

**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 2, 2009 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009, RESPECTIVELY.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Budget Work Session at 2:00 pm Wednesday, **September 2, 2009**, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro.

1. STAFF PRESENTATION ON THE FY 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET, FOCUSING ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

A. DOWNTOWN OPERATIONS

Paula Stallcup, Director of Downtown Operations provided an overview stating the department had been created in FY 2007 to focus on Downtown Services. She reported that they managed the Riverwalk; Downtown Sidewalks/Parks/Plazas; Tower of the Americas; Spanish Governor's Palace; Market Square; and La Villita.

Ms. Stallcup spoke of FY 2009 Accomplishments, noting that over 300 tons of trash and debris had been collected from the San Antonio River and Downtown Services Area. She mentioned that they had begun conducting surveys with Downtown Visitors and Residents to determine their satisfaction levels with Downtown Riverwalk Services. She reported that preliminary results indicated that 100% of respondents were satisfied with the area's landscaping and with the parking facility at Market Square. She spoke of the Grackle Relocation Program that had decreased grackles by 30% in the Downtown Area. She stated that the Supplemental Contractual Sidewalk Cleaning had deep-cleaned 202,000 square feet of sidewalk. She added that they had facilitated the renewal of the Downtown Public Improvement District (PID) for an additional 5-year term.

Ms. Stallcup outlined the FY 2010 Proposed Budget and noted a 3.3% decrease. She reported efficiencies in reducing three Downtown Special Use Facilities Staff Positions saving \$213,887, including the reduction of the operating hours at the Spanish Governor's Palace. She reported that they would eliminate the usage of seven Downtown Water Feature Fountains and also eliminate City-Sponsored Downtown Special Events, primarily the Houston Street Fair. She noted that they would reorganize the Span-of-Control/Supervision for Downtown Operations and reduce Downtown Beautification Services.

Ms. Stallcup spoke of Riverwalk Capital Improvements, noting that a Multi-Phase Master Plan had been completed in FY 2008 that identified and prioritized needed improvements to the Historic River Loop areas. She stated that they were working on the area under St. Mary's Bridge to La Mansion Hotel and when completed; ADA access from South Alamo to the Museum Reach would be available. She added that the estimated completion date was January, 2010.

Ms. Stallcup provided an overview of the Parking Enterprise Fund and noted that it had been established in 1979 and was a self-sustaining operation. She stated that the Parking Division was responsible for oversight and maintenance of Parking Garages; Surface Lots; Parking Meters; and Enforcement. She noted that the FY 2010 Proposed Budget was decreased by 2.1% and that reductions included the elimination of three parking garage staff positions. She reported that enhancements included a 7.58% rate increase for Parking Garages; Surface Lots; and Parking Meters. She added that even with the proposed rate adjustments, the City's Parking Facilities were below market rate.

Ms. Stallcup spoke of the PID and explained that San Antonio's Downtown PID had been created in 1999 for a five-year term. She explained that it had been re-established in 2004 for an additional five-year term and again in May, 2009. She noted that the City contracted with Centro San Antonio for the administration and management of PID services that include landscaping; maintenance; and visitor information. She mentioned that Centro was required to submit an annual service and assessment plan to the City for Council approval.

Councilmember Cisneros expressed concern with the reduction of three Downtown Special Use Facilities staff and asked of Luminaria. Ms. Stallcup stated that they would leverage resources so that other organizations were also assisting and that a Supervisor was still assigned to Market Square. Ms. Stallcup noted that Luminaria was funded through the Office of Cultural Affairs. Councilmember Cisneros asked of the Request for Proposals for parking credit card use. Ms. Stallcup stated that proposals were due in September and that 12 vendors had participated in the pre-proposal conference.

Councilmember Chan expressed concern with the increase in the mobile food vendor permit fees and asked of the basis for the increase. Ms. Stallcup explained that the downtown mobile food vendor program had been revamped over the last two years and that the increase would fund the staff that monitored the vendors to ensure that they were in compliance. Mayor Castro asked of the parking study that had been conducted. Ms. Sculley noted that the Master Plan identified the need for additional parking in the west end of Downtown and the need to increase parking fees. Mayor Castro spoke of the parking issues in Southtown and those that may arise during the development of public transit along Broadway Street. He noted that it was important to have continued commitment for Downtown Events and asked of the signage that would be installed. Ms. Stallcup reported that a Signage Master Plan for the Downtown Area was being reviewed by consultants and would be brought forth through the Council Committee process.

Mayor Castro asked of collaboration among the Economic Development Department, Downtown Operations Department and the Economic Development Foundation to attract business to the Downtown Area. Ms. Sculley stated that staff would like to further discuss an Infill Policy and incentives for locating Downtown rather than in higher growth areas with the City Council.

The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Stallcup for the presentation.

B. CENTER CITY DEVELOPMENT

Pat DiGiovanni stated that the Center City Development Office had been created in FY 2008 to promote development, redevelopment and retention of commercial, retail, residential and cultural opportunities in the Downtown Area and surrounding central city neighborhoods. He noted that they operated on a budget of \$4 million funded through the General Fund; CIMS, TIF Funds; and various grants. He reported that the Development Team was responsible for the management, facilitation and coordination of development projects and initiated and executed public/private partnerships. He noted that Tax Increment Finance (TIF) staff managed, facilitated and coordinated 25 active Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones and also initiated and designed new reinvestment zones.

Mr. DiGiovanni stated that Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization (NCR) staff worked with local non-profits to revitalize inner city commercial corridors. He noted that the Fort Sam Houston Community Development Office was working with the community to revitalize the neighborhoods near Fort Sam Houston. He reported that the San Antonio Development Agency (SADA) was in a de-programming phase, focusing on property disposition and coordinating with the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department on completion of the Historic Gardens Project. He spoke of FY 2009 Accomplishments that included the Riverbend Garage/K-MART Property Exchange that would facilitate the redevelopment of the Federal Courthouse on the site of the old Police Headquarters and the redevelopment of the K-MART Property as the new Police and Fire Headquarters. He noted that the grand opening of the Museum Reach Urban Segment was held on May 30, 2009 and that the HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation had recently been created. He stated that they had developed a Public/Private Partnership Concept and studying 20 properties with a total value of \$300 million.

Mr. DiGiovanni reported that for FY 2010, they would implement the Public/Private Partnership Concept and continue work on the HemisFair Park Area Master Plan. He stated that they would also be designing the Public Safety Headquarters and that the grand opening of the Mission Reach Phase I would be held in 2010. He spoke of the 25 existing TIF projects, noting that 100 single family units were estimated to be completed in 2009. He noted that they had finalized the River North Master Plan and invoiced and collected over \$9 million in tax increment. He reported that for FY 2010, they would develop implementation plans for River North, Midtown, Westside, and Mission Drive-In TIRZ and would help monitor the development of the Brooks City Base and Verano Projects.

