

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008 AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 3:00 pm Wednesday, **January 30, 2008**, Municipal Plaza Building with the following Councilmembers present: McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

- 1. UPDATE ON THE SPECIFICATIONS, PROCUREMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY'S COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM (CAD). (NOT PRESENTED)**
- 2. A BRIEFING AND PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROJECTS APPROVED IN THE 2007 BOND PROGRAM.**

Mr. Mike Frisbie, Director of Capital Improvement Management Services (CIMS), presented Item 2 regarding the status of the 2007 Bond Program Projects. Mr. Frisbie stated that the bond projects were on schedule and on budget. He made mention of the Bond Program priorities that Council voted on in August 2007. He provided four recommendations for improving contracts and practices including: 1) better utility coordination, 2) keeping clear and consistent contract standards, 3) increasing advocacy to local minority, small and women-owned businesses, and 4) securing professional program managers for capital projects.

Mr. Frisbie provided an overview of the newly created CIMS, highlighting their mission, values, and introduced key staff. He addressed Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA), noting that close to 80% of businesses were in the small business category. Mr. Frisbie also discussed the differences between Program and Project Management.

Mr. Frisbie reported that there were 151 projects in the Bond Program. Ms. Sculley added that this program would be very different from past programs in that they were going to determine consultants for all projects at the same time rather than year by year. Mr. Frisbie noted the status of the projects and discussed change orders and the actions being taken to reduce them. Lastly, he spoke of a proposed ordinance regarding the appropriation of funds. It was noted that the Bond Program is four times larger than previous programs and appropriating funds will save time and work for all involved. Ms. Sculley added that in the past, Council had to vote twice on all Bond related items; once to appropriate funds and then again to execute.

Councilmember Herrera asked about the Bond Surety Program and small businesses. It was noted that the department was working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a feasibility study. Councilmember McNeil noted that none of the Year One Projects were in District 2 and that she was concerned that some newer streets were being worked on first. Ms. Sculley stated that the Council had approved the schedule and that staff would be available to meet regarding the order of the projects.

Councilmember Galvan requested a breakdown of the SBEDA percentages for those that submitted bids and those that were awarded. She noted her concerns with small business bonding requirements and leaky roofs at the libraries. It was noted that the department was working towards stricter enforcement of contracts. Ms. Sculley added that the Bond Project included several small projects for small businesses to work on.

Councilmember Rodriguez asked when the contracts would be released and for the Council to be given lead time for recommendations. It was stated that the firms for each project would be identified in mid to late February and ready for Council approval in March.

Councilmember Clamp asked of the percent complete, percent of budget, phases, and milestones and that they be added to the charts. He noted his support for the one-time appropriation. Councilmember Cibrian asked that they focus on the Medical Center. She noted her excitement for the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT) and that traffic congestion would be a serious problem. She also made mention of the Denman Estate and the leaky roof at Cody Library.

Councilmember Cortez addressed the need for bilingual communication with citizens. It was noted that the department would begin an intensive public relations program in order to gain and maintain citizen trust. Mayor Hardberger asked that estimated completion dates be included on project signage.

3. A BRIEFING ON THE NEW BI-ANNUAL PROCESS TO IDENTIFY AND CONSTRUCT PROJECTS USING NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS AND MOBILITY PROGRAM FUNDS.

Ms. Jelynn Burley, Deputy City Manager and Interim Public Works Director, spoke on the revisions to the Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program (NAMP). She stated that NAMP was created to address neighborhoods' most common mobility issues like speed bumps, sidewalks, ramps, and curbs. Over the years, the program expanded outside of its scope and the extra volume prevented staff from providing quality estimates and timely delivery. Under the new policy, Council will submit a prioritized list of projects twice a year to be reviewed for eligibility by staff and a consultant before a contract is awarded and brought to Council for approval. Ms. Burley noted that each district was allocated \$300,000 in NAMP Funds in the FY2008 Budget and that each district had carry over funds from the previous year. She proposed that future remaining funds be rolled over into the Street Maintenance Fund rather than carried over to the next year. Ms. Burley noted Public Works was implementing several communications improvements including a new website, program newsletters, a citizens' guide, and maintenance signs.

Councilmember McNeil noted her concern about rolling funds over to the Street Maintenance Program rather than carrying them over. She stated that there had been a lot of changes in the NAMP and they needed to communicate them to the residents. Ms. Sculley reiterated that the changes in the program were to encourage Council to use the funds and to make the program more efficient.

