maria Dominguez spoke to the amount of wages paid to private security guards.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak, **NAYS:** None, **ABSENT:** Flores, Webster.

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The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87539

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH USA WASTE SERVICES OF SAN ANTONIO, INC., TO PROVIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING SERVICES FOR THE GREAT NORTHWEST AREA OF THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1998, TO APRIL 1, 1999, WITH THREE (3) ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS, FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$791,078.00

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Bannwolf seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to privatizing garbage collection and spoke against all annexations unless the City provides better services to current city areas.

Mayor Peak clarified the reasons for privatizing City services

In response to a question from Mr. Menendez, Mr. John German, Director of Public Works, explained the reasoning for the Request For Proposal process and reasons behind selecting this company's bid. He also stated that he would meet with Mr. Menendez to create a customer service survey system to rate the company.

Mr. Menendez spoke to the service area of the current service provider, Garbage Gobbler, and the costs involved in staying with them. Mr. Menendez then introduced Mr. Larry Cohen of Garbage Gobbler, who proceeded to express his confidence with the level of customer service his company has been providing to the current households it services.

Mr. Garza spoke to customer complaints regarding the changing of the current contract holder.

Mr. Vásquez concurred with Mr. Menendez' and Mr. Garza's sentiments about the benefits of Garbage Gobbler and requested that the matter be sent back to staff for further consideration.

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In response to Mr. Marbut, Mr. German explained the cost per truck in relation to private sector businesses.

Mr. Menendez spoke to the contract granted to U.S.A. Waste and explained that trash collection will bring revenue to the City.

In response to questions from Mr. Vásquez, City Attorney Garza clarified qualifications included in the bidding process.

Mr. Prado offered his support of Mr. Vásquez' request and then made a motion to table this item for one week Mr. Vásquez seconded the motion.

Mr Menendez stated that he appreciates his colleagues' viewpoints and stated that he is in favor of approving the RFP as it stands

Mr. Sonny San Felipo, representing U S.A. Waste Services of San Antonio, Inc., spoke to the merits of his company and to the fact that they recently purchased Waste Management of Texas, which controls Garbage Gobbler

Ms. Guerrero then clarified for Council that the two companies can still compete for contracts until the purchase is finalized

After consideration, the substitute motion to table the item for one week failed by the following vote: **AYES:** Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez; **NAYS:** Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Webster.

The main motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Webster.

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE 87540

APPOINTING ALVARO SANCHEZ, JR (DISTRICT 4) TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 22, 1999.

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Mr. Bannwolf made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Mr Prado seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to various surveys he has conducted around the city and to the good job Mr. Bannwolf is doing. He further stated that board appointments should be read aloud

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Mayor Peak clarified that all of the board appointments will be read aloud

Mr. Prado spoke to his reason for selecting Mr Sanchez as his district nominee

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak, **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87541

APPOINTING NOAH A. RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 4) TO THE AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1999.

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Vásquez seconded the motion

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None, **ABSENT.** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87542

APPOINTING MARK JOHNSON (DISTRICT 8) TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 25, 1999.

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Mr. Marbut made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Vásquez seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87543

REAPPOINTING GRACE HERNANDEZ (DISTRICT 10) TO THE DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 1999.

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Mr. Marbut made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Prado seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster.

98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87544

APPOINTING DIANE INFANTE (DISTRICT 7) TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2000

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Mr. Garza made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Prado seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Salas, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 87545

REAPPOINTING CRISTIN SCOTT BERA (DISTRICT 6) AND APPOINTING PAUL TALAMANTEZ (DISTRICT 1) TO THE SAN ANTONIO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MAY 9, 2000.

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Mr. Marbut made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Salas seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE 87546

REAPPOINTING JESSE R. PENA (DISTRICT 6) AND APPOINTING EDWARD TORRES (DISTRICT 7) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR

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TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 26, 1999 AND JANUARY 26, 2000, RESPECTIVELY.

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Mr. Salas made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr Garza seconded the motion.

Mr. Salas explained to Council that he and Mr. Garza have switched their appointment slots in order to make their appointees eligible.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Bannwolf, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Guerrero, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 87547

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION WITH BEXAR COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF A CITY/COUNTY RECORDS MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT THE WAYNE BULL COMPLEX LOCATED IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA

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Mr. Prado made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr Salas seconded the motion.

Ms Rebecca Waldman, Director of Asset Management, explained the proposed Ordinance with regard to the condition of the current facility, the policy analysis and the financial impact.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Prado, Vásquez, Bannwolf, Webster

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE 87548

APPROVING THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT (JTPA) TITLE IIB - SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,920,329.00 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR 1998, AS SUBMITTED BY ALAMO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, INC.

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Ms. Guerrero made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Garza seconded the motion.

Ms. Dianne Quaglia, Acting Director of Community Initiatives, explained the JTPA Summer Youth Program and listed the goals of the program.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Marbut, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Prado, Bannwolf, Webster

98-11 **TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION - Granted:**

For Councilman Jeff Webster to travel to Colorado Springs, Colorado from March 26-27, 1998 with the San Antonio Delegation to meet with the Republican National Convention Chairman regarding bid for the 2000 Republican National Convention

Mr. Salas made a motion to approve the proposed Travel Authorization. Ms Guerrero seconded the motion

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to a newspaper article about City official's expenditures. He then read from a letter he submitted to the Mayor and Council addressing these same concerns

Mr. Michael Idrogo, 317 Rosewood, spoke to the cost not being mentioned in the Travel Authorization form.