Mr. DiGiovanni outlined FY 2009 results for the NCR Program. He stated that for FY 2010, they would elevate the St. Mary's University/University Park and Tobin Hill Neighborhood Association to Revitalization Status and would seek potential new NCR project areas. He added that they would coordinate commercial development efforts with TIRZ areas and the Fort Sam Houston area. He explained that the budget allocated (\$98,386) from SADA property sale proceeds would fund two contract positions. He spoke of the Fort Sam Houston Community Development Office FY 2009 Accomplishments, noting that the office had been created and had secured grant funding in the amount of \$1.18 million for staffing and studies. He reported that the Office would open on October 15, 2009 and that they were in the process of hiring an Economic Development Manager to lead the Office.

Councilmember Williams expressed support but spoke of downtown transportation issues and requested that staff work closely with VIA Metropolitan to address said issues. Councilmember Rodriguez expressed support for the revitalization in the St. Mary's University/University Park Area. Councilmember Ramos mentioned the NCR Program and the Presa Real Project that had not reached its full potential. She asked of incorporating programs such as Operation Face Lift that could help small businesses in the area. Adrian Lopez confirmed that there were various programs available and noted that the TIRZ Board could provide funding to implement Operation Face Lift.

Councilmember Taylor expressed her support for the City Center Development Office and spoke of the great opportunities to revitalize the neighborhoods surrounding Fort Sam Houston through the Base Realignment and Closure. She noted that the area should be developed and made more desirable to live. Councilmember Clamp expressed support and spoke of the success of the NCR along Austin Highway. He spoke of an area on Perrin Beitel Road in need of revitalization but may not qualify for the NCR Program. He asked of the long-term vision for SADA. Mr. DiGiovanni stated that there was a one-year plan for SADA that would be evaluated after 2010. He noted that there had been discussion about revitalizing it and utilizing it as an urban renewal agency. He added that they were working with staff and the City Attorney's Office regarding possibly reconstituting SADA and would bring forth a long-term plan.

Councilmember Lopez asked of an inventory of initiatives and assurance that there was no duplication of services. Ms. Sculley stated that staff was examining and redeveloping economic development and working with community stakeholders to develop recommendations that would be brought forth to the City Council in October. Councilmember Lopez requested that the education community be included in discussions since they would be providing the workforce to support economic development. Mayor Castro asked of the cost of the Public Safety Headquarters. Mr. DiGiovanni stated that \$100 million was programmed for the facility in FY 2010. Ms. Sculley added that \$30 million in Certificates of Obligation had been issued.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. DiGiovanni for his work and presentation.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D. JOB TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Deputy City Manager AJ Rodriguez provided an overview of the Economic Development Department FY 2010 Proposed Budget, noting a 30.5% decrease from FY 2009. He stated that they were reducing the scope of services that could be provided by external entities in the community. He spoke of the Reorganization Plan Phases I-III and noted that the first Phase was to reorganize the Economic Development Department structure. He mentioned that Phase II would consolidate the City's Economic Development functions, while Phase III would strengthen area-wide economic development functions.

Mr. Rodriguez spoke of FY 2009 Accomplishments, noting that Toyota had announced the Tacoma Production to be located in San Antonio beginning in Summer, 2010. Mr. Rodriguez spoke of accomplishments within Industry Recruitment and Local Expansion, noting that 3,982 new jobs had been created; 1,050 jobs were retained; and there had been an investment made totaling \$163 million. He stated that a Disparity Study had been completed and staff was in the process of

developing a new Small Business Ordinance based on the results. He noted that Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Outreach and Compliance included helping businesses participate in contracts with the City and other public agencies. He reported that the Procurement Technical Assistance Center had assisted 2,700 businesses and that the First Point Business Center had been relocated to the One-Stop. He mentioned that the South Texas Business Fund had performed 46 loans totaling \$18 million and that staff was exploring a possible merger with ACCION and the Community Development Loan Fund.

Mr. Rodriguez explained that the City South Management Authority promoted balanced growth on the South Side and supported Texas A&M San Antonio. He spoke of the Westside Development Corporation (WDC), noting that they were revitalizing the Westside of San Antonio through a new Strategic Plan and would be managed by the Center City Development Office to move toward self-sufficiency within three years. He reported that \$4 million had been added to the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) in FY 2009 and outlined the distribution of funds. He noted that the FY 2010 Proposed Budget included \$1.7 million for the EDIF. He spoke of various Green Jobs initiatives, noting that the Alamo Colleges and Workforce Solutions Alamo were partnering to create a Green Jobs Curriculum and Workforce. He mentioned that the Economic Development Department had changed the Tax Abatement Guidelines to add "Green Technology" as a targeted industry. Lastly, he stated that six workforce agencies were funded in FY 2009 at \$2,587,467 and the same amount was being recommended for FY 2010.

Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of the International Affairs Department and 5-Year Budget History. He stated that the FY 2010 Proposed Budget was decreased by 13.7% from FY 2009 due to the transformation of the Casa San Antonio Programs in Monterrey and Guadalajara. He noted that the Casa San Antonio Program was a 16-year international business development tool created to increase sales through foreign market diversification and services would continue through contract staff.

Councilmember Cortez asked of the hiring of an Economic Development Director and of funding for the EDIF. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the department was in the process of reorganization and that was the basis for not hiring a Director at this time. Ms. Sculley added that there were budget savings associated with the deferral of hiring and would like to ensure that the right person would be hired. She noted that \$4 million had been allocated for the EDIF in FY 2009 and \$1.7 million was recommended for FY 2010. Councilmember Cortez expressed concern with the reduction to the EDIF and requested a list of economic development incentive tools. Councilmember Lopez asked of the relocation of the WDC. Mr. Rodriguez noted that the relocation of the WDC was within their budget. Councilmember Lopez asked of the funding distribution for WDC and SAGE. Mr. Rodriguez stated that a portion of the funds were not released until they demonstrated performance and a designated amount was discretionary and could be utilized as needed. He added that the WDC had created a Strategic Plan with focused goals and had been adopted by the WDC Board.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the LEED Certified Program. Mr. Rodriguez stated that Tax Abatement Guidelines included incentives if companies met LEED standards and/or enrolled in CPS Energy Windtricity. Councilmember Ramos asked of SAGE and WDC and if they were on the same plan to become self-sustaining operations. Mr. Rodriguez stated that WDC had been funded by the City for four years and the Executive Director of SAGE had been funded by the City for two

years. Bobbye Hamilton, Executive Director of SAGE noted that each organization had a separate plan for economic development but met on a regular basis to share information. Councilmember Taylor added that SAGE and WDC were very different organizations and that SAGE operated as a 501(c)3. Councilmember Ramos spoke of the City South Management Authority and the need to develop a more comprehensive plan for the area.

