The City Council convened in an informal “B” Session at 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, 2006, Reception Building Board Room of Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Texas facility, 1 Lone Star Pass, for the purpose of:

Tour and update of Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Texas facility.

The Council members present were: Flores, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Hardberger. ABSENT: McNeil, Gutierrez, Haass.

The “B” Session adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The San Antonio City Council convened in the Council Chambers, Municipal Plaza Building in a Regular Council Meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek took the Roll Call and noted a quorum with the following Council members present: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger.

The Invocation was led by Reverend Sam Spencer, SAPD Chaplain, Guest of Councilmember Delicia Herrera, District 6.

Mayor Hardberger led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

The minutes of the March 2, 2006 City Council meeting were approved as presented.
POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

City Manager Sheryl Sculley introduced new Police Chief William Paul McManus and his wife, Lourdes. She described the Police Chief selection process, noting the positive feedback from the public regarding its ability to have a voice in the decision-making process. She also thanked outgoing Police Chief Albert Ortiz for his contributions and performance.

Mr. McManus thanked City staff for their graciousness and professionalism.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE: EARL STREET CLOSURE

Mayor Hardberger declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Mr. Shawn Eddy, Interim Director, Asset Management, gave a brief presentation on the street closure request of a 0.097 acre portion of Earl Street located between New City Blocks 7305 and 7306 in District 1, as requested by Steve Ramirez, in consideration of $5,755.00.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Gutierrez seconded the motion.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

City Clerk Leticia Vacek read written testimony, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the City Clerk, submitted by Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, stating that public hearings should be conducted in the evening.

Mayor Hardberger declared the Public Hearing to be closed.

Councilmember Flores made a motion to table the proposed Ordinance for one week. Councilmember Hall seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion to table the proposed Ordinance to March 23, 2006, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The item was tabled for one week.
ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0336

ACCEPTING THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID AND AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH E-Z BEL CONSTRUCTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OLYMPIA DRAINAGE AREA PHASE I PROJECT LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1; AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $2,598,833.40, OF WHICH $385,073.48 WILL BE REIMBURSED BY SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM, FROM 2003-2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BOND, 2003 STORM WATER REVENUE BOND, AND CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDS.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Polo Cervantes, Public Works Department, made a presentation on the Olympia Drainage Area Phase I project. He stated that E-Z Bel Construction will be charged with the construction of the new underground drainage system along Warner and Olympia, from Mariposa to Alhambra, adding that the firm was an MBE firm. He presented views of the existing facility and stated the staff recommended approval.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0337

ACCEPTING THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BID AND AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH SALINAS CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES, LTD. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SINCLAIR ROAD AT ROSILLO CREEK PROJECT LOCATED IN DISTRICT 2, AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $1,877,189.56, OF WHICH $314,903.22 WILL BE REIMBURSED BY SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM, FROM 2003-2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT BOND AND REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITIES FUNDS.
Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion.

Mr. Polo Cervantes, Public Works Department, made a presentation on the Sinclair Road at Rosillo Creek project. He stated the project would be performed by Salinas Construction Technologies for a total of $1,877,189. He added the project would provide for 1,240 linear feet of Sinclair Road construction, including curbs and sidewalks, and construction of a 270 linear foot bridge over Rosillo Creek.

The following citizen(s) appeared to speak:

City Clerk Leticia Vacek read written testimony, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the City Clerk, submitted by Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, stating that City Council should vote to create a regional water district.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items 10, 12 and 21 were pulled for individual consideration. The remaining items 6 through 22M were approved upon motion made by Councilmember Perez and seconded by Councilmember Haass.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinances, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0338

ACCEPTING THE BID SUBMITTED BY WAYNE'S INDUSTRIAL SERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WITH ONE RIDE-ON SIDEWALK SWEEPER SCRUBBER FOR A TOTAL COST OF $43,305.54, FROM THE EQUIPMENT RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT FUND.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0339
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FIRST WATCH SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH BIO-SURVEILLANCE SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE FOR A TOTAL COST OF $78,621.00, FROM 2004 METROPOLITAN MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM GRANT FUNDS.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0340