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Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to the expense not being posted in the agenda.

Mayor Peak noted that that information is listed in the backup material.

Mr. Finger responded to the Mayor's comment by stating that only after research he found the amount of the cost of the trip.

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After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Marbut, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Garza, Bannwolf, Webster.

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98-11 The Clerk read the following Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE 87549

RESCHEDULING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 28, 1998 UNTIL JUNE 4, 1998 IN ORDER FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WORK SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR MAY 28-29, 1998, AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OF JULY 9 AND 16, 1998 UNTIL JULY 23, 1998 TO ACCOMMODATE THE 1998-99 BUDGET CALENDAR

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Mr. Vásquez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance Ms. Guerrero seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote. **AYES:** Salas, Guerrero, Prado, Vásquez, Menendez, Garza, Webster, Peak; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Flores, Marbut, Bannwolf

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

PRESENTATION OF THE "FOTONOVELA"

Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director of the Metropolitan Health District, explained that the "Fotonovela," a bilingual health publication, is designed in the form of a Spanish soap opera to illustrate stories in a cartoon style format promoting the department's services to a wider range of ethnic groups. Dr. Guerra also explained that the fotonovela is an art form that is widely used in other parts of Texas and California.

Mayor Peak commended Dr. Guerra's presentation and effort in creating public health awareness.

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**PRESENTATION: TOBIN HILL NEIGHBORHOOD N. ST. MARY'S
CHARRETTE**

Mr. Emil Moncevais, Director of Planning, explained the plans for projects intended to improve neighborhoods. Mr. Moncevais gave specific details of the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Association N. St. Mary's Charrette. He explained that a *charrette* is a term describing an old fashioned brainstorming workshop where the community comes together to come up with plans to improve their neighborhood.

Mayor Peak complimented Mr. Moncevais on his efforts and noted that he anticipates the use of such projects in other areas of the city

Mr. Vásquez reiterated Mayor Peak's sentiments and also suggested that issues like these should be addressed at the next budget workshop and suggested increasing staff to handle more projects like this one.

Mr. Moncevais explained that his department is implementing creative ways to utilize the current staff without having to increase its size

Mr. Garza commended staff for their work with the Tobin Hill Project and noted that he is looking forward to hearing the recommendations following the charrette. He also spoke to neighborhoods who have not yet seen any type of revitalization plan.

Mr. Flores spoke to spreading these projects to all City districts

Luis D. Elizondo, the President of the Tobin Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke to his support of these programs and to the association's mobility

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98-11 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council recessed its regular meeting to convene in Executive Session at 3:13 P.M., for the purpose of discussing the following:

- A) **Attorney/Client consultation regarding litigation case styled San Antonio Winco, Inc. v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 97-CI-03291 in the 225th Judicial District.**
- B) **Attorney/Client consultation regarding property acquisition in connection with the expansion of the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.**

City Council reconvened its regular session at 4:00 P.M., at which time Mayor Peak announced that staff had discussed the above mentioned item and had given staff direction, but had taken no formal action

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At 5:00 P.M. the Council reconvened for **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD.**

MS. NANCY ENGLEBERG

Ms. Nancy Engleberg, 10486 Pine Glade, spoke as a representative of the Heritage Neighborhood Association and stated that their community is in need of recreation facilities. Ms. Engleberg invited members of Council to attend their festival to raise money for pool scholarships for children who cannot afford the \$89 membership fee.

Mr. Prado stated that he recognizes the importance of their need for future bond monies since their neighborhood is not eligible for Community Development Block Grants.

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MR. FARIS HODGE

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, commended Council for supplying receipts for their expense records. He also addressed various other concerns he has regarding privatization of garbage collection services, the purchase of additional ambulance trucks, renaming a street after Cesar Chavez, board appointments, and current media issues.

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MR. MICHAEL IDROGO

Mr. Michael Idrogo, 317 Rosewood, spoke in protest of the conversion of the old Sunset Depot into a saloon. He then referred to an article written about trains that included pictures of Sunset Depot.

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MS. RACHEL GONZALEZ

Ms. Rachel Gonzalez, 1315 Amanda, read from a prepared statement in which she addressed the Highland Hills Elementary School's failure to notify her of a committee created to address education issues. She stated that she is qualified to sit on a committee but doesn't have the financial backing which she feels is necessary. Ms. Gonzalez also raised her concerns with issues regarding Jefferson High School and SAISD Superintendent Dianne Lam's administration.

Mayor Peak explained to Ms. Gonzalez that City has not formed any committee and suggested that she try working through the individual school boards since the Council has no jurisdiction over these types of committees.

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MR. PAT JOHNSON

Mr. Pat Johnson, P.O. Box 1, spoke to the issue of public trust in reference to the towing ordinance adopted in 1995. He referred to several documents outlining the history of towing contracts granted by the City. He spoke to his concern with Texas Towing companies charging higher rates to public citizens than to corporate clients.

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MS. MARIA DOMINGUEZ

Ms. Maria Dominguez spoke to her concern on the cost of training security officers. She also spoke to elected officials' portrayal of poor family values and living up to public images.

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MR. NAZARITE PEREZ

Mr. Nazarite R. F. Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., spoke to item #23 regarding a board appointment initiated by Councilman Prado.

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MR. UTE MAROTTA

Mr. Ute Marotta, 220 N. Broadway, stated that she cannot get an appointment with the Police Chief regarding some stolen articles of clothing

Mayor Peak stated that he would refer her to the correct authorities to help her with her case

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98-11 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at

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HOWARD W. PEAK
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Attest: 
NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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