Mayor Castro asked of the balance of Empowerment Zone Bonds. Mr. DiGiovanni stated that the balance was \$60 million and would expire in 2009. He noted that the Piazza San Lorenzo project would be requesting \$25 million of those funds. Councilmember Clamp requested that staff review the strategic goals of all city partnerships to ensure that there is good return on the City's investment and spoke of the importance of organizations becoming self-sufficient. He asked for additional information in regard to Green Jobs and associated performance measures. He also asked of the recommended funding for Project Quest. Mr. Rodriguez reported that funding for Project Quest was recommended at \$2 million and they would be required to provide a 35% match.

Councilmember Chan spoke in support of the reorganization of the Economic Development Department and the importance of economic development for the City. She asked that staff explore options to increase funding for the EDIF and accountability for delegate agencies. She spoke of the need to expand International Business Development and asked of collaboration with CPS Energy to recruit green businesses to San Antonio. Mr. Rodriguez stated that City staff had regular contact with CPS Energy staff and communicated regarding various prospects for the City. Councilmember Chan stressed the importance of the City's involvement at the beginning of the negotiation process. Councilmember Medina requested information on economic development tools and expressed support for expanding International Business Development to work more closely with Mexico. Councilmember Williams expressed support in requiring Project Quest to provide a 50% match for their funding. Mayor Castro spoke in support of a delegation for the Shanghai Expo that will be held in July, 2010. He asked staff to begin preparing for the 200-Year Anniversary of Mexican Independence in September, 2010. Councilmembers Cortez and Chan asked that International Affairs Staff continue Sister City relationships and related economic development activities.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **September 3, 2009** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

Item 1. The Invocation was delivered by Father Jim Barlow, Pastor, St. Luke Catholic Church, guest of Councilmember Justin Rodriguez, District 7.

Item 2. Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro.

Item 3. MINUTES

Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the Minutes for the August 6, 2009 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Cortez, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Ramos and Medina.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read Item 4:

Item 4. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING MATTERS RELATED TO THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009 (ARRA), ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT AWARDS TOTALING \$36,035,124.00 FROM THE RESPECTIVE GRANTING AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED BELOW; AUTHORIZING 58 GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS (WHICH INCLUDES 50 NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS); AND APPROVING CERTAIN ACTIONS INCIDENTAL TO THE ACCEPTANCE:

A. STAFF UPDATE REGARDING CITY ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ARRA.

2009-09-03-0670

- B. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE HIRING OF 50 NEW POLICE OFFICERS; APPROPRIATING \$10,354,400.00 FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD; AND CREATING 50 NEW GRANT-FUNDED POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS.

2009-09-03-0671

- C. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA TERMINALS; AND APPROPRIATING \$4,129,105.00 OF WHICH, \$2,022,580.50 WOULD BE FOR SAN ANTONIO AND \$2,106,524.00 WOULD BE FOR BEXAR COUNTY AND FOUR SUBURBAN CITIES.

2009-09-03-0672

- D. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR CITY COUNCIL-SELECTED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AND APPROPRIATING \$3,906,924.00 FOR STATED PROJECTS.

2009-09-03-0673

- E. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALAMO (HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES) CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES; APPROPRIATING UP TO \$13,000,000.00

FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING SIX NEW GRANT-FUNDED POSITIONS.

2009-09-03-0674

- F. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES), COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT FOR CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE, WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING AND ADULT LITERACY SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING \$3,124,174.00 FOR A THIRTEEN MONTH YEAR PERIOD.

2009-09-03-0675

- G. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT), STATE HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RE-HOUSING GRANT FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE, HOUSING RELOCATION AND STABILIZATION SERVICES; AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000.00 FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING ONE NEW GRANT-FUNDED POSITION.

2009-09-03-0676

- H. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, PREVENTION & WELLNESS GRANT FOR OPERATIONS SUPPORT IN THE HEALTH DISTRICT'S IMMUNIZATION OPERATIONS; APPROPRIATING \$191,899.00 FOR A TWENTY-SEVEN MONTH PERIOD; AND AUTHORIZING ONE NEW GRANT-FUNDED POSITION.

2009-09-03-0677

- I. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS, INCORPORATED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$145,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING ENERGY AUDITS OF CITY FACILITIES IN ORDER TO MEET THE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS NEEDED TO QUALIFY FOR THE ARRA FUNDED REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FROM THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE (SECO).

City Manager Sheryl Sculley stated that staff would be providing a status report on the progress of the various projects that were being funded via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and that action was required to initiate some of the projects.

Mr. Peter Zanoni, Management and Budget Director, explained that eight ordinances (4B-1) were being presented for consideration. He stated that the City of San Antonio anticipated awards in the amount of \$144 million to fund projects in the areas of Streets and Infrastructure, Public Safety, Health and Social Services, and Energy Efficiency. He reported that \$98 million would be managed by the City of San Antonio with the balance to be managed by various other governmental agencies.

Mr. Zanoni stated that because the grants were one-time funds, it was important to adhere to the project budgets to limit the City's financial liability of any unfunded balances. He referenced Item

B, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant, adding that funding would be utilized for 50 new Police Officers for a three-year period.

Mr. Zanoni explained that for Item C, funds in the amount of \$4,129,105.00 would be utilized for several Bexar County law enforcement projects. He stated that the City of San Antonio was allocated \$2.023 million and would utilize the funds to purchase replacement mobile computers for the San Antonio Police Department. In regard to Item D, it was noted that \$3,906,924 would be utilized to fund several Housing and Urban Development (HUD) projects. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Grants Monitoring and Administration Department was designated as the certifying agent for the projects. He noted that funds were evenly divided between the Mayor and the ten Council Districts and must be utilized by September 30, 2012. Mr. Zanoni highlighted the projects by Council District and the amendments made at the request of HUD.

Mr. Zanoni spoke of the \$13 million allocated for Item E, the Child Care Development Block Grant. He recommended that the City Council approve a contract amendment with Workforce Solutions Alamo and with the Alamo Area Development Corporation. He noted that the grant would be funded for two years and would allow for 1,500 new child care slots. In relation to Item F, the Community Services Block Grant, Mr. Zanoni noted that a total of \$3,124,174 was being allocated for a 13-month period and that the City would contract with various agencies to deliver employment-related services.

It was noted that \$1 million was being allocated for Item G, the State Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Grant. Mr. Zanoni stated that the City would contract with Family Services Association and Catholic Charities to provide rental assistance; housing relocation; credit counseling; and case management. Mr. Zanoni referenced Item H, the Prevention and Wellness Fund Grant, and staff recommended approval of \$191,899 for a grant period of 27 months. The grant will be utilized to provide operational support for vaccinations. Mr. Zanoni outlined Item I, the Professional Services Agreement for a Municipal Facilities Energy Assessment. He stated that a contract would be executed with Johnson Controls, Inc. to conduct energy assessments at specific City Facilities. He added that the findings would assist the City in applying for a loan from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO).

