The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Ed Garza, with the following members present: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, and Garza. ABSENT: Garcia.

Invocation – Rev. Ilene Dunn, Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

Mayor Garza spoke to his "Mayor’s Agenda 2001-2002", a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting, and the text of which follows:

Mayor Ed Garza
Mayor's Agenda: 2001-2002
June 7, 2001

I am honored to have the opportunity today to present an agenda for the first year of my first term as Mayor of the City of San Antonio. Before describing in greater detail the four areas of emphasis in my agenda--Human Development, Neighborhood Development, Metropolitan Development and Model Governance--I want to share with you my commitment to and passion for San Antonio, and talk about the ways in which we can work together to accomplish great things.

San Antonio is a world-class city. More new residents every year move in to join those of us lucky enough to be born here. While these newcomers add to the pressures that
growth brings, they also have a fresh perspective on issues like balanced growth, environmental quality, housing and mixed-use development, water fluoridation and the knowledge of what has been accomplished in other cities. During my campaign for Mayor I did speak face-to-face with many of you, and I heard your honest opinions about real issues that affect your lives.

Blockwalking is a staple of San Antonio politics, and for good reason. It reflects the core values of this city, core values of connection, communication, the personal nature of politics and business life in San Antonio. Not only did I have an opportunity to tell you about my plans, my aspirations, but also I heard from you: your concerns and complaints, and also your vision for San Antonio.

I heard that you want better jobs for your children, safer streets, more recreational opportunities, more places to shop in your neighborhoods, less traffic, and more accountability from local government. I heard that you want San Antonio to be a great place to raise a family and a great place to start a business. And you want to preserve those qualities that make San Antonio unique and wonderful: a sense of our history, the strength of our families, the quality of our water and the beauty of our parks and open space.

I believe your vision, our vision, is our future. We must work together to grow what is sometimes called a “Sustainable Community,” one where we use our resources wisely to support growth today without compromising our plans for the future. I believe sustainable growth is growth from within, growth that weaves together the threads of arts and the economy, of balanced growth and basic services, education and environmental quality, and a new way of thinking about our government.

We should bring to this effort a metropolitan way of thinking that will allow us to focus on our own successes and yet be aware of what other cities across the country and world are doing. While we learn from others, we must also be leaders in those areas where we have natural advantages, such as a large Spanish-speaking population, outstanding health and research facilities, and a tradition of working together. These are the assets we bring to the world market, whether we are supplying content for websites in Mexico or developing a model program to combat diabetes.

Metropolitan thinking means expanding our mental boundaries. Neil Peirce and Curtis Johnson have recognized an important characteristic of vibrant cities in America today: they are citistates. Their series for the Express-News has shown us that metropolitan thinking and regional planning will be necessary to address issues such as balanced growth and economic development. Peirce and Johnson also identified our strong connection to South Texas and the border, and to Mexico. With these partners we can form a community of interest to advance a mutually beneficial agenda.

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We will face challenges--we must face them together. All of us who care about San Antonio--school board members, parish leaders, neighborhood association presidents, taxpayers, even politicians--need to do a better job of communicating and connecting with each other. The connection, the sense of partnership that I felt with the citizens of San Antonio during my campaign is so important to me that I am exploring ways to retain and expand it. I’ll be premiering a new Internet site for questions-and-answers, and I’ll be visiting your neighborhoods and parks through two new programs designed to make the Mayor’s office more accessible. I’ll be inviting some of you to visit me on Saturday mornings for breakfast, turning my office into San Antonio’s living room.

Other partnerships already in place will be expanded. My colleague, County Judge and former Mayor Nelson Wolff, has laid out an agenda that calls for increased cooperation between the County and the City, an agenda I will second today. We have tremendous opportunities to pioneer our partnerships with the military, and to see the Brooks City Base become another model for privatization. Next week, I am launching a new effort to bring together corporate leaders and the education sector through an innovative program called CEOs for Cities, which will build on the strong role that many local corporate partners have played in civic issues. I’ll also turn attention back to an established partnership, the Association of South Texas Communities, which will bring together leaders from throughout our region.

My agenda of sustainable growth from within cuts across sectors, political parties and special interests. It is an agenda that promotes individual development through education, training and family strengthening initiatives, but also promotes neighborhood development by supporting local commercial districts, better access to high-tech infrastructure, and more opportunities for housing renovation and development. My agenda encourages metropolitan development, addressing energy conservation, city-county partnerships, and parks expansion. Perhaps most importantly, I recognize that in order to accomplish these goals we must improve confidence in local government and become a model for delivery of service to customers.

**Human Development**

**Better Jobs**
The Better Jobs Initiative will bring coordination, accountability and increased investment to the existing network of service and training providers. Better Jobs is more than a job-training program, however; the goal of Better Jobs is to focus investment in successful programs and initiatives that are tailored to improving education, expanding target industries, and improving the quality of life in San Antonio. For example, the Seattle Jobs Initiative, funded partly through a grant from the Annie E. Casey
Foundation, employs job brokers and managers who work directly with the business community to identify their needs and meet labor shortages.

Our challenges are clear. First, we must improve accountability in existing programs. I will look to Enrique Barrera for his leadership on accountability and message development. Second, we must structure an initiative that responds to the needs of our partners—Bexar County, Alamo Workforce Development, schools and colleges, and local businesses. Third, we must seek and pass a measure that will dedicate sales tax revenue to successful programs. This initiative must stand alone when we take it to the voters of San Antonio. To focus on Better Jobs, I have created a new council committee on Human Development, which I will chair.

**Growth and Education Initiative**
The number and diversity of school districts has made it difficult for communication and coordination between the City of San Antonio and the superintendents and elected boards who serve our community. To combat this trend, I will institute an advisory meeting during which the City will share information about development plans, new service or scholarship initiatives, and other projects that may impact schools. In addition, I will work towards a goal of facilitating a collective vision for San Antonio and Bexar County schools— a vision that will compliment the City’s strategic plans. On the council Bobby Perez and Julian Castro, the City’s designated representatives to the Education Partnership Board, will lead this effort.

**Neighborhood Transformation and Family Strengthening**
The Annie E. Casey Foundation has helped bring a new way of thinking to San Antonio’s West Side. Residents and organizations have adopted the common goal of connecting families to economic opportunity, the supports and services they need, and to stronger social networks. I have created a new City Council Committee on Healthy Families, to be chaired by Enrique Barrera, to bring this message into City Hall and to ensure that programs and funding support the common goal of making connections.

**Homeownership**
Increasing homeownership is an important goal for me and has been mainstay of our housing programs in San Antonio. I will seek to further expand opportunities for San Antonians to become homeowners by supporting a local partnership to bring employer-assisted housing programs to our area. In July, I will join with Bexar County and Fannie Mae to sponsor a workshop on employer-assisted housing, which helps working families buy homes while providing recruitment and retention benefits for businesses.

Homeownership can be threatened by lending practices that strip equity and burden homeowners with new debt, often because owners are not aware of their rights. Assisted by the Fannie Mae Partnership Office, Kansas City has adopted a Consumer’s Bill of
Rights to inform homeowners and buyers of acceptable practices; I will support the adoption of a similar Bill of Rights in San Antonio as part of a campaign to draw attention to this issue. The new **Housing and Neighborhoods Committee** will coordinate these initiatives.

**Human Development & Economy**

Stronger, healthier neighborhoods, schools and families will allow our city to improve the overall quality of life and increase the standard of living. San Antonio has been successful in diversifying its economy to withstand economic downturns. Our goal for the future is to focus on a high performance economy that creates greater economic opportunities for our residents, while enhancing the quality of life. We must focus our efforts towards leveraging San Antonio’s targeted industries by securing flagship status for UTSA and a comprehensive A&M System campus in the southern sector of San Antonio and by implementing the Aviation Industry, San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative (SATAI) and the Logistics and Transportation strategic plans.

We must also look at our natural advantages in growing our economy. San Antonio has the best of both worlds--technology opportunities here and to the north and trade opportunities here and to the south. The merging of these two regional economic forces will fuel the growing potential at our South Texas Medical Center, Kelly USA and Brooks Citybase. I will look to **Toni Moorhouse and Kike Martin** to help facilitate this vision.

**Neighborhood Development**

**Infrastructure**

Maintenance of existing infrastructure is an especially important basic service. In order to emphasize this focus, I have named David Garcia to chair the revamped Infrastructure Committee of City Council. This committee will focus on the maintenance and development of streets, utilities and other infrastructure, including oversight of capital improvement projects. The committee will focus on identifying traditional and innovative ways to fund reconstruction projects throughout the city, however, with an emphasis to the 36 square-mile CRAG targeted revitalization area.

**Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Program**

For the past four years the City of San Antonio has assisted fledgling CDCs in the task of bringing new life back to older commercial corridors. The NCR program brings together business owners and residents to create non-profit organizations that encourage façade improvements, business growth, clean-up efforts, and training for participants. To support this important program, I am advocating for funds to conduct an onsite assessment and provide capacity-building technical services to the NCR CDCs. The
Neighborhood and Small Business Committee will have oversight of this initiative. I will also be looking to Toni Moorhouse and John Sanders for their leadership in these revitalization initiatives.

**Vacant Properties and Code Compliance**
Many of our older neighborhoods are marred by abandoned housing and vacant lots. Unfortunately, hundreds of those lots are under public ownership, acquired through tax foreclosures in the 1960s and 70s. Not only are these properties eyesores, but their maintenance is at public expense. Removing these properties from the public dole and getting them back on tax rolls will be a priority for me. I will be working closely with the County on this important issue. Not all problem properties are publicly owned, however. I support the recent changes in Minimum Housing Standards and the new emphasis on customer service at the Department of Code Compliance and in the Municipal Courts. While we need to lend a helping hand to those whose incomes or health make maintenance difficult, we need to be tougher with repeat violators who take advantage of the system. Councilman Bobby Perez, who will chair both the Housing and neighborhoods and the Municipal Courts Committees, is the natural leader for this effort.

**Neighborhood Technology Initiative**
We often hear the phrase "the digital divide" to describe the danger that low-income families will not have access to the high-tech world. It is my goal that all neighborhoods in San Antonio will have access to broad band network, and that residents will develop the skills to thrive in the 21st century while enhancing their connections to the broader community. For example, all citizens should be able to take advantage of the easier access to municipal information and services offered by the City’s new “E San Antonio” initiative. I have created a Technology Committee, which I will chair, and I will look to committee member Julian Castro for leadership on this issue.

**Marketing Our Assets**
A recent study by the UTSA Metropolitan Policy Research Institute indicates that while two-thirds of homeowners living outside Loop 410 used the services of a Realtor during their last purchase or sale, only one-third of homeowners inside the Loop did so. Clearly there is untapped potential to sell these communities to homebuyers and investors: tree-lined streets, convenience to downtown, and vintage architecture are all in demand. In order to promote our inner city as a great place to live, I will support a marketing program that provides brochures, neighborhood tours and training for lenders, appraisers, and Realtors.
Metropolitan Development

“Green Team” Energy Office
San Antonio has a chance to become a national and even global leader in the area of alternative fuel sources, especially solar energy. Thanks to farsighted advocates such as Bill Sinkin and to progressive clients such as Bexar County and CPS, several local buildings will be models for green building. Green building is a sustainable approach to architecture that encourages water and energy conservation, less toxic building materials, and recycling. To further this trend, I will join with County Judge Nelson Wolff and CPS to support the creation of an energy office in San Antonio. The Federal Department of Energy will co-fund this position, which will centralize information about conservation, innovative technologies, and the benefits of green building.

In order to assure that energy policy remains a priority, and to provide a direct link from the energy office to City Council, I am tasking the Public Utilities and Conservation Committee to coordinate this initiative. Committee chair Bonnie Conner will also lead the Environmental Quality Committee, which will address air and water quality, open space and brownfield impacts. Just as many cities in California have found their prospects for growth to be dampened by the current energy crisis, San Antonio cannot grow without sensible long-range water planning. Of course, we should be conscious of energy use as well. To that end I will meet with staff to review plans for the One-Stop Development Services Center so that we can be assured that the City will set a model for new development that saves money through green building practices.

City-County Partnerships
As I have already mentioned, cooperation with Bexar County is a key goal. The County and the City are colleagues, not competitors. I have already met with County Judge Nelson Wolff to discuss several areas where service delivery could be improved and planning made more efficient. Elsewhere in this agenda I detail plans for the development of the Better Jobs initiative, the joint Energy Office and the disposition of tax lien properties.