Councilmember Clamp noted that he preferred to carry over funds because he used the money to complete projects that were not included in the Bond Program. Councilmember Cibrian noted that the new uses for NAMP funds were very limited and stated that she had worked with Public Works to create her list but many of the projects would not be authorized. She added that she favored the carry over of funds.

Councilmember Ramos stated that she preferred to carry over NAMP funds. She asked why she had not received estimates for all projects submitted and why the cost of speed bumps had increased so significantly. Councilmember Rowe noted his preference for carry over funds.

Councilmember Galvan requested a list of inventoried alleys for all Council Districts. She stated that she favored having remaining funds carried over and that utility companies should be partially responsible for the upkeep of alleys.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 5:23 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **January 31, 2008** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Sean Azzaro, Pastor, River City Community Church, guest of Councilmember John Clamp, District 10.

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

Deputy City Clerk, Leticia Y. Saenz, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

MINUTES

Councilmember Herrera made a motion to approve the Minutes for the December 13, 2007 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0006R

Item 4. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NOMINATION BY THE CITY PUBLIC SERVICE (CPS) ENERGY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND APPOINTING MR. DERRICK HOWARD AS A TRUSTEE OF THE CPS ENERGY BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPRESENTING THE SOUTHEAST QUADRANT FOR A TERM OF OFFICE TO COMMENCE FEBRUARY 1, 2008 AND EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 2013; AND APPOINTING HIM TO THE SA ENERGY ACQUISITION PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION FOR A TERM COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2008 AND EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2010.

Steve Hennigan, Chairman of the CPS Energy Board of Trustees, explained the selection process in which Mr. Derrick Howard was nominated. He stated that it had been a rigorous process with over 25 applicants being extensively interviewed. Mr. Hennigan added that ultimately, Mr. Howard was the best candidate due to his work at the Freeman Coliseum and his community involvement.

Mr. Derrick Howard stated that he was honored to accept the position of CPS Energy Board Member and for the opportunity to make an impact in the future of San Antonio.

Judge Wolff spoke in support of Mr. Howard's appointment to the CPS Energy Board. He thanked Mr. Howard for his work at the Freeman Coliseum and with the local community.

District Attorney Susan Reed also spoke in support of Mr. Howard's appointment to the CPS Energy Board.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Howard for his willingness to serve on the CPS Energy Board and for his community leadership.

Councilmember McNeil moved to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

2008-01-31-0061

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT D/B/A UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM (UHS) TRANSFERRING CLINICAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH FUNCTIONS FROM THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT (SAMHD) TO UHS; AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS TO UHS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,202,870.00; AUTHORIZING ELIMINATION OF 125 STAFF POSITIONS WITHIN SAMHD; AND AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES BY SAMHD TO UHS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES TITLE X GRANT.

Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District provided the Council with a history and status report on the transfer of Clinical Preventative Services to the University Health System (UHS). He stated that in 2006, the City and UHS entered into an Interlocal Services and Planning Agreement which outlined the integration of similar health care services and programs provided by the City and UHS. As part of the Planning Agreement, a Joint Planning and Operations Committee was created to facilitate the transition, as well as to establish shared goals, study consolidated health care systems, and devise a plan of action.

Dr. Guerra continued by listing health services that would be transferred to UHS and those that would continue to be offered by the City under the agreement. He noted that a State Statute designates the Director of the Health District as the Health Authority for both the City and the County; therefore, this role could not be transferred to UHS.

Dr. Brian Alsip, Assistant Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, added that the transition of services would take place in two-phases. The first phase would begin February 2008 and would be highlighted by the transfer of clinical staff and 8 grants to UHS, the lease of City Facilities and medical equipment to UHS, the payment of maintenance and related expenses on City facilities and equipment by the City, and the completion of an ad valorem tax assessment by the City and County. The second phase would begin January 2009 and would include the execution of an interlocal agreement which would transfer all operating costs of City facilities. He noted that as a result of the transfer in

health care services from the City to the County, the City would begin decreasing the ad valorem tax rate in January 2009 by an estimated seven-tenths of a cent. Lastly, Dr. Alsip highlighted short-term and long-term benefits of the integration of services and noted that further collaboration was anticipated between UHS and the City.