Mayor Castro called upon those registered to speak.

Barbara Hawkins, Anthony Hargrove and Ida Brown representing the Association of Progressive Nonprofits addressed the Council. Ms. Hawkins spoke of the assistance that stimulus funds would provide to the George Gervin Community Center in delivering services to residents of District 2. She noted that the organization would utilize the funds efficiently and strive to improve the quality of life for residents of the community. Mr. Hargrove expressed gratitude to City staff for the recommendation that his organization receive funding in the amount of \$625,000. He stated that the original request had been for \$1.2 million and asked that the Ella Austin Community Center be awarded any additional funds. Ms. Brown spoke of the opportunity for private businesses such as hers, Cleopatra Holding Company, to collaborate with non-profit organizations through ARRA Grants.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke in support of a cost of living adjustment for City employees. He expressed concern that Purchasing Department Employees had been assessed points for being late to a Department Luncheon.

Jack M. Finger, expressed concern with the amount of debt that would be incurred as a result of stimulus funding and with the funding allocated toward child care services, educational programs, and car buying assistance. He asked of the funding that would be required to pay for the 50 Police Officers after the grant funds were expended.

Councilmember Cisneros spoke of the importance of ARRA and how the utilization of funds would add financial responsibility to the City in the future. Councilmember Ramos requested detailed information of ARRA funds allocated for the Riverwalk Mission Reach. She asked that City staff collaborate with San Antonio River Authority (SARA) staff to provide the City Council with periodic project updates. Ms. Sculley stated that the Corps of Engineers was managing the funding for the Riverwalk Mission Reach Project. Bexar County would request that SARA take over the management role in an effort to ensure that the project is completed more efficiently.

Councilmember Ramos requested information relating to how ARRA funding would compliment the funding already allocated for the Mission Reach. Ms. Sculley stated that Bexar County was funding the Mission Reach Extension Project from funds generated via the Venue Tax. The ARRA funds awarded to the City via an Advanced Funding Agreement would allow Bexar County to complete other projects along the Mission Reach that did not qualify for federal funding. Councilmember Ramos asked how long it would take to begin District 3 projects that were identified in the City's stimulus package. Ms. Jeanetta Tinsley, Neighborhood Services, stated that the City was in the process of generating interdepartmental agreements and anticipated that the projects would begin within the next several weeks.

Councilmember Ramos requested information on the rental assistance program that was part of the State Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Grant and outreach efforts. Dennis Campa, Department of Community Initiatives Director stated that the intent of the program was to provide rental assistance to those that were several months behind in rental and/or utility payments and also to homeless individuals transitioning into rental property. Councilmember Taylor asked of the services that would be provided by the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) through the Community Services Block Grant. Mr. Campa stated that they would provide scholarships to students who met program eligibility requirements.

Councilmember Rodriguez recognized all involved in securing ARRA Grants for the City and asked of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Mr. Zanoni explained that the award was granted to a region and not a specific entity. The region included San Antonio; Bexar County; Universal City; Live Oak; Balcones Heights; and Leon Valley. Councilmember Rodriguez asked of controls to ensure that local and small businesses were able to participate in the contracting process. Mike Frisbie, CIMS Director stated that the bid process for stimulus projects was consistent with City Ordinance on the Small Business Program. He noted that a Good Faith Effort was still required and that there were no additional contracting requirements from the federal government.

Councilmember Clamp thanked City Staff for their work and spoke of the great impact that the projects would have on the community. He expressed support for the additional 50 Police Officers

and noted that they would be greatly utilized through the SAFFE Program. Councilmember Medina also expressed support for the 50 additional Police Officers and noted the importance of public safety to the community. Councilmember Cortez thanked staff and the Congressional Delegation for their work in securing ARRA funding and asked where said funds were budgeted. Mr. Zanoni stated that they were included in the FY 2010 Budget as grant funds and would not increase the General Fund. He noted that his office would be providing the Council with periodic status reports to include funding utilization and results. Mayor Castro thanked all that were involved in securing the federal funds and noted their significance during the challenging economic times.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Ordinances for Items 4B-4I. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed for Items 4B-4I by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items 5-21

Consent Agenda Items 6, 8, 9, 10, and 13 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Cisneros moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

Ms. Vacek noted that regarding Item 15G, Sallie Scott was being appointed as the District 10 Representative to the Animal Care Services Board for the category of Animal Welfare Organization.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the assignment of the City's Tax Phase-In Agreement. Additionally, he stated he was against transferring the Economic Development Incentive Fund Training Grant Agreement from Washington Mutual Bank to JP Morgan Chase Bank. He explained that Washing Mutual had applied for a tax abatement several years ago and had gone out of business. He expressed concern that they were not going to create as many jobs as had been agreed upon. He spoke of the appointments to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Policy Board (Item 16N) and expressed opposition to toll roads.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez expressed concern with the Washington Mutual Item on the agenda.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in support of Items 4B-4I, 5, 6, 7A-7D, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, and 18. For Item 19, he wrote that the City should not assign the Tax Phase-In Agreement to JP Morgan Chase Bank as they would be losing millions of dollars.

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cortez.

2009-09-03-0678

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING BIDS FOR ANNUAL CONTRACTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$387,000.00, FOR THE FOLLOWING: (A) STRUCTURAL AND STEEL PRODUCTS, INC.

FOR FLEX BEAMS, GUARD POSTS AND CARBON STEEL PIPE; (B) CITY WIDE JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE SERVICE, INC. FOR JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE OF THE DETENTION CENTER; (C) AMERICAN EUROCOPTER LLC FOR HELICOPTER PARTS; AND (D) TRAVERSE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR WEB BASED STREET CUT PERMITTING APPLICATION SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT.

ITEMS 7A-7D PULLED BY STAFF

Item 7. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES RELATING TO FIRE STATIONS 1, 19, 50 AND 51, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDED PROJECTS, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 8:

PULLED

A. AN ORDINANCE SELECTING BARTLETT COCKE, L.P. AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,784,400.00, FROM A TOTAL AUTHORIZED PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$3,440,000.00, FOR FIRE STATION 1, LOCATED AT 515 N. CHERRY STREET IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

PULLED

B. AN ORDINANCE SELECTING F.A. NUNNELLY COMPANY AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,041,084.06, FROM A TOTAL AUTHORIZED PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$2,522,326.00, FOR FIRE STATION 19, LOCATED AT 2307 VANCE JACKSON IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.

PULLED

C. AN ORDINANCE SELECTING BARTLETT COCKE, L.P. AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,337,280.00, FROM A TOTAL AUTHORIZED PROJECT AMOUNT UP TO \$2,888,000.00, FOR FIRE STATION 50, LOCATED AT 15776 APPLEWHITE ROAD IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4.

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D. AN ORDINANCE SELECTING BARTLETT COCKE, L.P. AS CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,666,950.00, FROM A TOTAL AUTHORIZED PROJECT AMOUNT UP TO \$3,295,000.00, FOR FIRE STATION 51, LOCATED AT 5040 BECKWITH BLVD. IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

2009-09-03-0683

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 0.191 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FOR A TOTAL OF \$67,000.00 LOCATED ADJACENT TO CB 5216, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF VIESCA AVENUE AND OGDEN LANE TO NELLIE NETZER MAYFIELD REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AND MAYFIELD FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP NO. 1, LLP (COLLECTIVELY).

2009-09-03-0684

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE ASSIGNMENT FROM INTERNATIONAL RAM ASSOCIATES, LC TO AIR SERV SECURITY, INC. FOR OFFICE SPACE IN TERMINAL 1 AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

2009-09-03-0028R

Item 14. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MAYOR JULIAN CASTRO TO THE SA ENERGY ACQUISITION PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE JANUARY 31, 2011.

Item 15. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS, TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, OR, IN THE EVENT EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NOT RECEIVED, TEN DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT:

- A. REAPPOINTING GLORIA M. ALMARAZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- B. APPOINTING DANIEL J. CASTILLO (DISTRICT 6) TO THE CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- C. REAPPOINTING LAWRENCE G. ROMO (DISTRICT 6) TO THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- D. REAPPOINTING ALVARO RODRIGUEZ, JR. (DISTRICT 6) TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- E. APPOINTING ANNETTE RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 3) TO THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- F. REAPPOINTING CHRISTOPHER R. MARTINEZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- G. APPOINTING MONA R. THAXTON (DISTRICT 8) AND REAPPOINTING RANDOLPH E. MURDOCK (DISTRICT 7) AND SALLIE SCOTT (DISTRICT 10, CATEGORY: ANIMAL WELFARE ORGANIZATION) TO THE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

- H. REAPPOINTING RANDY K. RICE (DISTRICT 7) TO THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- I. REAPPOINTING KARLA M. SAMANIEGO (DISTRICT 8) TO THE SAN ANTONIO YOUTH COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- J. REAPPOINTING EDNA DORIS GRIFFIN (DISTRICT 1) AND PATRICIA TARNOWSKI (DISTRICT 7) TO THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- K. APPOINTING ROBERT GONZALES (DISTRICT 5, CATEGORY: SMALL BUSINESS) AND REAPPOINTING GEORGE D. ALVA (DISTRICT 1, CATEGORY: TAXI INDUSTRY, LARGE COMPANY) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

2009-09-03-0686

- L. AN ORDINANCE REAPPOINTING GREGORY O. BURKETT (DISTRICT 8, CATEGORY: MASTER SIGN ELECTRICIAN) TO THE ELECTRICAL BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011 AND WAIVING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT IN CHAPTER 10, SECTION 10-1102.2 FOR THIS APPOINTMENT.
- M. REAPPOINTING KIMBERLY A. MARKS (DISTRICT 7, CATEGORY: BUILDER) TO THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- N. REAPPOINTING MANUEL F. LIZCANO (DISTRICT 7, CATEGORY: PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER) TO THE MECHANICAL APPEALS AND ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- O. APPOINTING VICTORIA GARCIA (DISTRICT 7) TO THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30, 2010.
- P. APPOINTING LAZAR A. HAUSMAN, TEAL L. HAUSMAN, AND JOHN CLAY SCHLINKE (DISTRICT 3) TO THE TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN, KNOWN AS MISSION CREEK, FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

Item 16. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR JULIÁN CASTRO:

- A. APPOINTING MAYOR JULIAN CASTRO, WITH COUNCILMEMBER DAVID MEDINA, JR. (DISTRICT 5) TO SERVE AS THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER V. RAMOS (DISTRICT 3) AND COUNCILMEMBER RAY LOPEZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- B. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 7) AND COUNCILMEMBER ELISA CHAN (DISTRICT 9) TO THE AIR IMPROVEMENT RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (AACOG) FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- C. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER PHILIP A. CORTEZ (DISTRICT 4) AND COUNCILMEMBER W. REED WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 8) TO THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN: BEXAR REGIONAL WATERSHED MANAGEMENT FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- D. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER MARY ALICE P. CISNEROS (DISTRICT 1) AND COUNCILMEMBER IVY R. TAYLOR (DISTRICT 2) TO THE CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- E. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER JOHN G. CLAMP (DISTRICT 10) TO THE SAN ANTONIO MOBILITY COALITION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- F. APPOINTING JEANNE RUSSELL AND MICHAEL SOTO TO THE SAN ANTONIO EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- G. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER ELISA CHAN (DISTRICT 9) TO THE SAN ANTONIO COMMISSION ON LITERACY (EX-OFFICIO) FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- H. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER W. REED WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 8) TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION (EX-OFFICIO) FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- I. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER MARY ALICE P. CISNEROS (DISTRICT 1), COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER V. RAMOS (DISTRICT 3), COUNCILMEMBER DAVID MEDINA, JR. (DISTRICT 5), AND COUNCILMEMBER RAY LOPEZ (DISTRICT 6), OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES, TO THE COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY BOARD FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

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- J. CONFIRMING IVY R. TAYLOR (DISTRICT 2) AND APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER W. REED WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 8) TO THE MILITARY

TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.

- K. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER MARY ALICE P. CISNEROS (DISTRICT 1), COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 7) AND ART A. HALL TO THE FIRE AND POLICE PENSION FUND FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- L. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER PHILIP A. CORTEZ (DISTRICT 4), COUNCILMEMBER JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ (DISTRICT 7), AND ART A. HALL TO THE FIRE AND POLICE PRE-FUNDED HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- M. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER V. RAMOS (DISTRICT 3) AND COUNCILMEMBER W. REED WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 8) TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INVESTMENT COMMITTEE FOR UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2011.
- N. CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBER JENNIFER V. RAMOS (DISTRICT 3) AND COUNCILMEMBER RAY LOPEZ (DISTRICT 6), AND APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER W. REED WILLIAMS (DISTRICT 8) TO REPLACE COUNCILMEMBER IVY R. TAYLOR (DISTRICT 2), TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD. ALL WILL SERVE TERMS OF OFFICE TO BE CONCURRENT WITH THEIR TERMS AS CITY COUNCILMEMBERS.
- O. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER ELISA CHAN, CO-CHAIR (DISTRICT 9) AND COUNCILMEMBER RAY LOPEZ (DISTRICT 6) TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO REGIONAL BUSINESS DISPARITY CAUSATION ANALYSIS STUDY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

2009-09-03-0687

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2009, AND JANUARY 2010.

2009-09-03-0688

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING (1) THE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ALAMO (WSA) OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2009 – 2010; AND (2) APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE WSA BOARD AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF SIX ON AUGUST 19, 2009 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION (TWC).