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CREEKSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,100.00 FOR EXPENSES INCURRED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF TYPE II SPEED HUMPS - MODULAR RUBBER CUSHIONS ON COLTON CREEK IN DISTRICT 6.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0341

ACCEPTING THE LOW QUALIFIED BID AND AUTHORIZING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH HSC ELECTRIC, INC., A SBE FIRM, IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOLIVAR HALL ELECTRICAL UPGRADES AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM PROJECT LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1; AND APPROPRIATING A TOTAL AMOUNT OF $138,500.00 FROM CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDS.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0342

APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF TWO FARMER’S MARKET PLAZA LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH MR. DAVID KIRBY D/B/A “FRESH CONCEPTS” FOR STALL S-15 AND MS. LISA RODRIGUEZ D/B/A “BAPTISMAL BOUTIQUE” FOR STALL S-10, IN DISTRICT 1.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0343

RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A $100,000.00 GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) CRISIS ASSISTANCE TEAM ADMINISTRATION (CATA) FOR THE GRANT PERIOD JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007, AUTHORIZING AN IN-KIND MATCH OF $22,230.00 AND A CASH
MATCH OF $2,770.00; AND APPROVING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0344

RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A $96,863.00 GRANT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION (CJD) FOR PROJECT EDUCATE, ASSESS, SERVE AND EMPOWER (EASE) FOR THE GRANT PERIOD JULY 1, 2006 TO JUNE 30, 2007; AUTHORIZING AN IN-KIND MATCH OF $24,215.00; AND APPROVING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0345

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROVIDING THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT UP TO $1,200.00 FOR DEATH CERTIFICATES THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2006.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0346

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARD FROM THE CANCER THERAPY AND RESEARCH CENTER TOTALING $40,000.00 FOR THE BREAST CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM OF THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2005 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2006; ADOPTING THE PROGRAM BUDGET; APPROVING THE PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0347

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0348

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT TO DETAIL FEDERALLY FUNDED PERSONNEL WITH PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES, INC. TO PROVIDE TESTING SERVICES AT THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT LABORATORY BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2006, FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0349

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT CHANGE WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDING $232,350.00 FOR THE AIDS PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2006; ADOPTING THE PROGRAM BUDGET; APPROVING THE PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0350

AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, STATE OF TEXAS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $41,343.00 IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE STRIVING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE REWARDING TOMORROWS (START) PROGRAM IN THE EDGEWOOD AND HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2006 TO JULY 31, 2007; UPON AWARD, AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE GRANT; AND APPROVING A BUDGET AND PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0351

REAPPOINTING GENE CAMARGO (MAYOR) AND MARY ROGERS (DISTRICT 7) TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE FEBRUARY 22, 2008.
AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0352

APPOINTING ALBERT CARRISALEZ (MAYOR) TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EDUCATION FACILITIES CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 15, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0353

APPOINTING ANGEL FERRER (MAYOR) TO KEEP SAN ANTONIO BEAUTIFUL, INC. FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 22, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0354

REAPPOINTING DAVID FROST (MAYOR) TO THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD (CATEGORY: VIA REPRESENTATIVE) FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0355

APPOINTING PATRICIA GARCIA (MAYOR) TO THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0356

APPOINTING ROB GLENN (MAYOR) TO THE SAN ANTONIO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC., DBA SOUTH TEXAS BUSINESS FUND, (CATEGORY: TRUSTEE) FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 30, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0357

APPOINTING CYNTHIA GUERRA (MAYOR) TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.
AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0358

APPOINTING KAY LENOX (MAYOR) TO THE SAN ANTONIO COMMISSION ON LITERACY FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0359

REAPPOINTING BRIG. GEN. ROBERT MURDOCK (RET.) (MAYOR) TO THE CITY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0360

APPOINTING STERLING NEUMAN (MAYOR) TO THE TAX PHASE-IN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0361

APPOINTING CRAIG PARKMAN (MAYOR) TO THE ELECTRICAL EXAMINING AND SUPERVISING BOARD (CATEGORY: JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN/UNION REP) FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE JULY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0362

REAPPOINTING EMILY THUSS (MAYOR) TO THE DISABILITY ACCESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CATEGORY: PROVIDER OF HANDICAPPED SERVICES) FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2007.