With respect to service delivery, I will join the County Judge in seeking a master service contract. This agreement would make the contracting process easier and more efficient, and help us expand areas of cooperation. Already we work together on a range of issues, including health care, animal control, river improvements, and library services. Currently, we have the opportunity to develop new strategies for managing parks and watershed planning, among others. I fully support these joint efforts. Of particular importance to me is the development of a history center for San Antonio, utilizing the excellent collections of the Public Library System and in cooperation with Bexar County.
Transportation
While improving and maintaining roads is a critical basic service, it is also necessary to expand transportation options. Cities across the country are implementing aggressive transportation plans that call for multimodal development—a mix of pedestrian, biking, auto, and transit options. For example, a recent national study of Metropolitan Planning Organizations shows that in some areas, such as Orlando, up to 28% of federal and state pass-through funds are dedicated to transit projects, with another 12% to bike/pedestrian projects. During the next year the Council members I have appointed to the MPO—Bonnie Conner, David A. Garcia, Julian Castro and Kike Martin—will explore similar mechanisms to increase transportation funding and to use those funds more creatively. Again, this is an issue where close cooperation with the County will be imperative.

We will continue to address the need to enhance the San Antonio International Airport, both in terms of direct flights and through capital improvements. This growth and expansion can be accomplished while being sensitive to surrounding neighborhoods. Councilmen David Carpenter and Carroll Schubert will lead this effort with a newly appointed council committee.

Greenways and Open Space
As I have already mentioned, a new Environmental Quality Committee chaired by Councilwoman Conner will coordinate open space efforts. This committee will work with the Open Space Advisory Board and with existing ad hoc citizens groups to ensure that community concerns are heard at City Hall and to share City efforts with our partners. I know that maintenance of existing greenways and publicly owned land has been a challenge for the City and will continue to be challenging as we purchase thousands of acres through Proposition 3 revenues. Staff is already at work on proposed improvements, and better communication between property owners, neighborhoods, the City and the County will help. I’ll look to Councilman John Sanders for his leadership on this issue.

Livable Cities Initiative
San Antonio has just adopted one of the most progressive unified development codes in the country. The UDC was revised to reflect the City’s 1997 Master Plan and to support a more pleasing, efficient and functional environment. Much credit should go to my predecessor, Mayor Howard Peak. We can now begin to implement our vision of neighborhoods where children can walk to school, seniors can shop and socialize without having to drive and public spaces bring the community together. To help local and national developers, designers and investors understand San Antonio’s potential as a livable city, I will join with the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects and several other partners to sponsor a Livable Cities Conference in the Spring of 2002.
Preceding the conference, I will sponsor a series of Mayor’s Forum Lectures on urban design, form, and function. Held in City Council chambers, this series of hour-long lectures will help City staff and the public understand the basics of a livable city and allow for civic dialogue on this topic.

CEOs for Cities
Across the country, a diverse group of leaders has come together to create a new kind of advocacy organization. CEOs for Cities is a non-profit organization based in Boston and founded by Paul Grogan, author of Comeback Cities. His belief that downtowns and inner cities are increasingly attractive to old and new residents alike, and to investors and businesses, has galvanized a group of municipal and corporate executives into creating an urban think tank for the new century. Rather than relying on federal funds, CEOs for Cities looks to the market while capitalizing on residents’ strengths and resources. San Antonio’s existing CRAG focus on inner-city revitalization through asset-based initiatives should allow us to become a leader in this movement.

I have always believed that our efforts to revitalize inner-city neighborhoods will benefit all of San Antonio, just as we all enjoy taking family to see the lights on the River at Christmas or walking through South Town on First Friday. A vibrant arts and cultural life and a “hip” downtown are powerful economic development tools: increasingly, companies consider these things when evaluating quality of life before a move or expansion. Even more directly, the positive effects of thriving businesses and stable neighborhoods ripple throughout the community, just as the negative effects of disinvestment do. We often think of ourselves as belonging to a certain parish, neighborhood association or council district, but in fact we are one city, and we will succeed together or not at all.

Model Governance

Charter Reform
During my campaign I spoke of the need to improve accountability within City government. I see this as a two-step process. Initially, I envision a November election for proposed changes to the City Charter. Changes such as transferring the reporting of the Office of Internal Review and City Attorney’s office to the City Council would address issues of accountability within City government. I will chair a Council committee to identify proposed amendments for a November election and have the committee’s recommendations to the entire City Council in 60 days. I will work closely with Councilman Carroll Schubert to accomplish these goals.

The second step towards realizing a model government is to appoint a Citizens Charter and Governance Commission to look at more long-term issues of San Antonio
government. This commission will be tasked to research and analyze governments in cities with similar characteristics and to develop recommendations to the City Council on governance structure, term limits and council salaries. This commission will be appointed in the coming months and it is my hope we can have a broader charter election in 2004.