2009-09-03-0689

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE CITY'S TAX PHASE-IN AGREEMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE FUND (EDIF) TRAINING GRANT AGREEMENT FROM WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK TO JP MORGAN

CHASE BANK AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE TERMS OF THESE AGREEMENTS UPON ASSIGNMENT.

2009-09-03-0690

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REVISED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND TWELVE PUBLIC EDUCATION DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES.

2009-09-03-0691

Item 21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TLI & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., FOR STANDBY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES UP TO \$330,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR AS-NEEDED PROJECTS IN VARIOUS COUNCIL DISTRICTS, FUNDED BY THE SOLID WASTE OPERATING FUND, AND SPECIFIC PROJECT FUNDS.

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

Item 22. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. RIVERWALK IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Ms. Sculley spoke of Riverwalk Improvements that had been completed to make the Riverwalk more accessible and noted that most of the projects outlined in Phase I had been completed. She reported that the remaining work to be completed was located around La Mansion Hotel and scheduled for completion in December, 2009. She stated that funding in the amount of \$3 million was allocated in the FY 2010 Budget for Phase II and included sidewalks, lighting, and landscaping. She added that collaborative efforts would continue with the San Antonio River Authority, Hotel Operators, and Business Owners in the area.

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-09-03-0679

Item 6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BALLENGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO LEVEL THE AIRFIELD AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,026,616.12, FOR A TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT UP TO \$3,177,946.93, FUNDED BY PASSENGER FACILITY CHARGE FUNDS.

Councilmember Cortez requested additional information regarding said item. Frank Miller, Aviation Director, stated that said project was part of the terminal expansion and would raise the level of a ramp that was needed for aircraft mobility and parking. He noted that it was the second bid on the project. The first bid did not include the elevation shift of the ramp. He stated that the lowest responsive bid did not include Alternate A and therefore; Ballenger Construction Company was awarded the contract. He added that it was funded through the Passenger Facility Charge.

Councilmember Cortez moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-09-03-0680

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$60,925.00, TO BE REIMBURSED BY SAWS, TO THE \$434,949.24 ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH CAMACHO-HERNANDEZ & ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN OF A WATER MAIN RELOCATION FOR THE BABCOCK ROAD: PRUE TO HOLLYHOCK PROJECT, A 2007-2012 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 7 AND 8.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked of the scoping process followed by SAWS. Mike Frisbie stated that SAWS had determined that the line was in good condition but located too close to the surface. He noted that it was more cost effective to address the relocation of the line in the design phase rather than during construction and would be paid for by SAWS.

Councilmember Rodriguez moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-09-03-0681

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FINAL CHANGE ORDER IN THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF \$28,781.43 TO THE \$760,691.10 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH V.K. KNOWLTON CONSTRUCTION & UTILITIES, INC., TO RECONCILE ACTUAL QUANTITIES USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE 2008 ALLEY MAINTENANCE PROGRAM, FUNDED BY THE STREET MAINTENANCE OPERATING FUND.

Councilmember Ramos asked of the remaining balance of the Alley Maintenance Program. Majed Al-Ghafry stated that \$1 million had been allocated for the maintenance of alleys in 2008 and through said change order, all monies will have been expended.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-09-03-0682

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION, THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND/OR CONDEMNATION BY SAWS OF PRIVATELY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN COUNTY BLOCK 4005 ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF PLEASANTON ROAD APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES SOUTH OF INTERSTATE LOOP 410 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 FOR THE SAWS MITCHELL LAKE DAM PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT; AND DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION.

Councilmember Ramos stressed the importance of ensuring that Mitchell Lake was not negatively impacted due to increased development in the surrounding area and asked of the acreage being requested. George Rodriguez stated that 47.841 acres were being requested. Councilmember Ramos requested continuous updates on the project.

Councilmember Ramos moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2009-09-03-0685

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS UPON AWARD IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$7,000,000.00 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE RESIDENTIAL ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM AND \$4,363,497.00 FOR TAXIWAY R (PHASE 2) AND MASTER PLAN PROJECTS AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

Councilmember Cortez requested that staff research the availability of Department of Defense Funds. He added that a similar noise mitigation program could be implemented in the area surrounding Lackland Air Force Base and the Port Authority of San Antonio. Councilmember Clamp asked that the Aviation Department provide a map denoting the properties that have been mitigated and those planned for the future. Mayor Castro noted that this would be a great opportunity for CPS Energy to coordinate with homeowners, who plan to participate in the noise mitigation program, to make their homes more energy efficient.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Rodriguez.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Rodriguez congratulated the McAllister Park Little League Baseball Team for their efforts in the Little League World Series. He also recognized the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals, noting that they played and won their first Football Game the previous weekend. Councilmember Medina recognized Robert Gonzales on his appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board representing District 5 and thanked him for his service.

Councilmember Cortez also congratulated the McAllister Park Little League Baseball Team and wished Councilmember Rodriguez a Happy Birthday. Ms. Vacek led the Council in singing Happy Birthday to Councilmember Rodriguez.

Councilmember Cisneros also recognized the McAllister Park Little League Baseball Team and thanked Ms. Sculley for her work on the Riverwalk Improvements. Councilmember Ramos wished Mayor Castro a Happy Birthday, as well as Councilmember Rodriguez, and to her mother. Mayor Castro invited all to attend the River Parade that would be held on Sunday, September 5, 2009 to honor the McAllister Park Little League Baseball Team.

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 11:00 am to break for lunch and noted that the meeting would resume at 2:00 pm for Zoning.

ZONING ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 2:10 pm and addressed the Zoning Items.

The City Clerk read the following Resolution:

2009-09-03-0029R

Item 23. RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP AND BRING FORWARD TO THE ZONING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL A CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT FOR AN AREA ALONG BULVERDE ROAD BETWEEN EVANS ROAD AND LOOP 1604 AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN CLAMP, DISTRICT 10.

Ms. Nina Nixon-Mendez presented the proposed Overlay District.

Councilmember Clamp stated that said zoning change was necessary for economic development along Bulverde Road.

Councilmember Clamp moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

The City Clerk read the following Resolution:

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Item 24. A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO INITIATE A CHANGE IN THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY OF APPROXIMATELY 1.3 ACRES LOCATED AT 6735 LENDELL DR AND 6676 UTSA BOULEVARD TO A ZONING DISTRICT COMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING SURROUNDING LAND USE AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN REED WILLIAMS, DISTRICT 8.

Bobby Perez, Representative of the Auburn Ridge Homeowners Association and Dell Oak Neighborhood Association, addressed the Council and stated that restrictive covenants had been agreed upon by the Developer. He requested that said item be withdrawn.

Councilmember Williams expressed his concerns with the proposed development of the area. He stated that because the developer was willing to meet the needs of the community, he was in support of withdrawing the item from the agenda.