In regard to Item 6, Dr. Alsip stated that the terms of the interlocal agreement were for the City to transfer lease agreements on City facilities to the University Health System over a period of time. He noted that in some instances, UHS would be the sole tenant of the facility, while in other instances, the City would co-locate with UHS, and in such case, the City would lease space from UHS.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff, addressed the Council and stated that one of his goals was to have a health system that offered more preventative care services. The consolidation of clinical services not only allows for this goal to be met, but allows for UHS to be more proactive to the health care needs of the community.

Mr. Steve Anderson, Senior Vice President for Ambulatory Services, addressed the Council and stated that he was very excited about the consolidation of health care services. He noted that with the rising cost of health care, it has become a challenge to focus on preventative care. Through this plan, UHS will be able to provide preventative care to more individuals.

Mr. Jack Finger, addressed the Council and spoke on Items 4, 5 and 6. For Item 4, he noted that Council members did not ask Mr. Howard about his opinion on rebates. On Items 5 and 6, Mr. Finger stated that the contract allowed for UHS to consolidate locations upon expiration of current lease agreements and asked how the City would respond in such a scenario. Additionally, Mr. Finger stated that it was being recommended in accordance with State Law that the City's Ad Valorem Tax Rate be decreased as a result of the integration of health services.

Councilmember Herrera asked that her fellow Councilmembers send a letter of support requesting that the current Board of Directors of the Community Medicine Associates allow the City of San Antonio to have a voting member serve on their board. Councilmember Cibrian stated that she would like to see more than a seventh tenth of a cent reduction in the ad valorem tax rate as a result of the consolidation of health care services.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

2008-01-31-0062

Item 6. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, DBA UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM (UHS), FOR APPROXIMATELY 38,729 SQUARE FEET OF CLINIC AND OFFICE SPACE IN NINE (9) SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT (SAMHD) CLINICS FOR THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BY UHS FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 4, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items 7 – 36

Consent Agenda Items 8, 16, 18, 21, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, and 35 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Cibrian moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to Item 10 expressing concern with the fact that it approved the total bond package rather than individual bond projects. He spoke against Item 13 in reference to the cost overrun on the Main Plaza Project.

Ms. Saenz read two written testimonies from Faris Hodge Jr. on Items 13 and 31. He wrote against the widening of Main Plaza and the closing of the streets in the surrounding area. He stated that this would cause traffic problems for the general public as well as VIA and the bus routes. He added that there were safety issues with Main Plaza and noted the need for additional security and lighting. He thanked Councilmember Cibrian for funding tree planting throughout the city.

The motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

2008-01-31-0063

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BIDS OF VARIOUS COMPANIES TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF COMMODITIES AND SERVICES ON AN ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR FY 2007-2008 FOR A COMBINED ESTIMATED COST OF \$14,992,000, INCLUDING: (A) LAWN AND IRRIGATION MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIRE TRAINING ACADEMY - \$46,000; (B) MOTOR FUEL TANKWAGON LOADS - \$46,000; (C) SOLAR SCHOOL FLASHER PARTS - \$100,000; (D) DIESEL FUEL - \$6,600,000; (E) GASOLINE TRANSPORT LOADS - \$8,200,000.

2008-01-31-0065

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AWARDDING A \$235,689.93 JOB ORDER TO ALPHA BUILDING CORPORATION FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER, 911 CASTROVILLE RD., LOCATED IN DISTRICT 5.

2008-01-31-0066

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE 2007-2012 BOND PROGRAM, LOCATED CITY-WIDE.

2008-01-31-0067

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPER PARTICIPATION CONTRACT WITH REDLAND VISION, LLC TO OVERSIZE THE REDLAND ROAD PROJECT LOCATED IN DISTRICT 9 FOR A TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST OF \$2,626,919.20, OF WHICH THE

CITY'S SHARE IS ESTIMATED TO BE \$1,497,919.20; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TWO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM (SAWS) AND CPS ENERGY TO REIMBURSE THE CITY A MINIMUM OF \$368,919.20 FOR UTILITY RELOCATION COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

PULLED

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING \$200,000.00 AMENDMENTS TO FOUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH ARIAS & ASSOCIATES, DRASH CONSULTING ENGINEERS (TERRACON), INC., FUGRO SOUTH, INC., AND RABA-KISTNER CONSULTANTS, INC., FOR INDEFINITE DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CITY-WIDE PROJECTS.