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0363

APPOINTING KIMBERLY MARKS (DISTRICT 7) TO THE BUILDING AND FIRE CODE BOARD OF APPEALS (CATEGORY: LAYPERSON) FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE JULY 31, 2007.
CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0364

AUTHORIZING A 10-YEAR LICENSE TO THE UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER FOR CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF CONDUIT UNDER LOUIS PASTEUR DR. IN DISTRICT 8, FOR A CONSIDERATION OF $5,000.00.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Haass seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-16-0365

APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE JOINT PARTICIPATION AND USE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE USE OF THE SAN ANTONIO NATATORIUM LOCATED AT 1430 W. DURANGO STREET IN DISTRICT 5.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 2006-03-0366

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF EXTENSION AGREEMENTS WITH COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF THE SOUTHWEST D/B/A SAN ANTONIO COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF COLD DRINK
VENDING MACHINE SERVICES AND INDEPENDENT VENDORS OF SAN ANTONIO FOR THE PROVISION OF SNACK, FRESH/FROZEN FOOD, AND HOT DRINK VENDING MACHINE SERVICES IN CITY-OWNED AND CITY-LEASED FACILITIES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAY PERIOD, WITH TWO 30 DAY ADMINISTRATIVE EXTENSIONS, IF NECESSARY.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Flores, McNeil, Gutierrez, Perez, Radle, Herrera, Guajardo, Hall, Wolff, Haass, Hardberger. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

City Manager Sheryl Sculley reported on actions being taken by the City to address media reports related to Animal Care Services. She stated that Mr. Pat DiGiovanni was assigned to oversee the facility in conjunction with Assistant City Manager Frances Gonzalez.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Mayor recessed the Regular Session at 10:29 a.m. in order to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

Consult with the City Attorney on the legal issues related to the selection of a police chief and to another personnel matter involving a possible lawsuit under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (personnel matters).

The Mayor stated that the executive session item to discuss legal issues related to Summerglen Property Owner’s Association, et al v. City of San Antonio, Cause No. 2005-CI-02005, was cancelled.

The Mayor reconvened the Regular Session at 5 p.m., at which time he stated City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters and gave staff direction, but had taken no official action.
CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Hardberger presented the following honorariums:

- Certificates of Commendation to participants of the Lanier High School Criminal Justice Program inducted into the San Antonio Independent School District Police Explorers Post #588.
- Certificate of Recognition to the San Antonio Film District for its work in the local film and video profession.
- Citation to Yanell Leyva, 11, nominated by the Latin Academy of the Grammys for Best Ranchero Album, and the National Academy of the Grammys for Best Mexican Album.
- Certificates of Heroism to Rayburn Elementary School employees for their actions to protect their students and apprehend an armed intruder on Wednesday, January 25, 2006.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Gutierrez asked for a point of personal privilege to recognize his best man, Naval Pilot Richard Garcia, California.

Mayor Hardberger requested a point of personal privilege to recognize the upcoming birthday of Councilmember Patti Radle.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Ms. Mary Mast, representing the Lorence Creek Neighborhood Association, stated the Mayor and City Manager's offices have not returned her calls. She expressed concern related to the Henderson Pass Bridge. She noted unethical conduct by Public Works staff, and stated that nearby residents were not adequately informed of the project's scope.

Mr. Bill McAllister, representing the Lorence Creek Neighborhood Association spoke to problems such as area flooding caused by mowing and illegal off-roading by teenagers. He stated there was no need for the Henderson Pass Bridge. He spoke of traffic problems in the area. He added that the $3.5 million project cost is an unnecessary expense.
A representative of the Lorence Creek Neighborhood Association stated the bridge will ruin their neighborhood. He stated that if the City would communicate with area residents a compromise might be reached. He mentioned that 29 heritage trees will be removed in order to straighten the road. He stated that the association requested copies of maps, plans and studies that indicate a need for the project, but no such items have been offered by the City.

Ms. Laura Stanford, representing Citizens for Pound Reform (CPR), spoke to performance and results at the Animal Care Services (ACS) facility. She added that it was impossible to create a kind environment for the animals while individuals are vicious toward each other. She said that CPR will not quit until the situation is remedied. She stated that the City Code is being violated by ACS. She said recommendations for allowing citizens to view the animals online, an improved intake process, and for the public to be given access to the upper kennels were long ago recommended but no action has been taken.

Ms. Nancy Kilpen-Leicharote, representing CPR, stated that she was a volunteer at ACS. She stated that cats do not receive the proper evaluation time at the facility. She noted that overcrowded cat conditions are caused by the City providing residents with cat traps, which often catch neighborhood housecats. She noted that the city is providing no protection at all for trapped cats.

Ms. Lauren McKieran, Citizens for Pound Reform cofounder, spoke of the equipment and supplies used at the facility and training of the staff at ACS. She referenced the need for policies and procedures at ACS to ensure a quality assurance plan at the facility.

Ms. Angela Garcia, 2731 W. Mistletoe, LULAC, discussed Cystic Fibrosis and the need to find a cure for the illness. She stated there will be Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides walk on April 8, 2006. She introduced her granddaughter, recently diagnosed with the illness.

Mr. Michael John, 238 Tansyl, Riverwalk Vendors Association, stated that both Park and City police officers ignore complaints by vendors and treat vendors like second class citizens.

Mr. Jay Pennington, 14002 Shire Oak, recommended that an online search database of animals taken into Animal Care Services' custody be developed for pet owners who have lost their animals. He offered his assistance in the creation of such a database.

Mr. David Narvaez, Service Employees International Union representative, employed at ACS, stated that facility employees can offer effective ideas to the City. He stated that in a recent meeting between employees, the ACS Director and a City Human Resources
representative, an agreement was reached requiring policies and procedures be disseminated to all affected employees and that training be provided to employees. He stated that the employees have been ignored by ACS management.

Ms. Maria Huerte, Service Employees International Union representative, employed at ACS, stated that she would like to leave the shelter in the best condition possible as her daughter wants to be a veterinarian.

Ms. Lucille Dysan, 3971 Flagle, stated that in her neighborhood people do not properly contain their trash which allows dogs to get to the trash and scatter it over the street. She stated that her fence is completely destroyed and she cannot afford to replace it.

Mr. Fred Rangel, P.O. Box 240022, invited Council members to attend a Democratic Unity rally on Friday, March 17, 2006 at 2 p.m. at the Friendship sculpture.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr., 140 Dora, addressed the Council with regard to Main Plaza and the financial investment for the project. He mentioned the matter of racial profiling by the San Antonio Police Department and stated that he will speak to the new police chief about the topic. He sang a medley of songs.

Mr. Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez, 627 Hearne Ave., offered his appreciation to the Metropolitan Health District for its work.

Mr. Glen Alan Graham, 6900 N. Vandiver, noted his concern that several Council members left early. He noted San Antonio’s historical significance, and spoke of events related to the 275th Anniversary of the arrival of the Canary Islanders. He noted several other historic dates and referenced the City’s tercentenary.

Ms. Roxanne Cuevas, 159 Leroux, spoke of the movement by animal rights groups to boycott San Antonio and referenced the website, www.boycott-satx.com.

Ms. Ellen Lockwood, 16123 Old Stable Rd., spoke to long term issues at the Animal Care Services Facility. She noted all the issues that Sam Sanchez has addressed and continues to make even when his background does not have any Animal Care Facility experience. She stated that the person who will ultimately manage the new facility will need to be able to effectively work with all boards and staff.

Mr. John Bachman, 515 Melrose, referenced the “No Kill Declaration” and stated San Antonio must work to become a no-kill animal city. He stated that he met with Frances Gonzalez and Sam Sanchez last week and referenced a memo that Ms. Gonzalez sent out last year. He referred to the list of what had been accomplished and the issues that are still outstanding. He pointed out that the Animal Services Superintendent position has
been vacant for a year and that this salary could be used for a veterinarian. He stated that there are so many programs that have to be put in place.

Mr. Joe Fox read a brief prayer and noted that the Declaration of Independence will be 230 years old in July. He read from the Declaration of Independence and stated that we must uphold its principles.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED

PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

Attest:

LETICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk