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2002-05 The City Council convened in an informal “B” Session at 10:00 A.M., Municipal Plaza Building “B” Room, to consider the following items(s):

A.) Boards and Commissions Interview Work Session. (Presented by Norma S. Rodriguez, Director of City Clerk.)

The Council members present were: AYES: Perez, Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Barrera, Castro, Schubert, Garza. ABSENT: Garcia, Conner, Carpenter.

The City Council moved these nominations to next week’s “A” Session.

The “B” Session adjourned at 11:05 A.M.

2002-05 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, Garza. ABSENT: Garcia.

2002-05 Invocation by Dr. Klon Kitchen, Director, Salvation Army.

2002-05 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

2002-05 PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION FOR HEART MONTH

Mayor Pro Tem Enrique Martin introduced Dr. James Rogers, President of the American Heart Association Board, who spoke on the many San Antonians who suffer from...
cardiovascular disease, noting the statistics, which indicate that many are at risk for heart attack and stroke. He further noted the activities taking place in conjunction with the observance, citing “Dia de los Ninos” to take place in April where American Heart Association was participating in a Health Fair. Mayor Pro Tem Martin then read a Proclamation in honor of American Heart Month and presented it to Dr. Rogers.

Several members of the City Council commended the American Heart Association representatives for the great work they are doing to extend and improve the quality of life for the citizens of the community.

2002-05 RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES WITH 30, 35, 40 AND 45 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mayor Pro-Tem Martin acknowledged City Employees that were in the audience to be recognized for their dedicated years of service to the City of San Antonio. He noted that these employees had served 30 to 45 years with the City, and commended them for reaching such a significant milestone. He invited members of the City Council to join him at the podium to personally congratulate each of the employees.

City Clerk Norma S. Rodriguez then introduced each respective honoree by department, and noted their years of service, as they came forward to be recognized and congratulated by members of the City Council.

City Manager Terry M. Brechtel, noted that an awards banquet would be held on Friday, February 8, 2002, honoring 339 employees with total years of service as 8,275, and further extended an invitation to members of the City Council.

Members of the City Council congratulated each of the employees being recognized for their heartfelt dedication and hard work to the community.

2002-05 Minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 24, 2002 were approved.
2002-05 CONSENT AGENDA – CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke to the bidding and awarding of contracts process citing in particular Items 9, 10 and 12, and further spoke on the campaign contributions received by various members of the City Council.

2002-05 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Perez made a motion to approve Agenda Items 6 through 15E constituting the Consent Agenda. Mr. Martin 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 95257

ACCEPTING THE LOW BID SUBMITTED BY GRANDE FORD TRUCK SALES, INC. TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATION UNITS FOR A TOTAL SUM OF $1,646,640.00, OF WHICH $708,080.00 WILL BE PAID THROUGH, AND IS CONTINGENT UPON, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT OR THROUGH OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.  

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AN ORDINANCE 95258

ACCEPTING THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDS SUBMITTED BY COOPER EQUIPMENT CO., ITEM 1, WIRTGEN AMERICA, INC., ITEM 2; CLOSNER EQUIPMENT CO., ITEMS 3 AND 4; AND GRANDE FORD TRUCK SALES, INC., ITEM 5, TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL SUM OF $602,708.00, OF WHICH $571,385.00 WILL BE PAID THROUGH, AND IS CONTINGENT UPON, A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT OR OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.  

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AN ORDINANCE 95259

RATIFYING A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC., AND MASTER LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR USE THEREWITH, TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WITH GRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM SOFTWARE AND LICENSES FOR A TOTAL SUM OF $165,632.00.

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AN ORDINANCE 95260

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE THIRD AMENDMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $100,000, TO 3D/INTERNATIONAL’S (3D/I) AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE HENRY B. GONZALEZ CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT FOR EXTENDED PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE MEXICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE RENOVATION CLOSEOUT OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; RATIFYING PREVIOUS SERVICES; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 87446, FEBRUARY 26, 1998, ORDINANCE 92669, OCTOBER 5, 2000, AND ORDINANCE 94185 JUNE 28, 2001.)

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AN ORDINANCE 95261

ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) IN THE AMOUNT OF $75,000.00 TO DEVELOP DETAILED HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSES AND FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY MAPPING IN ROSILLO CREEK; AMENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HDR ENGINEERING, INC.; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FROM FEMA GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $75,000.00 FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INITIAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM FOR VARIOUS WATERSHEDS PROJECT LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 AND 10; REVISING THE PROJECT BUDGET; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 90846, NOVEMBER 23, 1999.)

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AN ORDINANCE 95262

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $4,118.21 FROM 1996 CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CITY'S SHARE OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF CONSTRUCTION COST IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITYWIDE SIDEWALK 2000 PHASE II PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 3; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 95263

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $3,274.12 TO DAVIDSON & TROILO, P.C., FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE BABCOCK ROAD/LEON CREEK IMPROVEMENTS – HAUSMAN TO DE ZAVALA PROJECT ($1,957.18), BITTERS ROAD – WEST AVENUE TO HEIMER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($255.13), FIRE STATION NO. 25 PROJECT ($54.00), MISSION TRAILS PARKWAY PACKAGE IV METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($74.40), PECAN VALLEY – IH 10 TO J STREET METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($270.20), PLEASANTON ROAD – SOUTH CROSS TO MAYFIELD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PROJECT ($330.11), AND THE SALADO CREEK GREENWAY (HIKE & BIKE) PROJECT ($333.10) FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF $3,274.12; APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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AN ORDINANCE 95264

AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF A LEASE AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NO. 88748 APPROVED ON NOVEMBER 5, 1998 WITH PG&E TEXAS PIPELINE, L.P. AND THE EXECUTION OF A NEW TWENTY (20) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR CHANNEL AVIATION L.L.C. (HEREINAFTER “CLEAR CHANNEL”) FOR THE LEASE OF 108,900 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND SPACE AND 7,860 SQUARE FEET OF HANGAR BUILDING SPACE, PRODUCING ANNUAL GROUND RENTAL REVENUES OF $43,560.00 AND ANNUAL HANGAR BUILDING RENTAL REVENUES OF $11,632.80; DECLARING 10,860 SQUARE FEET OF HANGAR BUILDING SPACE AS EXCESS
AND SURPLUS TO THE NEEDS OF THE CITY AND AUTHORIZING CLEAR CHANNEL TO DEMOLISH, DISASSEMBLE, REMOVE, AND DISPOSE OF SUCH PORTION OF THE HANGAR BUILDING; AS CONSIDERATION FOR CITY’S CONSENT TO DEMOLISH SUCH PORTION OF THE HANGAR BUILDING AND FOR THE CITY’S LOST HANGAR BUILDING RENTAL, CLEAR CHANNEL AGREES TO PAY THE CITY $105,613.00; AUTHORIZING AND FACILITATING CLEAR CHANNEL’S AIRPORT EXPANSION AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 22,400 SQUARE FOOT HANGAR BUILDING AND OTHER LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING CLEAR CHANNEL TO RECONSTRUCT TAXILANE HOTEL AND APPROVING RENTAL CREDITS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $185,333.00 AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE APPROVED COST OF SUCH RECONSTRUCTION.

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AN ORDINANCE 95265


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AN ORDINANCE 95266

APPOINTING MARK ANTHONY MERLO (DISTRICT 1) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2004.

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AN ORDINANCE 95267

APPOINTING STEVE G. GENGEBACHER (DISTRICT 3) TO THE ETHICS REVIEW BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 21, 2004.

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AN ORDINANCE 95268

APPOINTING DR. JANET BLACK (TECHNICAL/RESEARCH - DISTRICT 8) TO THE BROOKS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 4, 2003.

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AN ORDINANCE 95269

REAPPOINTING ARTHUR D. CLAY (LICENSED MECHANICAL TECH. – UNION REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 3) TO THE MECHANICAL BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 20, 2003.

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AN ORDINANCE 95270

APPOINTING HARRY OLIVER (DISTRICT 3) TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 2003.

2002-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 95271

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2002” IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF $300,510,000.00; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF
THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS BY A LIEN ON AND PLEDGE OF THE PLEDGED REVENUES OF THE WATER SYSTEM ON A PARITY WITH CERTAIN CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; STIPULATING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL REVENUE BONDS ON A PARITY THEREWITH; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A PURCHASE CONTRACT, AND AN ESCROW AND TRUST AGREEMENT; COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE UPON PASSAGE BY EIGHT (8) AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

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

Mr. Ben Gorzell, Public Utilities Supervisor, explained the purpose of the Ordinance, which would issue refunding bonds as senior lien debt to refund the Water System Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 1992. He noted that additional ordinances for water system revenue bonds would be presented for Council consideration and approval.

Mr. Alex Hinojosa, Director of Financial Services, San Antonio Water System, narrated a slide presentation on the refunding of the 1992 bonds, a copy of which presentation is on file with the papers of this meeting. He outlined the background, decision criteria noting the market conditions, current debt service vs. restructured debt service, change in annual debt service, financial impact, and ratings. He further noted the participants of the underwriting team and other elements of the 2002 financial plan such as the funding of the 2002 capital improvement program and the 2002 financing plan.

In response to Mr. Perez regarding the selection of the financial team, Mr. Hinojosa stated there were specific and quantified goals in order to include participation of small, minority businesses.

Mr. Perez noted it was important to have minority and women participation and to achieve appropriate balances.
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, Garza. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** Garcia, Carpenter.

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**2002-05**

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The Clerk read the following Ordinance

**AN ORDINANCE 95272**

**APPROVING A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE "DECLARATION OF TRUST OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST" ("DECLARATION OF TRUST") AND THE "FINAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST", THAT DEFINE ELIGIBILITY FOR TRUST ASSISTANCE BY ELIMINATING THE REFERENCES TO A SPECIFIC PRICE RANGE, AND ALLOWING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 1.2 OF THE DECLARATION OF TRUST AS LONG AS IT IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING LAWS, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, STATUTES AND GUIDELINES. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 67895, SEPTEMBER 8, 1988.)

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Mr. Martin made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Ms. Moorhouse seconded the motion.

Mr. David Garza, Director of Neighborhood Action Department, introduced the proposed action to be taken and introduced Mr. John Kenny, Housing Trust, who would make the presentation on the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Kenny narrated a slide presentation on the San Antonio Housing Trust amendment to provide affordable housing guidelines, a copy of which presentation is made a part of the papers of this meeting. He highlighted criteria with regard to eligibility for assistance, delineating the current guidelines, housing cost changes, and the housing trust amendment.
In response to Mr. Schubert, Mr. Kenny further clarified the area of median income noting the present number as $43,000 based on the metropolitan statistical area of San Antonio.

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, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Garcia, Carpenter.

2002-05 The Clerk read a proposed Resolution expressing the City Council’s intent to create a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reinvestment Zone, now known as the Sky Harbor Project in City Council District four near Bowspirit Drive and Boston Harbor Street for the purpose of supporting affordable housing and public improvements in the area.

Mr. Martin made a motion to continue this item for further discussion due to some questions that still needed to be addressed. He noted that staff was making good progress on this effort, however there were still some questions on the project. Ms. Moorhouse seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion to postpone this item until the meeting of February 13, 2002, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Sanders, Moorhouse, Martin, Castro, Conner, Schubert, Carpenter, Garza. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Perez, Garcia, Barrera.

2002-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 95273

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO CITY-COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR PARK RESERVATIONS TO EXTEND THE TERM FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE (5) YEARS. (AMENDS ORDINANCE NO. 91189, JANUARY 27, 2000.)

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Ms. Moorhouse made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion.
Mr. Malcolm Matthews, Director of Parks and Recreation, narrated a slide presentation on the amendment to the City-County interlocal agreement for park reservations, a copy of which presentation is on file with the papers of this meeting. He outlined the background on the present agreement, proposed amendment which would allow the five-year extension, fiscal information on proposed revenue increase which was based on Consumer Price Index, and the continuing cooperation with Bexar County.

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.

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2002-05 The Clerk read a proposed ordinance calling a Special Election to be held on the 4th day of May, 2002, in the City of San Antonio, Texas, in accordance with Chapter 334, as amended, Texas Local Government Code, and other applicable law, on the question of implementing and approving City Council Resolution No. 2002-04-04 which designates, and provides for the planning, acquisition, establishment, development, construction, or renovation of, and the method of financing for, the following venue project: the Parks Development and Expansion Venue Project; making provision for the holding of said election; containing other provisions related thereto; and providing for an effective date, was pulled from consideration by the City Manager.

Mayor Garza stated that after reviewing the information of the dollars and concluding there was no flexibility on the use of those dollars outside of Bexar County, that it was better to defer the calling of the election until such time that certain legislative changes were made.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

Ms. Barbara Johnson, 2\textsuperscript{nd} Vice President of Conservation Society, read a prepared statement requesting the extension of proposition 3, and encouraged the City Council to purchase as much land as possible over the Edwards Aquifer.

Mr. Jack M. Finger, P.O. Box 12048, spoke in support of the action being taken by the City Council.

Sister Bernice, COPS/METRO, expressed her appreciation to the City Council to hold off on the election, and stated they would support the City Council to acquire the necessary legislation before placing this item on the agenda again.
Mayor Garza further stated that an action plan needed to be in place that would represent a comprehensive model for the Recharge zone, noting that a report would be made by staff shortly and that this was an important issue that needed to be addressed in a timely manner. He noted this item would stand as not moving forward since there was no motion or second.