Consideration of the following ordinances related to the Main Plaza Redevelopment Project, the Downtown Transportation Infrastructure Improvements Project, and the FY2008-FY2013 Capital Improvements Plan:

2008-01-31-0068

Item 13A. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$715,723.00 TO THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AS CHANGED, WITH KUNZ CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL MODIFICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

2008-01-31-0069

Item 13B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN \$187,400.00 AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SWA GROUP FOR ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES, ANTIQUITIES MONITORING OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION SERVICES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

2008-01-31-0070

Item 13C. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PROJECT CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,911.00, IN CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

2008-01-31-0071

Item 13D. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY2008-FY2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

2008-01-31-0072

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF A \$311,793.32 JOB ORDER TO ALPHA BUILDING CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PARK IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING AN ENTRY DRIVE, PARKING LOT, PLAYGROUND, LARGE PICNIC PAVILION, PLAZA AND SIDEWALKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONNIE CONNER PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – PHASE II, FORMERLY HAUSMAN ROAD PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AN AUTHORIZED 2007 PARK BOND FUNDED PROJECT IN DISTRICT 8.

2008-01-31-0073

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AWARDED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO SAN ANTONIO CONSTRUCTORS, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,165,477.05, OF WHICH \$252,283.31 WILL BE REIMBURSED BY SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2008 & 2009 STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM – PACKAGE I PROJECT LOCATED IN DISTRICT 7; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS.

2008-01-31-0075

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 120 MCLEOD STREET, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 1, AS SURPLUS TO THE CITY'S NEEDS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE TO GREGORY JACKSON FOR A TOTAL PRICE OF \$1,400.00, THE CITY'S SHARE BEING \$658.00 AND THE BALANCE GOING TO OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES.

2008-01-31-0077

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO LEASE APPROXIMATELY 1,258 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AT 3226 NOGALITOS FROM RSV, INC. FOR A DISTRICT 5 CONSTITUENT OFFICE, WITH A TWO-YEAR TERM AND MONTHLY RENT OF \$900.00 DURING THE FIRST YEAR AND \$1,000 DURING THE SECOND, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWAL.

2008-01-31-0078

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NINE-MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NORTH AMERICAN AIRCRAFT SERVICES, INC. FOR 1,920 SQUARE FEET IN THE AIR CARGO BUILDING WEST AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMENCING FEBRUARY 1, 2008 FOR MONTHLY RENTALS OF \$1,199.36.

2008-01-31-0008R

Item 22. A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS REQUIRED FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL CONSOLIDATED ACTION PLAN/BUDGET PROCESS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG – 34TH YEAR), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT (HOME – 17TH YEAR), AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE (ADDI), EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG), AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PROGRAMS AND DELEGATE AGENCY CONTRACT FUNDING; AND ESTABLISHING FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS.

PULLED

Item 23. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER AUTHORITY ALLOWING SARA TO INSTALL A SEWER PIPELINE IN NEWCOMBE DRIVE, DISTRICT 2, IN EXCHANGE FOR \$26,827.

2008-01-31-0080

Item 24. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$43,630.00 TO AIRPORTS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL, NORTH AMERICA FOR 2008 ANNUAL DUES, SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIP FEES.

2008-01-31-0082

Item 26. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2007-2008 ACCD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND BUDGET FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE P TO 16 EDUCATION FOUNDATION; AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH ACCD AND THE SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION, SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE P TO 16 EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

2008-01-31-0083

Item 27. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF TWO CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ONE REDUCING THE PUBLIC CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'S PROJECT BUDGET FOR THOSE MONITORS THAT MEASURE AIR QUALITY BY \$83,266.00, AND ONE PROVIDING THE PUBLIC CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AN ADDITIONAL \$48,000.00 FOR THE PROJECT BUDGET OF THOSE MONITORS THAT MEASURE THE QUANTITY OF SMALL PARTICLES IN THE AIR.

2008-01-31-0086

Item 30. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING FIELD USE AND MAINTENANCE LICENSE AGREEMENTS FOR YOUTH SPORTS FIELDS WITH THE EDGEWOOD PONY LEAGUE AND THE EDGEWOOD SEMINOLES POP WARNER FOOTBALL AT CUELLAR PARK IN DISTRICT 6, EACH FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING ON JANUARY 31, 2013.