I understand that charter reform is a significant and long-term effort; in the interim, I am broadening the authority of the Audit and Contract Review Committee. David Carpenter will chair the Committee, and will be responsible for selecting representative contracts for review.

**Mayor’s Office Initiatives**

As I have mentioned, communication and connection with citizens is important to me. I will open my office on Saturday mornings for breakfast with people whose ideas and enthusiasm has intrigued me—so don’t be afraid to approach me with a project or suggestion that you think would be good for San Antonio. I’ll also be visiting your neighborhoods, so keep an eye out during the coming months. Finally, I am developing an interactive web site that will allow users to post questions and peruse my answers. I am your Mayor, and I want to know what you think.

**Council Committees**

The new Council Committees I have referenced today are part of a broader attempt to strengthen the connections between citizens, council and staff. By creating more comprehensive Council Committees and designating coordination between Committees and Citizen Advisory Boards, Commissions and staff working groups, I hope to enhance the flow of information and build consensus. My goal is to create better working relationships and promote a more holistic policy environment.

**Connection with City Staff**

Already I have met with the City of San Antonio Executive Team of more than 70 Directors and Assistant Directors. We talked about commitment to serving the people of San Antonio and to embracing whatever changes may occur as a result of the agenda I’ve outlined today. We have a great team of professionals; City Manager Terry Brechtel and I will be visiting departments and continuing to meet with staff as we both settle in to our new jobs. I look forward to a productive two years.

I will close with some thoughts about the nature of sustainable growth from within. The San Antonio River has long been appreciated as the heart of this community. At times threatened, the river has far more often been celebrated as an irreplaceable asset. The Riverwalk has grown organically but not haphazardly, through well-planned improvements that respect the natural environment and while adding layers of well-detailed infrastructure. Not only is the Riverwalk truly rooted in this city, but it attracts
visitors from all over the globe. Our job as elected officials is to recognize our other world-class resources and to grow them in this same careful manner.

I am excited about getting to work on this agenda, and look forward to implementing these initiatives in partnership my Council colleagues, fellow elected and appointed officials and the citizens of San Antonio.

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Mayor Garza then asked for a motion to direct staff to place on next week’s City Council agenda the naming of Council members to various Committees, Commissions, and liaisons, as outlined in his “Mayor’s Agenda 2001-2002.

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Conner seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the motion, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Garcia, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

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2001-24 NATIONAL HOMEOWNERSHIP WEEK

Mr. Perez spoke in recognition of National Homeownership Week, and recognized a number of representatives in attendance today in promotion of homeownership.

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2001-24 CONSENT AGENDA – CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, speaking to Agenda Item 15, asked that the Alamodome be named for an individual, to be selected.

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, addressed the Mayor’s Agenda 2001-2002, and took exception to several appointments of City Council members to certain committees. He also asked that Council members receiving political contributions from principals involved in Agenda Item 10 to abstain from voting on that item.

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2001-24 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Perez made a motion to approve Agenda Items 4 through 17E, constituting the Consent Agenda. Mr. Sanders seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Garcia.

AN ORDINANCE 94055

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID OF DUNBAR ARMORED, INC. SPECIALTIES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH AN ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR REVENUE PICKUP AT CITY SWIMMING POOLS FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF $17,666.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 94056

ACCEPTING THE BID SUBMITTED BY VISUAL INNOVATIONS COMPANY, INC. (WBE) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EXTERNAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT WITH THIRTEEN (13) REPLACEMENT MONITORS AND MISCELLANEOUS VIDEO EQUIPMENT AND DISPLAYS FOR USE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR A TOTAL SUM OF $49,278.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 94057

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $750.00 TO ROSIN GROUP, INC. THROUGH LAWYERS TITLE OF SAN ANTONIO FOR SURVEYING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLUMNEAR FLOOD AREA PROJECT; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 94058

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $100.00 TO RAJANKUMAR N. AND DAXABEN R. PATEL D/B/A ROADWAY INN FOR AN ACCESS AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRE STATION NO. 47 PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 94059

ACCEPTING A PERMANENT EASEMENT DEDICATION FROM RUTH UTZ COVELLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELSMERE - MICHIGAN TO CAPITOL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT.

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AN ORDINANCE 94060

DECLARING THE HUNT LANE - MARBACH TO U.S. 90 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ("PROJECT") IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT; DECLARING A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE FEE SIMPLE AND/OR EASEMENT INTEREST TO CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED REAL PROPERTY, BY NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR CONDEMNATION, IF NECESSARY, FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR USE AS A PART OF THIS PROJECT; TO WIT, ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTIES LISTED AS FOLLOWS: (1) A 0.110 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159; (2) A 0.118 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159; (3) A 0.287 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159, LOT P-4D; (4) A 3.587 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; (5) A 0.649 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332 AND THE THOMAS THOMAS SURVEY NO. 301, ABSTRACT NO. 749, COUNTY BLOCK 4343, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; (6) A 0.155 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO.
737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; (7) A 0.193 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; (8) A 0.021 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE CLEMENTE TEXADA SURVEY NO. 69, ABSTRACT NO. 737, COUNTY BLOCK 4332 AND THE THOMAS THOMAS SURVEY NO. 301, ABSTRACT NO. 749, COUNTY BLOCK 4343, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; (9) A 0.135 ACRE TRACT OUT OF AND A PART OF THE THOMAS THOMAS SURVEY NO. 301, ABSTRACT NO. 749, COUNTY BLOCK 4343, NCB 18159 AND BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 26 OF MEDIO CREEK SUBDIVISION; ALL IN BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AS PART OF THE PROJECT; ESTABLISHING JUST COMPENSATION FOR THE PROPERTY; APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $143,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT SUCH AS APPRAISALS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY STAFF AND/OR ITS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES TO NEGOTIATE WITH AND TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY FROM THE OWNERS ON THE APPROVED TERMS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND/OR DESIGNATED SPECIAL COUNSEL TO FILE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS, IF NECESSARY; FINDING THE ORDINANCE TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED PURSUANT TO LAWS GOVERNING OPEN MEETINGS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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AN ORDINANCE 94061

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $61,865.46 TO BRACEWELL & PATTERSON, L.L.P., FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE HILLIONS DRAINAGE PROJECT #80, PHASES III AND V ($1,443.39), HILDEBRAND AVENUE - I.H. 10 TO BREEDEN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($265.80), WURZBACH PARKWAY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($67.50), WURZBACH ROAD AT I.H. 10 AND IRONSIDE INTERSECTIONS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($2,476.50), ESCALON DRAINAGE PROJECT #1008 ($35.00), W.W. WHITE ROAD - RIGSBY TO LORD ROAD PROJECT ($7,507.84), FIRE STATION NO. 7 PROJECT ($1,148.82), SAN ANTONIO RIVER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - HOUSTON TO LEXINGTON ($8,116.63), PLEASANTON ROAD - MAYFIELD TO SOUTHCROSS PROJECT ($4,200.39), PEARSALL ROAD LANDFILL PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT ($28,733.85), OCTAVIA PLACE DRAINAGE 2001-24
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PROJECT #63 ($2,071.05), SAN PEDRO - QUINCY TO ROMANA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($15.00), UPPER SIX MILE CREEK DRAINAGE PROJECT #83 ($139.61), MILITARY DRIVE WEST CONNECTION TO REED ROAD PROJECT ($3,263.13), CHERRY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT #15B, PHASE II ($138.25), ASHLEY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - BASCUM TO S. FLORES ($2,137.70), BLANCO ROAD AT JACKSON-KELLER ROAD PROJECT ($90.00), WESTERN AVENUE DRAINAGE PROJECT #74 ($15.00); APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 94062

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT WITH THE CURRENT LESSOR, BRY/DUN INVESTMENTS, LTD., TO A LEASE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH THE LESSOR'S PREDECESSORS IN TITLE TO ADD 1,340 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE FOR SIX MONTHS FROM JUNE 7, 2001 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2001 AT 419 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 302 FOR THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVIEW FOR A SUM OF $1,340.00 EACH MONTH.

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AN ORDINANCE 94063

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, LITERACY SERVICES DIVISION, AND THE BEXAR COUNTY PLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES TO BEXAR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 20, 2001 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2001; ACCEPTING REIMBURSEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $792.00; AND APPROVING A BUDGET.

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AN ORDINANCE 94064

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD YEAR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH CONCENTRA MEDICAL CENTERS TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE DRUG SCREENING SERVICES FOR 2001-24
PROSPECTIVE CITY EMPLOYEES AND CURRENT CITY EMPLOYEES REQUIRING COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY'S PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORTATION WORKER DRUG TESTING PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $110,000.00 FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002.

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AN ORDINANCE 94065


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AN ORDINANCE 94066

CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED LEGAL SERVICES FROM MAYOR, DAY, CALDWELL AND KEETON, IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACTUAL MATTERS REGARDING THE DEPARTURE OF THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS FROM THE ALAMODOME, TO THE LAW FIRM OF ANDREWS & KURTH, L.L.P.

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AN ORDINANCE 94067

APPROVING A PARADE PERMIT AND AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALAMO STREET BETWEEN CROCKETT AND HOUSTON; AND PORTIONS OF CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE AREA OF DOWNTOWN AND THE ALAMODOME IN CONNECTION WITH THE JUNETEENTH PARADE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2001 BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 NOON, SPONSORED BY THE JUNETEENTH COALITION.

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AN ORDINANCE 94068

APPOINTING JIM GREENFIELD (DISTRICT 5) TO THE BROOKS ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 5, 2003.

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AN ORDINANCE 94069

APPOINTING JOHN PAUL WALKER (DISTRICT 5) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 26, 2003.

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AN ORDINANCE 94070

APPOINTING M'LISS CHRISTIAN (DISTRICT 5) TO THE MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 15, 2002.

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AN ORDINANCE 94071

APPOINTING ROLANDO RAMOS (DISTRICT 5) TO THE ETHICS REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2003.

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AN ORDINANCE 94072

APPOINTING ALEC LAWRENCE OLIVARRI (DISTRICT 5) TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2003.

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2001-24 ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION-CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, congratulated the new members of City Council, and addressed the need for Council members to listen to their constituents.
Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, questioned the need to spend so much money on a bus-stop in Agenda Item 20, and addressed the matter of water and other legislation.

2001-24  The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 94073


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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion.

City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez explained the proposed Ordinance appointing the new rotation of Mayors Pro Tem, after which each member of City Council drew for their respective terms as Mayor Pro Tem.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Garcia, Barrera.

It was announced that Councilman Barrera does the first rotation and would be sworn in upon his return to the Council Chambers.

2001-24  The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 94074

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT (SSAISD) TO CONTINUE A TRAINING PROGRAM IN VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SSAISD BUSINESS INFORMATION PROCESSING PROJECT.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion.

Mr. Malcolm Matthews, Director of Parks & Recreation, explained the proposed Ordinance, a copy of which presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

Mr. Martin commended City staff for a job well done, and spoke to the advantages to be derived by the students involved in the program.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Garcia.

2001-24 SWERING-IN OF INCOMING MAYOR PRO TEM

At this point, City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Barrera as the first Mayor Pro Tem of this City Council term.

2001-24 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 94075

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DELEGATE AGENCY CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,000.00 WITH THE MAINSTREET ALLIANCE OF SAN ANTONIO/SOUTHTOWN, A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION PROJECT, FOR SALARIES AND SUPPLIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION AND PLACEMENT OF THE "CARLOS CORTES BUS SHELTER FOR PRESA STREET POCKET PARK" TO BE LOCATED AT THE
Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion.

Mr. Ernest Rubio, Acting Director of Cultural Affairs, explained the proposed Ordinance, a copy of which presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting.

Mayor Garza congratulated those involved for an excellent project.

Mr. Perez thanked Southtown officials for their work on this matter, and spoke to the need for more citizen participation in such projects.

Mr. Rubio noted that other such projects are being planned for the future.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Garcia.

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2001-24 STAFF BRIEFING ON THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S LEGISLATION PROGRAM FOR THE 77TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Mr. James Campbell, Director of External Relations, provided City Council with an update on the 77th Texas Legislative Session in Austin, a copy of which presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He highlighted key legislation which could affect San Antonio and other Texas municipalities, stating his belief that San Antonio came out well in the session, with some 80 per cent of the City’s Legislative Package enacted.

Mayor Garza asked Mr. Campbell to put together a brief report for new members of City Council on ‘good bills’ and ‘bad bills’, from the City’s standpoint.

In response to a question by Ms. Conner, Mr. Campbell detailed the impact of SB 1444 dealing with the sale of water and its impact upon San Antonio Water System. He stated that the City Attorney’s office currently is researching any possible negative impact of
the legislation on San Antonio and its City Charter, and spoke to the need to address any such negative impacts in the new legislative session.

Mr. Carpenter thanked City staff and its lobbying team for their work.

Mr. Castro noted that San Antonio now is getting its due from the State, as a result of legislation.

2001-24 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 94076

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $550.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 5 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND TO ASSIST ST. HENRY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH THE COST TO USE THE CITY'S MOBILE STAGE IN CONNECTION WITH ITS SUMMER FESTIVAL HELD ON JUNE 3, 2001; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID A. GARCIA.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Garcia.

2001-24 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council recessed its regular session at 2:25 P.M. in order to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

A) Attorney/Client Consultation regarding the lawsuit styled City of San Antonio, Appellant, vs. City of Boerne, Appellee; Case No. 04-00-00555-CV, in the 216th Judicial District Court, Kendall County, Texas, Trial Court No. 98-005.
The City Council adjourned the Executive Session at 3:10 P.M. and reconvened in regular session, at which time Mayor Garza stated that City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters and had given staff direction, but had taken no official action.

2001-24 CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Terry Brechtel introduced Mr. Ramiro Cavazos, Director of Economic Development Department, and stated that he would be providing City Council with a briefing on the current status of the recent Housing & Urban Development Department Inspector General’s Report relative to the Section 108 loan provided San Antonio for Kelly Air Force Base.

Mr. Cavazos then provided a briefing on the above matter, and spoke to future actions being planned. He provided substantiation for the loan in terms of job placement requirements.

Mayor Garza noted that the report’s concerns are not a new issue, and that the HUD Secretary has encouraged the use of such loans for the purposes performed at Kelly Air Force Base/KellyUSA. He stated his belief that the City will be vindicated in this matter, and asked that the Council’s Committee on Military Affairs be kept fully informed on all aspects of this matter.

Mr. Martin spoke to the impact this funding has had on District 5.

Mr. Paul Roberson, Executive Director, Greater Kelly Development Administration, stated that he would be making a full presentation to City Council in two weeks.

In response to a question by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Cavazos and Mr. Andrew Cameron, Director of Housing & Community Development, noted that the Department of Labor determines what constitutes low and moderate-income levels.

Mr. Carpenter, new chair of the Council Military Affairs Committee, asked to have his group briefed on this matter as soon as possible.

City Manager Brechtel stated that she would be assigning City staff to each new Council committee as quickly as possible.
In response to a question by Ms. Moorhouse, Mr. Cavazos spoke to the review process for HUD loans.

Responding to a question by Mr. Barrera, Mr. Cavazos addressed the monitoring process for loans, and hiring practices under them. He spoke to the current status of meetings with Boeing Corporation and other KellyUSA tenants on compliance with all requirements under the HUD loan, noting that a written agreement now is in place.

Discussion then took place concerning low and moderate-income levels, and their documentation.

2001-24  CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

MR. FARIS HODGE, JR.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, spoke to need for the City to wash its sidewalks, especially at bus-stops; Charter changes; and the need for more police in the downtown area, especially at certain periods of night.

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MS. JULIE IRIS OLDHAM

Ms. Julie Iris Oldham, P.O. Box 40263, complained of instances of alleged harassment, and of Code Compliance problems.

2001-24  There being no further citizens wishing to be heard at this time, the City Council recessed its regular session at 3:35 P.M., reconvening at 5:00 P.M. for a continuation of Citizens to be Heard.

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2001-24       CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (CON’T)

MR. RODNEY SOLAR

Mr. Rodney Solar, P.O. Box 864, Belmont, TX, spoke to certain drainage problems at 8459 Cranberry Hill and the City’s responses, asking that the problems be remedied.

Mayor Garza stated that City staff would continue to follow up on this matter.

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MR. NAZARITE RUBEN FLORES PEREZ

Mr. Nazarite Ruben Flores Perez, 627 Hearne, spoke to Item #22; stated his belief that the Constitution forbids spending tax money for church purposes, and took exception to Agenda Item 22; City of San Antonio raises; longevity and long term services; and church giving where he feels is a violation of Article I, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution. He stated that City employees need a percentage raise not one-time bonuses. He favors longevity raise for the future and stated he will be presenting a plan to the City Council.

2001-24       There being no further business to come before the City Council, the regular meeting was adjourned at 5:08 P.M.

APPROVED

ED D. GARZA
MAYOR

Attest:

NORMA S. RODRIGUEZ, CMC/AAE
City Clerk

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