2002-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 95274

AUTHORIZING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF $1,450.00 FROM VARIOUS CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUNDS, PAYABLE TO THE THOMAS JEFFERSON ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, TO BE USED TO REPLACE BASEBALL EQUIPMENT THAT WAS STOLEN FROM THE SCHOOL; AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR EDWARD D. GARZA.

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Mr. Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance with additional funds added by District 1 - $100; District 4 - $100; and District 7 - $250. Mr. Castro 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, Garza. **NAYS**: None. **ABSENT**: Garcia, Carpenter.

2002-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 95275

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $125.00 FROM THE MAYOR'S CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND, PAYABLE TO THE LOVE JEFFERSON FOUNDATION, TO BE USED TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A BRONZE PLAQUE IN THE MAIN HALLWAY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL,
COMMEMORATING THE SCHOOL'S RECENT HISTORICAL DESIGNATION; AS REQUESTED BY MAYOR EDWARD D. GARZA.

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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.

2002-05 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 95276

AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF $500.00 FROM THE DISTRICT 10 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FUND, PAYABLE TO THE JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION, TO BE USED TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, PRIZES AND THE RENTAL OF DON STRANGE RANCH, IN CONNECTION WITH A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE PARTY FOR THE 2002 GRADUATES OF MADISON HIGH SCHOOL; AS REQUESTED BY COUNCILMAN DAVID CARPENTER.

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Mr. Martin 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.
City Manager Teny M. Brechtel, reported that the City of San Antonio had been taken off the credit watch. She noted that the City had been rapidly recovering since the September 11 incident, indicating a more positive financial picture for City.

Mayor Garza acknowledged this was excellent news right before the bond-rating trip. He further spoke on the federal initiative trip, noting that the airport was a top priority issue. He stated they had met with the FAA officials and addressed the needs of the San Antonio International Airport and the need for significant amount of dollars in order to increase flights and convenience of travelers. He stated the trip to Washington had been successful and commended staff for the federal program put together, such as the federal vaccine facility, opportunity for the Army command in San Antonio, critical information with regard to the military issues, airport, air quality, clearly articulating the federal agenda.

Mayor Garza presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Councilman Barrera for his participation in the Groundhog Shadow Program sponsored by the Junior Achievement at the local high schools. This presentation was made to the City Council last week, however Mr. Barrera was not present due to his mother’s passing.

Mayor Garza then recessed the City Council Meeting at 2:40 until 5:00 PM for the Citizens to be Heard.

Mr. Martin Lytle, 1734 Austin Hwy., spoke to the City Council about the homeless situation in San Antonio, and stated he feels the situation has worsen. He also stated that there should be an investigation on how the monies are appropriated to assist the homeless. He also spoke to the need for a legal drag racing strip in order to allow teenagers to drag race there instead of using City streets.
Mayor Pro Tem Martin stated that the Alamo drag race track is available for teenagers on certain nights and encouraged teenagers to utilize it instead of City streets.

Mayor Garza also spoke to the importance of improving the situation of the homeless.

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MR. CHANCE RUDER

Mr. Chance Ruder, 9333 Silent Oaks, 9 year old, addressed the City Council on his concerns about the impact to the environment of the PGA Project is approved for over the aquifer.

Mayor Garza and members of the City Council commended Mr. Ruder for the manner in which he articulated his comments and his opinions on this issue.

Mr. Barrera stated that the City Council is looking at all aspects of this issue and the need to study this issue before making a final decision. He also commended Mr. Ruder for his forthright opinions and the manner in which he articulated these sentiments.

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MR. ADAM DIMAS

Mr. Adam Dimas, 140 Babcock, asked the City Council to consider funding a soccer team of the World Soccer League and the need to purchase the John Tobin Center for senior citizens.

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MS. THERESA BERLANGA

Ms. Theresa Berlanga, P.O. Box 12816, stated that she needs legal assistance on a personal level. She also expressed her concern about the recurrence of women being battered and what she and her mother have done to assist battered women who had been employees of her family.

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MR. NAZARITE RUBEN FLORES PEREZ

Mr. Nazarite Ruben Flores Perez, 627 Hearne Avenue, spoke to the Council about freedom of expression, and also made reference to Bible passages.

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MR. PAT RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Pat Rodriguez, 906 W. Huisache, spoke to the City Council about the need to study the PGA Project and its impact to the community. She commended the City Council for the monies they have given to support senior citizens' activities.

2002-05 There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

APPROVED

EDWARD D. GARZA
MAYOR

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

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