2008-01-31-0088

Item 33. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT WITH CRIME STOPPERS OF SAN ANTONIO, INC. TO FUND ONE TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION THROUGH THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 2008 UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED TO EXTEND TO MARCH 31, 2008 WITH COST TO BE REIMBURSED BY CRIME STOPPERS.

Item 34. CONSIDERATION OF BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE NOMINEES, FOR TERMS OF OFFICE TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON APPOINTMENT:

- A. Reappointing Barbara Hawkins (District 2) and Joe Valadez (District 5) to the Zoning Commission for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire June 30, 2009.
- B. Reappointing Michael Khadem (District 2 - Category: Consumer) to the Transportation Advisory Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.

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- C. Reappointing Alexander Saucedo (District 2 - Category: Trustee) to the San Antonio Local Development Company, Inc. (d/b/a South Texas Business Fund) for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 9, 2010.
- D. Reappointing Barry Bankler (District 2 - Category: Layman/Consumer) to the Plumbing Appeals and Advisory Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire March 20, 2009.
- E. Reappointing Alderus J. Stewart (District 2 - Category: Real Estate) and Manuel P. Berriozabal (District 7 - Category: Academic) to the Brooks Development Authority for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire November 4, 2009.
- F. Reappointing Edward Hardemon (District 2) to the Board of Adjustment for a term of office to commence February 23, 2008 and expire February 22, 2010.
- G. Reappointing Robert Rodriguez (District 5) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.
- H. Reappointing Michael Martinez (District 5 - Category: Community Representative) to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire October 25, 2009.
- I. Appointing Henry Brun (District 7 - Category: Performing Arts/Theatre) to the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009
- J. Appointing Brittany McEachirn and Sierra Vela (District 7), and Karla Samaniego (District 8) to the San Antonio Youth Commission for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire May 31, 2009.
- K. Appointing Randolph Murdock (District 7) to the Animal Care Services Advisory Board for a term of office to expire January 31, 2010.
- L. Appointing Antonia Castaneda (District 1) to the San Antonio Commission on Literacy for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2009.
- M. Reappointing Mary E. Briseno and Rick Pych to the VIA Metropolitan Transit Authority for the remainder of unexpired terms of office to expire December 31, 2009.
- N. Appointing Councilmember Philip Cortez (District 4) to the Fire and Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees for the remainder of an unexpired term to expire May 31, 2009.

2008-01-31-0090

Item 36. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING ROBERT J. WALLER, ANITA STARKS, PAUL M. NORMAN AND GUY R. OVERBY TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERMS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010; AND PHIL BUTRUM TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (BUSINESS CATEGORY); AND GEORGE ANTUNA TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 TO

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0085

Item 29. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN IN BRACKENRIDGE PARK DEVELOPED IN COOPERATION WITH THE SAN ANTONIO PARKS FOUNDATION, AND THE FRIENDS OF THE PARKS.

Malcolm Matthews stated that through separate bond issues, the Parks Foundation had received authorization for infrastructure improvements and for the preparation of a long-term Master Plan for the Japanese Tea Garden.

Former Mayor Lila Cockrell expressed her enthusiasm for said project and stated that she enjoyed working with the Parks and Recreation Department. She introduced San Antonio Parks Foundation Staff Teresa Keck and Belinda Rodriguez and thanked them for their work.

Former Councilmember Bonnie Conner thanked all who worked on said partnership. She showed various photos of the area, highlighting a photo of the Jingu Family and stating that she kept in touch with the youngest daughter who was now 80 years old. She discussed the Japanese Tea Garden Master Plan in detail and asked the Council for their support in keeping this and other such projects in San Antonio unique.

Councilmember Rowe moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0087

Item 31. AN ORDINANCE THAT ENHANCES THE CITYWIDE TREE PLAN, ESTABLISHES A CITYWIDE STREET TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE AND CONTINUES THE PARKS TREE PLANTING PROGRAM WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE PLANTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1,200 NEW TREES, AND AMENDS THE APPROPRIATE BUDGET.

Malcolm Matthews presented said item noting that this would amend the City's Budget associated with the Citywide Tree Planting Program. This is the second year of the program and authorizes additional funds for citywide street tree planting. Mr. Matthews noted that a tree canopy analysis was being conducted but the current plan included various streets in Districts 1 and 5. It was stated that the goal is to complete the project in June 2008.

Richard Alles, Citizens Tree Coalition, thanked Councilmember Cibrian for spearheading the tree planting effort. He stated that it was important to plant trees along streets because they provided the largest reduction in air pollution. He provided background on the Tree Mitigation Fund and added that he supported the ordinance because it authorized the planting of new trees and their maintenance. Lastly, he recognized Former Councilmember Bonnie Conner and Former Mayor Ed Garza for their tree planting efforts.

Former Councilmember Bonnie Conner spoke in support of said item and thanked Councilmember Cibrian for her work on this initiative.

Theodore C. Trakes, President of the Vance Jackson Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of said item.

Cedar Joiner spoke in favor of said item stating that it was important to plant new trees, especially when so many were cut down due to new development. She stated that trees added beauty to the environment and also helped the ecosystem.

Mia Price spoke in support of said item and also thanked Councilmember Cibrian for her efforts.

June Kachtik, Scenic San Antonio, spoke in favor of said item.

Shayla San Miguel, Bianca Rodriguez, and Brendan Walsh spoke as a group in support of said item. They stated that trees were important because they provided shade and air. They noted that too many trees were cut down due to development so it was good news that trees were being planted.

Elyzabeth Earnley, Aquifer Gardens and Urban Areas (AGUA), spoke in support of said item. She noted that tree planting protected the aquifer through additional pervious cover which leads to less intense development. She added that in an effort to protect air and water quality, trees should not be cut down.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0064

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A \$360,344.62 JOB ORDER TO JAMAIL & SMITH CONSTRUCTION FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE POLICE TRAINING ACADEMY, 12200 SOUTHEAST LOOP 410, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 3.

Councilmember Ramos requested information about the Police Training Academy roof and its warranty. Mark Gretchen stated that the existing roof had been installed in 1988 and that the new roof would have a 20-year warranty. He added that this was on the Deferred Maintenance List and funds had been budgeted.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

Item 16. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THREE SURPLUS TRACTS OF LAND:

2008-01-31-0007R

- A. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO RELEASE FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM TWO TRACTS WITHIN NEW CITY BLOCKS 7895 AND 10378 PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EXPANSION BUT NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2008-01-31-0074

- B. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AS SURPLUS THREE TRACTS, INCLUDING TWO TRACTS PREVIOUSLY RESERVED FOR INTERSTATE HIGHWAY EXPANSION BUT NOT BEING USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF THE THREE TRACTS TO MARCUS GARZA FOR A TOTAL OF \$60,317.

Councilmember McNeil inquired about the drainage projects in the areas. Mr. Oscar Serrano stated that two of the three drainage projects had been completed prior to the sale. He added that the city would retain the entire area as an easement and that there were restrictions on how the property could be developed.

Councilmember McNeil moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hardberger recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:00 pm to break for lunch and noted that the Council would reconvene at 1:30 pm in Executive Session for the purposes of:

- A. Deliberations and discussion relating to the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- B. Discuss legal issues related to *Steves and Sons, Inc. v. City of San Antonio*, in the 408th District Court, Bexar County, Texas, Cause No. 2002-CI-03742, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

- C. Discuss legal issues related to the towing services contract pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D. Discuss legal issues related to employee benefits pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Hardberger reconvened the Regular Meeting at 2:55 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action.

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0076

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING 1308.4 BAILEY AVENUE, LOCATED IN DISTRICT 3, AS SURPLUS TO THE CITY'S NEEDS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE TO HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES FOR A TOTAL APPROXIMATE PRICE OF \$5,500, THE CITY'S SHARE BEING APPROXIMATELY \$2,585 AND THE BALANCE GOING TO OTHER TAXING AUTHORITIES.

Councilmember Ramos stated she had received the answer to her question and moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0079

Item 21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$216,308.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DOD FOR PTAC PROGRAM YEAR 2009.

Councilmember Cortez asked for clarification on how the funds would be utilized and how successful the current program had been. Mr. Robert Peche provided background information on the PTAC Program, stating that it began over 20 years ago as a partnership with the Defense Logistic Agency at Kelly Air Force Base. The program works with small businesses to assist them in responding to government bids. Ms. Anita Martin noted that the program was very successful and that there were currently 42 businesses with over 109 contracts totaling over \$90 million in the program.

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

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros, Herrera and Clamp.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0081

Item 25. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT IN *STEVES AND SONS, INC. V. CITY OF SAN ANTONIO*, IN THE 408TH DISTRICT COURT, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, CAUSE NO. 2002-CI-03742.

Councilmember McNeil stated she had pulled the item to ensure there was no financial impact associated with this lawsuit and moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Rowe seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0084

Item 28. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EXECUTION WITH VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN BEXAR COUNTY FOR THE PROVISION OF DETENTION SERVICES.

Councilmember Clamp asked for clarification on said item. Mr. Fred Garcia stated that said item authorized the City of San Antonio to administer detention services for all cities within Bexar County. He noted that the cost of running the detention center calculated to \$56 per arrestee and this cost would be shared amongst all cities utilizing the service.

Councilmember Clamp complimented Municipal Court on their progress and moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember McNeil seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Resolution:

2008-01-31-0009R

Item 32. A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONSENT FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE VON ARMY AREA TO INITIATE MUNICIPAL INCORPORATION PROCEEDINGS WITHIN THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION WHICH CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 1.88 SQUARE MILES ALONG THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 35, SOUTH OF THE MEDINA RIVER AND ALONG SOUTHWEST LOOP 1604.

Councilmember Cortez expressed his support for said item and encouraged his colleagues to do the same.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

The Deputy City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-01-31-0089

Item 35. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING FIVE INDIVIDUALS TO THE EMPOWERMENT ZONE GOVERNANCE BOARD (EZGB) TO FILL VACANCIES IN FIVE CATEGORIES: KEY STAKEHOLDER, LARGE BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SECTOR, FREDERICKSBURG ROAD CORRIDOR, AND PORT OF SAN ANTONIO/TOYOTA; AND AMENDING THE EZGB BY-LAWS BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

Councilmember McNeil asked how much was left in bond capacity and if the EZGB had a plan to fulfill the responsibilities associated with the Empowerment Zone Designation due to the approaching deadline.

Mr. Robert Peche stated that \$35 million was still available and that the EZGB was an advisory board to the Council. He noted that staff was looking for projects within the Empowerment Zone to utilize the remaining funds but had not identified any to date. Councilmember McNeil requested information on how many Empowerment Zone residents had been hired at Empowerment Zone businesses. Mr. Peche stated that this information was sent to HUD on a quarterly basis and could provide this information to the Council.

Councilmember McNeil moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sheryl Sculley reported on the Bond Program which was presented at B Session the previous day. She stated that the CIMS Department was moving aggressively to implement the 2007-2012 Bond Program. She also provided a brief update on the Solid Waste Fee Assistance Program that was included in the FY 2008 Budget. She stated that a \$24 credit was available to low-income households in specific categories. She noted that outreach efforts continued and asked that residents call 207-7830 for additional information.

Ms. Sculley stated that the Library System continued to innovate, noting that you can now renew your library card via telephone and borrowed items online. She added that the Library System would continue to improve customer service through other initiatives.

Lastly, Ms. Sculley reported that the City would be launching the Municipal Court Statewide Warrant Round-Up beginning February 2nd through February 23, 2008. She noted that this was the second year of the program for outstanding Class C Misdemeanors and that over 20,000 warrants had been cleared and \$1 million collected in the first year. She encouraged those with warrants to contact 3-1-1 or visit a Community Link Center to clear them.

ZONING ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2008-01-31-0091

Item Z-1. **ZONING CASE # Z2008022 (District 9):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from PUD "R-5" Planned Unit Development Residential Single Family District, "MF-33" S Multi Family District with a Specific Use Permit for a Golf Course and "C-3" General Commercial District to PUD "R-5" Planned Unit Development Single-Family Residential District on 7.552 acres out of NCB 8702, and NCB 18918, 304 East Basse Road, 444 East Basse Road and 999 East Basse Road, as requested by Brown, P.C., Applicant for Alamo Garden, Inc., Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval. **(Continued from January 17, 2008)**

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Mr. Jack M. Finger addressed the Council in opposition to said zoning case. He stated that the Council should take the opinions of neighbors and zoning staff very seriously and that if the zoning commission recommended denial, rezoning was probably not a good idea. He stated that originally, there was a lot of opposition to said item and therefore, there must have been a great deal of compromise.

Councilmember Rowe moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Item. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE THAT CONSTITUTES THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION AND REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN AS: 7.552 acres out of NCB 8702 and 18918 TO WIT: From PUD "R-5" Planned Unit Development Residential Single Family District, "MF-33" S Multi Family District with a Specific Use Permit for a Golf Course and "C-3" General Commercial District to PUD "R-5" Planned Unit Development Single-Family Residential District.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** McNeil, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** Cisneros and Herrera.

Mayor Hardberger recessed the meeting at 3:25 pm noting that the meeting would be reconvened at 5:15 pm for Ceremonials.

Councilmember Cisneros entered the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Hardberger recognized Postmaster Robert A. Larios, Sr. on his January 3, 2008 retirement after 43 years of Federal Service. Mr. Larios' career began in 1964 with the U.S. Marine Corps, serving with the 1st Marine Division in South Vietnam. He later joined the Postal Service in 1967 as a letter carrier in San Antonio. Mr. Larios became San Antonio's 27th Postmaster and the United States' 38th Executive Postmaster on November 1, 2003.

Mayor Hardberger presented a proclamation for African American History Month celebrated around the world during the month of February to honor the history, accomplishments and contributions of African Americans. During this month-long observance, public libraries, universities, military bases and places

of worship will hold events and activities to remember how great the struggle for racial justice has been and to renew efforts for equal rights for all Americans.

The Real Estate Council announced the winners of the 2007 Green Team Challenge Competition. The Challenge is sponsored by the Real Estate Council of San Antonio (RECSA), Keep San Antonio Beautiful, CPS Energy, SAWS, Milberger's Nursery and the City of San Antonio. More than \$10,000 in landscaping improvements and other prizes were awarded. This year's prizes were presented as follows: Finalists – Steubing Elementary (District 8) and Madison Elementary (District 7), First Runner-Up – Riverside Park Elementary (District 3), and the Grand Prize Winner – Boone-Murray Elementary (District 8).

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez relayed the story of Jonah from the Bible.

Mr. Mark Perez stated that environmental issues were important to him because his wife had given birth to stillborn twins in 2005, possibly the result of contact with chemicals he had worked with. He stated that he contacted City staff to investigate the plant, but when they investigated, they did not find any violations. The company eventually closed because the Environmental Protection Agency found them to be in violation of various issues.

Mr. Antonio Diaz, Cesar Chavez March for Justice, asked that a tribute to Native Americans be included in Main Plaza. He stated that Native Americans showed the Spaniards how to grow native crops and they helped to build most of the City. Mr. Diaz spoke against removing term limits, stating that previously, it had been difficult to unseat an incumbent and it was not likely that the current Councilmembers would have had the opportunity to be elected without term limits.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr. stated that he preferred Bexar County's security system over the City's. He thanked Councilmember Cibrian for the tree planting program and Councilmember Clamp for sending him a newsletter. He noted that there was a problem with drugs and prostitution on Broadway and asked why he was not allowed to use the restrooms at Convention Facilities. Lastly, Mr. Hodge sang a song.

Ms. Julie Iris Oldham brought her lunch from a Senior Center and complained that she could not eat it. She brought one of her Christmas gifts for Council to see and spoke of a court case in which the Mayor had served as the Judge.

Mr. Randy Zaragoza, resident representative on the Mirasol Task Force, noted his disappointment with the system. He stated that KB Homes and SAHA had started decontaminating the homes, but the residents were already sick. He noted that no permits had been pulled but workers were replacing air conditioning units and ducts.

Ms. Janet Ahmad thanked Councilmember Galvan for her help and encouragement in dealing with KB Homes and SAHA and asked that the rest of the Council join in the effort. Ms. Ahmad stated that no permits had been pulled to do the repairs that were being done and that some residents were getting preferential treatment. Lastly, she stated that KB Homes should not be on the Task Force because they controlled the vote and made themselves less liable.

Ms. Henrietta DeHoyos gave her time to Mr. Guadalupe Lopez. Mr. Lopez stated that Councilmember Galvan was the only person willing to help the Mirasol Homeowners and encouraged the other Councilmembers to get involved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

A P P R O V E D



PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

Attest:



LETICIA Y. SAENZ
Deputy City Clerk