Councilmember Williams moved to withdraw said item from the agenda. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

DENIED

Item Z-1. **ZONING CASE # Z2009126 HS (District 1): AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "HS C-2" HISTORIC SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON LOT 10, LOT 11, THE WEST 15 FEET OF LOT 12 AND P-100, BLOCK 83, NCB 3256 LOCATED AT 1102 FREDERICKSBURG ROAD. STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DENIAL.**

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Liz Victor, Representative of Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association spoke against the zoning change, noting that their neighborhood was a thousand feet from the property in question and would be most impacted. She expressed concern with the crime in the area and the deterioration of the building.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to Items Z-1, Z-4, Z-5, and Z-7. In regard to Item Z-1, he stated that the property was a great distance from the Deco-District and too dilapidated to be considered historic. For Item Z-4, he requested that the zoning change be denied due to the transitional home not being appropriate for the area. He also requested denial of Item Z-5 as the proposed office complex was contrary to the goals of the neighborhood plan. Lastly, he requested denial of Item Z-7 noting that the zoning change would allow for quarry blasting to be conducted near Camp Bullis.

Ms. Barbara Witte-Howell, San Antonio Conservation Society read a letter on behalf of Society President Rollette Schreckenghost in support of the historic designation for said property. She wrote that the 1940 Art Modern Style Jiffy Ice Store was an important icon of the City's History and

a testament to the longstanding significance of Fredericksburg Road. She wrote that with the revival of the Fredericksburg Corridor due to Bus Rapid Transit, the important icon should be given the opportunity to contribute to multiple layers of historic significance of Fredericksburg Road.

Patricia Doria, President of the Los Angeles Heights/Keystone Neighborhood Association spoke against the zoning change. She stated that only a small portion of the property was historically significant and that the current zoning designation would allow for the structure to be demolished and the land sold. She noted that the Association would collaborate with the current and future owners to ensure that any new structure would resemble those in the Deco District.

Carol Lagutchik, Representative of the Property Owner stated that her clients were against the historic designation and that the change would prohibit them from developing the land.

Councilmember Cisneros thanked all that came to speak on said item. She stated that although historic preservation was a critical component to keeping the history of inner city neighborhoods alive, she had a number of concerns with the historic designation of the property. She noted that her primary concern was related to the historic integrity of the existing structure. Changes had been made that were not consistent with the original design of the structure. She expressed concern that historical designation could hinder future redevelopment of the corridor. She read a letter from Debra Huerta, President of Beacon Hill Area Neighborhood Association, requesting that the City Council deny the zoning change.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to deny Item Z-1. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion to deny prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Item Z-2. **ZONING CASE # Z2009078 S (District 2):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "I-1" GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "I-1 S" GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT WITH A SPECIFIC USE AUTHORIZATION FOR MILLWORK AND WOOD PRODUCTS MANUFACTURING ON A PORTION OF LOT A-3, NCB A-27, LOT 1 THRU LOT 12, NCB 7057 (4.8341 ACRES) LOCATED AT 51 ESSEX STREET AND 1403 SOUTH CHERRY. STAFF AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

Councilmember Taylor moved to continue Item Z-2 until September 17, 2009. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Item P-1. **PLAN AMENDMENT # PA09017 (District 2):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN CONTAINED IN THE ARENA DISTRICT/EASTSIDE COMMUNITY PLAN, A COMPONENT OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY, BY CHANGING THE USE

ON 4.156 ACRES LOCATED AT 301 YUCCA STREET FROM INSTITUTIONAL LAND USE TO MIXED USE LAND USE. STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Item Z-3. **ZONING CASE # Z2009129 (District 2):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "MF-33" MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "C-2" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ON 4.156 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 1, NCB 7457 AND BLOCK 19, NCB 1550 LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE, BETWEEN LACEY AND ROBESON. STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL PENDING THE PLAN AMENDMENT. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION PENDING THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING.

CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Item Z-4. **ZONING CASE # Z2009130 S (District 2):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "MF-33" MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "C-3 S" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A SPECIFIC USE AUTHORIZATION FOR A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (TRANSITIONAL HOME) ON 4.914 ACRES OUT OF BLOCK 16, NCB 1546 AND BLOCK 20, NCB 1551 LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF YUCCA STREET, BETWEEN HALLIE AVENUE AND ROBESON. STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION PENDING THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case noting that it was a request to change the property from MF-33 Multi-Family District to C-3 S, General Commercial District with a Specific Use Authorization for a Correctional Facility, and more specifically, a transitional home.

Barbara Hawkins addressed the Council and spoke in favor of a continuance.

Ken Brown, Representative of the Applicant stated that a request had been made to continue Items P-1, Z-3, and Z-4 to September 17, 2009.

Bexar County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson addressed the Council and stated that he was the Chairman of the Bexar County Re-Entry Council. He noted that Cross Point was one of the few organizations that had been successful in assisting individuals with re-entry into main stream society after being incarcerated and spoke of the cost benefits of funding a transitional living facility. He asked that the City Council approve the zoning change.

Leon Thomas addressed the Council and spoke against the zoning change. He stated that not everyone in the community was in favor of having a transitional facility in the area. He expressed concern that Cross Point had misinformed residents of the proposed project.

Byron Miller addressed the Council and requested that the City Council determine the best use for the property and resulting benefits to the community. He stated that a transitional facility was not the best use for the property.

Oscar Hicks addressed the Council and spoke against the rezoning. He stated that the East Side needed economic generators and that the proposed correctional facility was not an acceptable development to the community.

Councilmember Taylor thanked all that came to speak on said item and stated that there was more outreach that needed to be conducted prior to making a final decision.

Councilmember Taylor moved to continue Items P-1, Z-3, and Z-4 until September 17, 2009. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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Item Z-5. **ZONING CASE # Z2009112 CD (District 3):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "R-4" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "R-4 CD" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE ON LOT F, BLOCK 100, NCB 3368 LOCATED AT 1044 BAILEY AVENUE. STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS.

Councilmember Ramos moved to continue Item Z-5 until October 1, 2009. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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Item Z-6. **ZONING CASE # Z2009122 (District 5):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "C-3R" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, RESTRICTIVE ALCOHOL SALES TO "C-1" LIGHT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. ON LOT 21, BLOCK 1, NCB 7037 LOCATED AT 3938 SOUTH ZARZAMORA STREET. STAFF AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS: LOT 21, BLOCK 1, NCB 7037 TO WIT: FROM "C-3R" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, RESTRICTIVE ALCOHOL SALES TO "C-1" LIGHT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case noting that it would amend the Zoning from C-3R General Commercial District, Restrictive Alcohol Sales, to C-1 Light Commercial District.

Councilmember Medina moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Item. Councilmember Cortez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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Item Z-7. **ZONING CASE # Z2009076 ERZD (District 9):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "NP-10 ERZD MLOD-1" NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION EDWARDS RECHARGE ZONE CAMP BULLIS MILITARY LIGHTING OVERLAY DISTRICT-1 AND "QD S ERZD MLOD-1" QUARRY EDWARDS RECHARGE ZONE CAMP BULLIS MILITARY LIGHTING OVERLAY DISTRICT-1 WITH A SPECIFIC USE AUTHORIZATION FOR BLASTING TO "MPCD ERZD MLOD-1" MASTER PLANNED COMMUNITY EDWARDS RECHARGE ZONE CAMP BULLIS MILITARY LIGHTING OVERLAY DISTRICT-1 ON 389.53 ACRES OUT OF NCB 19221 LOCATED AT 19101 NORTH US HIGHWAY 281 AND 19300 CLASSEN CREST. STAFF AND ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case to amend the zoning district boundary from NP-10 ERZD MLOD-1 and QD S ERZD MLOD-1 to MPCD ERZD MLOD-1. He stated that Staff and the Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Hannah Pobanz, Representative of AGUA, addressed the Council and spoke against the zoning change. She stated that the increase in development and traffic would negatively impact the Aquifer.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez requested that good decisions be made when considering additional development over the Edwards Aquifer.

Councilmember Chan moved to continue Item Z-7 until October 1, 2009. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Taylor, Ramos, Cortez, Medina, Lopez, Rodriguez, Williams, Chan, Clamp, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

WITHDRAWN BY APPLICANT

Item Z-8. **ZONING CASE # Z2009115 (District 10):** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY FROM "R-6" RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT TO "C-2 NA" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, NONALCOHOLIC SALES (ON 1.081 ACRES) AND "C-3 R" GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, RESTRICTIVE ALCOHOL SALES (ON 0.784 OF AN ACRE) ON PARCEL 30-C, NCB 15680 (0.0352 OF AN ACRE) AND THE SOUTH 61.72 FEET OF LOT 29, BLOCK 5, NCB 17365; 1.081 ACRES OUT OF NCB 15680 AND NCB 17365 (CB 5014); AND 0.559 OF AN ACRE OUT OF NCB 15680 (CB 5014) LOCATED IN THE 13000 AND 14000 BLOCKS OF BULVERDE ROAD. STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF "C-3 R" ON 0.784 OF AN ACRE, APPROVAL OF "C-2" ON 1.081 ACRES; WITH AN ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION OF "C-2" ON THE ENTIRE SUBJECT PROPERTY. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF "C-3 R" FOR PARCEL 30-C, NCB 15680 (0.0352 OF AN ACRE) AND THE SOUTH 61.72 FEET OF LOT 29, BLOCK 5, NCB 17365; AND APPROVAL OF "C-2 NA" FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY.

Chris Looney reported that said item had been withdrawn by the applicant and there was no action required at this time.

[CONSENT ZONING ITEMS CONCLUDED]

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 3:08 pm and noted that the meeting would resume at 5:15 pm for Ceremonials.

CEREMONIALS

Mayor Castro presented a proclamation for the 26th Annual Jazz'SAlive that will be held September 19-20, 2009 in Travis Park. The event is a free two-day festival co-sponsored by the San Antonio Parks Foundation and the City of San Antonio. Jazz'SAlive features a great line-up of local and national Jazz Musicians, children's activities, and food and beverage booths.

Mayor Castro presented a proclamation for National Hispanic Heritage Month that will be recognized from September 15 through October 15, 2009. The annual observance commemorates the anniversary of the independence of several Latin American countries from Spain, and acknowledges the contributions made by Hispanic Americans throughout the nation's history. Hispanic Heritage Month was established in 1989 to celebrate the diverse Hispanic cultures of society.

Mayor Castro recognized staff assisting with the 6th Annual Graffiti Wipeout! Volunteer Day that will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009. More than 3,000 volunteers will participate in the city-wide clean-up event. Mini-wipeout events will be held during the month of September to help citizen and neighborhood associations wipe out graffiti and restore pride in the community.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Pro Tem Medina reconvened the City Council Meeting at 6:03 pm and called upon those registered to speak.

Antonio Diaz spoke of racial discrimination issues that he encountered after being arrested in April and expressed concern that his constitutional rights had been violated. He requested a meeting with Mayor Castro, Police Chief McManus, and Bexar County Sheriff Ortiz to discuss same.

Eunise Sierra, Coalition of Concerned Citizens for Consumer Welfare noted that the organization was created to address hunger and other related matters that affect consumers. She spoke of the challenges faced by individuals applying for public benefits and the great increase in hunger and homelessness. She added that she was in support of Advocate Social Services of San Antonio and spoke of a lawsuit against the Texas Health and Human Services Commission for failure to process food stamp applications.

Mark Perez spoke of the great amount of ozone in the environment and the businesses that were not adhering to environmental regulations. He expressed concern that he had requested information from various city staff but had not received a response.

Raymond Zavala spoke of an ordinance that prohibited aggressive panhandling and requested that all panhandling be banned. He expressed concern with excessive noise and curfew violations and asked that associated penalties be enforced.

Damon Mason spoke of transportation issues and requested that the City invest in a mono-rail system. He provided design recommendations and details of same.

Faris Hodge, Jr. spoke in support of the closure of Sam Houston High School. He spoke in opposition to nuclear energy and requested that the City invest in wind and solar energy. He stated that public libraries should be open until 7:00 pm. He expressed concern that recreation centers were only open for four hours and stated that EMS vehicles needed upgraded computer systems.

Albert Gomez, addressed the Council and stated that he was filing a lawsuit for discrimination that he had encountered when applying for public assistance. He noted that he had provided all of the information required and still had not received assistance. He requested that staff help him address his concerns.

Nick Calzoncit recognized Councilmember Ramos for her efforts to address illegal dumping and invited all to attend a Peace Stroll taking place on September 10, 2009 to honor victims and families of the September 11, 2001 tragedy.

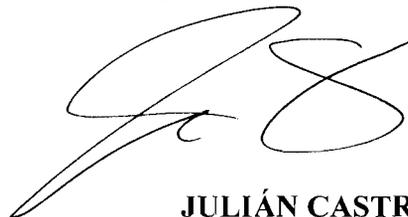
Wayne Hensley stated that he had previously received assistance in addressing crime and drug use surrounding the SAMM Shelter but noted that there were still concerns. He asked that these concerns be addressed at Haven for Hope and spoke of issues with the management company at his apartment complex.

Rhett Smith spoke of issues with Hate Speech Broadcasting and the prevalence of racial discrimination. He noted that the civil rights of individuals were frequently being violated and also invited all to attend the Peace Stroll on September 10, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Medina adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

A P P R O V E D



JULIÁN CASTRO
MAYOR

Attest:



LETICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk