

**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, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, **March 20, 2008** at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

The Invocation was delivered by Father Marty Elsner, guest of Councilmember Lourdes Galvan, District 5.

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

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, Ramos, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Rowe, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **ABSENT:** McNeil. Mrs. Vacek reported that Councilmember McNeil was absent due to travel outside the state.

MINUTES

Councilmember Cibrian made a motion to approve the Minutes for the February 21, 2008 City Council Meeting. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-03-20-0209

Item 4. AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$23,960,000.00 IN CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FUNDS THAT WERE SOLD IN NOVEMBER 2007 AND \$5,920,528.00 IN ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (ATD) REVENUES TO FUND THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM MODERNIZATION/SYNCHRONIZATION CAPITAL PROJECT.

Mr. Majed Al-Ghafry presented said item and noted that the \$33.3 million Traffic Signal System Modernization/Synchronization Program would be implemented over five years. He noted that several of the Program Goals were to optimize the flow of traffic, reduce traffic delays and provide for real-time troubleshooting.

Mr. Al-Ghafry outlined three initiatives to be implemented concurrently. He stated that the Comprehensive Communications Network would provide dedicated communications links to support current and future needs. Additionally, the Advanced Traffic Signal Control System would provide the necessary flexibility to implement complex traffic signal timing plans and to monitor the traffic signal

system's operation. Lastly, the Traffic Signal Coordination will be a collection and analysis of traffic data for each of the 1,200 traffic signals in order to develop and implement the best signal timing plan.

Mr. Al-Ghafry provided a status of Phase I Implementation and noted that the initial deployment of fiber optics and wireless communications has been completed in the downtown area. He added that the engineering design was ongoing but that the 250 traffic signals identified in Phase I would be connected by September 1, 2008. For Phase II, Mr. Al-Ghafry stated that two bids were being evaluated for System Software and Hardware. He noted that data had been collected for 198 locations and would be distributed among the three engineering firms being considered for Indefinite Delivery Contracts. He added that the firms would analyze the data and develop the signal timing plans to be implemented when the new traffic signal controllers are deployed.

Ms. Sheryl Sculley thanked the Mayor and Council for approving said project in the FY 2008 Budget and City Staff for their work. She asked the community to be patient as this program is implemented over the next four to five years.

Mr. Jack M. Finger addressed the Council and expressed concern that VIA Bus Drivers would have the ability to coordinate traffic signals so that they could move through an intersection. He spoke in opposition to Item 5 because seven of the eleven Councilmembers received campaign contributions from Pape-Dawson Engineers.

The Mayor and Council expressed their enthusiasm and support for said project and thanked Mr. Al-Ghafry and his staff for their work.

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

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

Mayor Hardberger announced that Councilmember Ramos would be late to the Council Meeting due to attending a funeral.

2008-03-20-0210

Item 5. AN ORDINANCE SELECTING PAPE-DAWSON ENGINEERS, INC., KIMBERLY-HORN ASSOCIATES, INC., AND HDR ENGINEERING, INC. FOR NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF THREE INDEFINITE DELIVERY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES, EACH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.00, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION/SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM, LOCATED CITY-WIDE.

Mr. Majed Al-Ghafry stated that this was a follow-up to Item 4 and noted that staff was recommending Pape-Dawson Engineers, Inc., Kimberly-Horn Associates, Inc., and Hdr Engineering, Inc. for Traffic Engineering Consulting Services. He added that the contracts would be in effect for three years for a maximum of \$1 million per contract, and that they would specifically address Phase III of the Traffic Signal Modernization/Synchronization Program.

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

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Rowe recognized Eric Lossesinski and his father. He noted that Eric was in attendance to earn his Boy Scout Merit Badge in Civic and Community Involvement.

Councilmember Ramos entered the Council Meeting at 10:00 am.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items 6 – 24

Consent Agenda Items 7, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, and 23 were pulled for Individual Consideration. Councilmember Ramos moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

Dr. Bruce Leslie and Dr. Robert Zarate, representing the Alamo Community College District (ACCD), addressed the Council in support of Item 20. Dr. Zarate stated that he was pleased to be in attendance in support of the partnership. He thanked the Council for their confidence and stated that the relationship between the City of San Antonio and ACCD was one that citizens could be proud of. Dr. Leslie noted that this was the eighth year the program focused on educational learning for City Employees, Members of the Community, and Young Children. He added that the Academy's Program was a national success and that other cities had inquired about it.

Mr. Glen Alan Graham addressed the Council in reference to Items 11 and 14 and noted he was in favor of both. On Item 11, he recommended that the Council consider an ordinance to clear and remove above-ground obstructions and eyesores including traditional and digital billboards. He stated that he supported the installation of lighting for baseball fields on Item 14 and that he did not oppose all digital signage. He expressed opposition to the digital billboard ordinance and urged the Council to reconsider it.

Former Councilmember Toni Moorhouse addressed the Council in support of Item 13. Ms. Moorhouse stated that the Southside Lions Park has been neglected for years and would like for it to be a beautiful showcase of District 3. She noted that many repairs were needed but this was a good beginning.

A group representing the San Antonio Manufacturer's Association spoke in support of Item 20. Mr. Mike Harris, President of the San Antonio Manufacturer's Association, stated that he was in support of the ACCD Academy Program due to its special emphasis on Manufacturing. Mr. Klaus Weiswurm also stated his support for the program and asked that the Council continue future funding. Mr. Donald Kenton added his support and stated that this was one of the most positive outcome programs from the Manufacturer's Association. He noted that graduates of the program performed exceptionally well in the workplace and continued their education.

Mr. J. Wilson of the San Antonio Greater Chamber addressed the Council in support of Items 20 and 22. He stated that the Academy Program was very important and critical to the industry. He added that he

had received an invitation from a group in Washington, D.C. who would like him to speak about the program.

Mr. Joe Krier spoke in support of Item 22 and stated that he was pleased that the Council was renewing the funding relationship with the San Antonio Mobility Coalition (SAMCo). He noted that in the seven years since SAMCo was created, Bexar County had benefitted from over a billion dollars in new highway construction.

Mr. Jack M. Finger addressed the Council and spoke in opposition to Item 22, and the \$70,000 professional services agreement with SAMCo, stating that SAMCo lobbied for toll roads.

Mrs. Vacek read written testimony from Mr. Faris Hodge Jr. on Item 16 who wrote his opposition to the lease renewal with VIA. He stated that the City was wasting VIA Bus Company money every month and that VIA needed a five-year lease.

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

2008-03-20-0211

Item 6. 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 \$1,298,000.00, INCLUDING: (A) MUD SUMP SERVICE AND DRAIN LINE CLEANING; (B) AMMUNITION; (C) DENTAL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT; (D) THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING MATERIAL; (E) SUPPLEMENTAL PRINTING SERVICES; (F) POLICE SEDAN CONSOLES AND ACCESSORIES; AND (G) PLASTIC BAGS.

2008-03-20-0213

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,477.49 TO AMERICAN CRITICAL ENERGY SYSTEMS, INC., FOR THE REPLACEMENT PURCHASE OF AN UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

2008-03-20-0214

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SPEND AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000.00 IN TECHNICAL STAFF AUGMENTATION SERVICES, THROUGH THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES CONTRACT, FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FY 08 CAPITAL BUDGET.

2008-03-20-0215

Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A \$5,925,157.24 AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THC, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RESIDENTIAL ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR A REVISED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$28,732,700.54; AND FUNDING THE AMENDMENT WITH \$4,660,126.03 IN GRANT FUNDS, \$1,165,031.51 IN 2007 AIRPORT PFC BOND FUNDS; AND \$100,000.00 IN PROJECT CONTINGENCY.

2008-03-20-0216

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING CHANGE ORDER 20, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$63,394.42 FOR EXTRA WORK TO CLEAR OR REMOVE UNDERGROUND OBSTRUCTIONS DURING THE INSTALLATION OF DRILLED PIER FOUNDATIONS TO THE \$43,567,825.19 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BARLETT COCKE/ WALBRIDGE, J.V. FOR PROJECT 10 – VOLUME 7 – GARAGE FOUNDATIONS, STRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR A REVISED CONTRACT VALUE OF \$43,631,219.61.

2008-03-20-0220

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH GENERATIONS COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AT SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR A PRIMARY TERM BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2008 AND EXPIRING ON MAY 31, 2015 WITH GUARANTEED ANNUAL RENTALS OF AT LEAST \$6,000.00.

2008-03-20-0221

Item 16. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A 6-MONTH RENEWAL OF THE LEASE WHEREBY VIA LEASES 725 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE IN THE HOUSTON STREET PARKING GARAGE FOR TOTAL MONTHLY RENT OF \$1,370.25, DISTRICT 1.

2008-03-20-0223

Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$616,461.00 FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE LOCAL IMMUNIZATIONS PROGRAM OF THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2008 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2009; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS.

2008-03-20-0225

Item 20. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF AN ANNUAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND BUDGET WITH ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT WHICH ADMINISTERS PROCEEDS ENCUMBERED UNDER THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO VS. ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

2008-03-20-0226

Item 21. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SIX PROFESSIONAL DENTAL SERVICES CONTRACTS WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCAL DENTISTS: DAVID ALBERT, D.D.S., PETER ALMQUIST, D.D.S., JENNIFER BANKLER, D.D.S., WILLIAM FURST, D.D.S., CATHERINE NGUYEN, D.D.S. AND LINDSEY SCHLEPP, D.D.S., FOR AN AGGREGATE TOTAL OF \$165,500.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2008 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009 FOR THE PROVISION OF DENTAL SERVICES FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT

2008-03-20-0227

Item 22. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO MOBILITY COALITION, INC. (SAMCO) AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF \$70,000.00 FOR THE CITY'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND DUES FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2009.

Item 24. APPOINTING ARTHUR R. GARZA (DISTRICT 10) TO THE JOINT CITY/COUNTY COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, EFFECTIVELY IMMEDIATELY.

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2008-03-20-0212

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE CONSOLIDATING MULTIPLE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACROSS SEVERAL CITY DEPARTMENTS INTO AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH SPRINT SOLUTIONS, INC., TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH SPRINT/PCS NEXTEL WIRELESS AND CELLULAR SERVICES & PRODUCTS FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF \$3,185,000.00.

Mrs. Vacek read written testimony from Mr. Faris Hodge Jr. who wrote that he supported the Annual Wireless Cell Phone Contract but expressed concern with Councilmember Rodriguez's initiative to ban the use of cell phones in school zones.

Councilmember Cortez asked if AT&T had been included in the contract process. Mr. Richard Varn stated that the City had a contract with AT&T but Sprint offered products with public safety features that could not be provided by AT&T. Mr. Varn added that said agreement would renew contracts that were expired for cellular services, phone, voice and data and consolidate them into one contract. He added that this was separate from the larger telecommunications effort which was ongoing.

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

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

2008-03-20-0217

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,916.78 TO A \$826,449.96 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH BARON LONG CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE ALARM SYSTEM EQUIPMENT AT THE ZARZAMORA AND SOUTH FLORES CLINIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEALTH CLINICS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AN AUTHORIZED HUD 108 LOAN PROGRAM FUNDED PROJECT, LOCATED IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 AND 4; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

Councilmember Cortez asked what the \$56,000 would be used for and why the change order was necessary. Mr. Art Sosa stated that as work progressed and the rooftop units were replaced, they found that some of the peripheral devices were non-functioning and it became a code issue. Councilmember Cortez asked for a timeframe for completion. Mr. Sosa stated that work would be complete by the end of May. Councilmember Cortez expressed concern that the facility was without fire protection and asked that work be completed as soon as possible.

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

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

2008-03-20-0218

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TOTAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AMOUNT OF \$258,803.00, TO INCLUDE AWARDING A \$169,063.00 CONTRACT WITH TCL CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES, INC., TO PROVIDE A SECOND ENTRANCE INTO SOUTHSIDE LIONS PARK ON THE EAST SIDE OF PECAN VALLEY DRIVE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTHSIDE LIONS PARK (EAST) ENTRANCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT LOCATED IN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

Councilmember Ramos requested a timeline for the project. Mr. Malcolm Matthews stated that said contract incorporated two projects - the second entrance to the park and replacement of the dam. It was reported that the Dam Project has been designed and will go out for bid in April 2008. Lastly, the construction of the second entrance will begin in April with an expected completion in July, 2008.

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

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

2008-03-20-0219

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE OFFER FROM MUSCO SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL LIGHTING FOR THE BASEBALL FIELDS AT STINSON PARK FOR A COST OF \$160,700.00, FROM REPROGRAMMED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS.

Councilmember Ramos expressed concern that the project was behind schedule and requested that CDBG Funds be spent as soon as they were allocated.

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

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

2008-03-20-0222

Item 17. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A \$30,000.00 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT WITH INCELL CORP., LLC. FOR TARGETED MANUFACTURING FACILITY EXPANSION.

Councilmember Herrera asked for clarification of said item. Mr. Robert Peche stated said agreement would provide for an expansion project totaling \$120,000. It was noted that a \$50,000 loan from the

South Texas Business Fund had been received for same. The remainder of the project would be funded by the landlord and through said \$30,000 Grant Agreement.

Ms. Mary Pat Moyer stated that Incell had been doing business in San Antonio since 1993 and that they had approximately 15 employees. She noted that Incell is a small business and their intent is to grow by adding new manufacturing facilities.

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

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

2008-03-20-0224

Item 19. AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING AND APPROVING GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY OWNED FACILITIES ANCHOR PROGRAM, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY AND REVIEW CRITERIA, AND APPROVING CLARIFICATIONS TO THE ARTS FUNDING PROGRAM GUIDELINES.

Councilmember Herrera highlighted said item and noted that the City Council had increased Arts Funding in August 2006. She asked Mr. Felix Padron to explain the Hotel Motel Occupancy Taxes in relation to the Arts. He responded that the use of these funds for the Arts had increased to 15% and that 4.25% of that was allocated for City Owned Facility Anchor Agencies (COFAA).

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

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

2008-03-20-0228

Item 23. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING, INC. TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEW OF THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, TECHNOLOGY WORKFLOW, ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, AND COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$171,882.00, FROM THE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION-CAPITAL PROJECT FUND.

Councilmember Clamp asked of the goals of the contract. Ms. Janie Cantu stated that the objective was to have the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing review the City's business process work flow. She noted that there were 12 tasks that must be accomplished which will improve work flow and provide efficiencies. More importantly, said work will assist in the next steps to develop E-Procurement Software. Work is scheduled to begin in mid-April, 2008 and will take 75 days to complete.

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

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sheryl Sculley reported on the following:

- On March 15, 2008, the First Annual Luminaria Arts Night was held in San Antonio and was a huge success. Special thanks were offered to the Mayor for his vision and to the many individuals who helped plan the event in a short time frame. Over 500 Artists participated in the City-wide event and represented many cultural and artistic disciplines. This event was only the 2nd of its kind in the United States.
- Ms. Jelynn Burley, Deputy City Manager, was recognized for 24 years of service to the City of San Antonio. Ms. Burley will embark on a new journey and career with CPS Energy. She began working for the City of San Antonio in 1984 and worked her way up through many departments including Budget and Research, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Office of Dome Development, and most recently, City Manager's Office. She guided many successful projects such as the Convention Center Expansion, the International Center, and the Carver Community Center. Congratulations and good luck were offered to Ms. Burley.
- Mr. Paul Martinez, Park Police Officer, was recognized for over 25 years of service to the City of San Antonio. He began his career with the City of San Antonio as a Park Ranger on Memorial Day in 1982. He has since patrolled the Riverwalk, and for the last seven years was assigned to City Hall.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mayor Hardberger recessed the Regular Meeting at 12:20 pm to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of:

- A. Deliberate competitive matters regarding CPS Energy and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.086 (competitive matters) and Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Hardberger reconvened the Regular Meeting at 3:45 pm at which time it was noted that the City Council had been briefed on the above-styled matters but took no action.

CONSENT ZONING

Councilmember Rowe made a motion to approve the following re-zoning cases, noting that Staff and Zoning Commission recommendation were to approve the zoning and that no Citizens had signed up to speak: Z-2, P-1, P-2, and Z-7. Councilmember Cisneros seconded the motion.

Mr. Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to Item Z-4, noting that a quad-plex was too big for the lot and that the owner was forced to stop building because he did not have the appropriate permits. He also spoke against adding another bail bond business in District 5 and that Item Z-9 was out of character for the area.

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

2008-03-20-0230

Item Z-2. **ZONING CASE # Z2008088 (District 1):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "RM-4" Residential Mixed District to "C-2" Commercial District on 0.416 acres out of NCB 13319, 7927 Pinebrook Drive as requested by Hugo Xavier De Los Santos, Applicant for Hugo Xavier De Los Santos, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-20-0231

Item P-1. **PLAN AMENDMENT (District 2):** An Ordinance amending the land use plan in the IH 10 East Perimeter Plan, a component of the Master Plan of the City, by updating the land use element in an area generally bounded by Gibbs Sprawl and the San Antonio ETJ to the north, Cibolo Creek to the east, the San Antonio ETJ and FM 1346 to the south, and Loop 410 to the west. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-20-0232

Item P-2. **PLAN AMENDMENT # 08013 (District 5):** An Ordinance amending the land use plan in the Downtown Neighborhood Plan, a component of the Master Plan of the City, by changing the use of a +/- 0.3447 acre tract of land located at 1126 W. Commerce from Residential to Mixed Use land use. Staff and Planning Commission recommend Approval. (**Associated Zoning Case Z2008063**)

2008-03-20-0233

Item Z-7. **ZONING CASE # Z2008063 (District 5):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "I-2" Heavy Industrial District to "IDZ" Infill Development Zone with uses permitted in "C-2" Commercial District on Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3 and Lot 4, Block 122, NCB 226 , 1126 West Commerce Street as requested by Jerry Arredondo Interest, Applicant for B. P. Embrey Properties, LLC, Owners. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval pending Plan Amendment.

[ZONING CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ZONING ITEMS POSTPONED

Councilmember Cibrian moved to postpone items Z-3, Z-4, Z-5 and Z-6 until April 3, 2008 per Councilmember McNeil's request. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

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

Item Z-3. **ZONING CASE # Z2008081 (District 2):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "I-1" General Industrial District to "C-3" General Commercial District on Lot 3, NCB 12174, 6210 Fairdale Drive as requested by Sok Sun Yang, Applicant for Sok Sun Yang, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Item Z-4. **ZONING CASE # Z2008096 CD (District 2):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "RM-4 EP-1" Residential Mixed District, Facility Parking/Traffic Control Overlay District-1 to "RM-4 CD EP-1" (CD-Dwelling - Four Family) Residential Mixed, Facility Parking/Traffic Control Overlay District-1 with a Conditional Use for a Dwelling - Four Family on Lot 14, Block 31, NCB 1482, 340 Maryland Street as requested by Malcolm Thomas, J & N Land Development, LLC,

Applicant for Malcolm Thomas, J & N Land Development, LLC, Owner. Staff recommends denial. Zoning Commission recommends Approval.

Item Z-5. **ZONING CASE # Z2008076 (District 2):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "I-1" General Industrial District to "C-2" Commercial District on Lots 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 13A, 13B, 14A, 14B, 15A 15B, 16A, 16B, Block 4, NCB 6338 and the North 75 Feet of Lots 13A, 14A, 15A, and 16A and the North 75 Feet of Lots 13B, 14B, 15B and 16B, Block 3, NCB 6337, 316 and 410 North New Braunfels Avenue as requested by Pulman, Cappuccio & Pullen, LLP, Applicant for Texas EZ Pawn, L. P., Owner. Staff recommends approval. Zoning Commission recommendation pending the March 18, 2008, public hearing.

Item Z-6. **ZONING CASE # Z2008080 (District 2):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "I-1" General Industrial District to "C-3" General Commercial District on Lots 20 and 21, NCB 16095, 4815 and 4803 Rittiman Road as requested by Chandravadan D. Bhakta, Applicant for Chandravadan D. Bhakta, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

ZONING ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

2008-03-20-0229

Item Z-1. **ZONING CASE # Z2008083 (District 1):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "MF-33" Multi-Family District to "O-1" Office District on Lot 13 and the South 16.86 feet of Lot 14, Block 8, NCB 1730, 816 Ogden as requested by Rudy and Diana Rivas, Applicants for Rudy and Diana Rivas, Owners. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Mr. Rudy Rivas, property owner, stated that his property would be better suited to office zoning because the surrounding properties were C-1, parking, and multi-family lots.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

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

2008-03-20-0234

Item Z-8. **ZONING CASE # Z2008055 (District 6):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "R-6" Residential Single-Family District to "C-2" Commercial District on 17.756 acres out of NCB 17639, Impala Summit, North of Wiseman Boulevard as requested by Earl & Associates, P. C., Applicant for Bendicion Land Development Company, LLC, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Mr. John Marroquin stated that the property owner and attorneys had been very helpful to the Westover Valley residents, but he would like a continuance because some of them had not been informed of the zoning case.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Item. Councilmember Ramos seconded the motion.

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

2008-03-20-0235

Item Z-9. **ZONING CASE # Z2008078 CD (District 6):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "R-6" Residential Single-Family District, "MH" Manufactured Housing District and "C-3" General Commercial District to "MF-33" Multi Family District, "C-3 NA" General Commercial, Nonalcoholic Sales District and "C-2 NA" (CD – Mini Warehouse exceeding 2.5 acres) Commercial, Nonalcoholic Sales District with a Conditional Use for a Mini Warehouse exceeding 2.5 acres on 47.15 acres out of NCB 17635, NCB 18295, NCB 34449 and NCB 34450, 11600 Block of Culebra Road as requested by Kenneth E. Saunders, Applicant for FC Stonebridge, LTD Partnership, Owners. Staff recommends Denial. Zoning Commission recommends Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance with the condition that the doors to the storage units not be visible to adjoining properties. Councilmember Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

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Item Z-10. **ZONING CASE # Z2008062 (District 7):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "C-3" General Commercial District to "MF-33" Multi-Family District on Lots Parcel 22B and Parcel 22C, NCB 15052 and Lots 7 through 13, Block 8, NCB 18098, 5831 Northwest Loop 410 and 5052 through 5082 Wurzbach Road as requested by Kaufman & Associates, Inc., Applicant for Elkin McGaughey, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

2008-03-20-0236

Item Z-11. **ZONING CASE # Z2008075 ERZD CD S (District 8):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "C-3 NA ERZD" General Commercial, Nonalcoholic Sales, Edwards Recharge Zone District to "C-3 NA CD S ERZD" (CD- Outside Storage, Screened) General Commercial, Nonalcoholic Sales, Edwards Recharge Zone District with a Conditional Use for Outside Storage with screening and a Specific Use Authorization for Outside Storage on the Edwards Recharge Zone on Lot 5, Block 1, NCB 17615, 13327 Western Oak Drive as requested by City of San Antonio, Applicant for G & H Wade Joint Venture, Owner. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

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

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

2008-03-20-0237

Item Z-12. **ZONING CASE # Z2008061 S (District 8):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "O-2" Office District to "O-2 S" Office District with a Specific Use Authorization for a Day Care Facility and "O-1" Office District on .853 acres out of NCB 14714, 12200, 12210, 12226 Huebner Road as requested by Kaufman & Associates, Inc., Applicant for T & K Young Partners, Ltd., Owners. Staff recommends Approval. Zoning Commission recommendation pending March 18, 2008 public hearing.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Ms. Laura Saher stated that it had been a great experience working with Councilmember Cibrian on said zoning issue as well as with the attorneys, and the neighborhood, and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Councilmember Cibrian moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Ordinance with the conditions as noted: downward lighting, limiting business hours, and that entrance and exit points be on Huebner Road and not on secondary roads. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

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

2008-03-20-0238

Item Z-13. **ZONING CASE # Z2008058 (District 9):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "RM-4" Residential Mixed District and "R-5" Residential Single-Family District to "RE" Residential Estate District and "R-20" Residential Single-Family District on Lot 3, NCB 12060, Lot 2, the North 175 feet of Lot 3, the Southeast 195 feet of Lot 3, the Southeast 368.8 feet of Lot 7, the Northwest 368.8 feet of Lot 7, the Southwest 153.9 feet of Lot 7 and the Southwest 113.1 feet of Lot 8, the Northwest 233.5 feet of Lot 8, the Northeast 346.6 feet of Lot 8, the North 172.4 feet of the East 197.4 feet of Lot 9, the South 172.4 feet of the East 321.4 feet of Lot 9, the Northwest 97.45 feet of the West 318.7 feet of Lot 9 and the North 172.4 feet of the West 121.3 feet of the East 318.7 feet of Lot 9, the Southwest 172.45 feet of the West 321.4 feet of Lot 9, the Northeast 190.88 feet of the East 244.7 feet of Lot 10, the Northwest 200 feet of the Northeast 390.88 feet of Lot 10, Lot 11C, Lot 12B, Lot 13D, Lot 13E, the Southwest 60.78 feet of the East 355.4 feet of Lot 13 and the North 220.6 feet of the East 496.74 feet of Lot 14, Lot 13B, Lot 13C, Lot 16C, the Southeast 190 feet of Lot 15 and the Northwest 190 feet of Lot 16 and 15C and 16D, the South 190 feet of Lot 17 and 17C, the Southwest 140 feet of the North 381.9 feet of Lot 18B, the Southeast 50 feet of Lot 18B and Lot 18C, the Northwest 190 feet of Lot 18, the South 190 feet of Lot 19 and 19C, the Northwest 190 feet of Lot 19 and 19D, the North 192.35 feet of Lot 20 and 20D, the South 192.35 feet of Lot 20 and 20C, the Southwest 534.7 feet of the Northwest 106.5 feet of Lot 21 and Southeast 332 feet of 21B, the South 101 feet of Lot 21 and Parcel 101, the South 289.19 feet of East 145.6 feet of the Southwest 252.1 feet of Lot 21, the Northeast 252 feet of Lot 21B, the Northeast 252 feet of Northwest 145.6 feet of Lot 21 and 21F and Parcel 100, Lot 17D, Lot 55, Lot 56, Lot 57, Lot 58, Lot 59, Lot 62, Lot 63, Lot 64, Lot 65, NCB 12061 and Lot 8, Block 3, NCB 16076, both sides of Blue Crest Lane, between Bitters Road and Jones Maltsberger Road as requested by City of San Antonio, Applicant for Multiple Property Owners. Staff and Zoning Commission recommend Approval.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Mr. Kenneth E. Levenson stated that he had learned from a previous discussion that a landscape buffer may not apply to this case. He stated that if that was correct, he was no longer in opposition.

Ms. Susan Barbettini, Countryside Subdivision Resident, addressed the Council accompanied by Ms. Marilyn Miller and Ms. Pat Schmidt. She stated that Bitters Road was very congested and a very dangerous area and the residents had trouble exiting the neighborhood throughout the day.

Mr. William Hogan addressed the Council in opposition to the zoning item. He disagreed with the Zoning Commission's assessment about the preservation of the pristine countryside because the area was surrounded by apartments, car washes, and a radio tower. He stated that his property value would decrease if rezoned.

Ms. Betty Sue Moore gave her time to Mr. Gary Skinner. Mr. Skinner spoke in support of the rezoning and stated that it had taken him six extra months to build his home because the land had not been platted properly and was unable to obtain a City permit. He noted that in 2003, the land had been rezoned without notice and the City admitted that it was done in error. Mr. Skinner stated that several residents had taken advantage of the situation and made it possible for developers to build twenty-one houses on a 2.5-acre lot.

Ms. Kathleen Stevens spoke in favor of re-establishing large lots in the neighborhood. She noted that the area had been through too much rezoning and believed the R-5 designation was incorrect.

Mr. Thomas Gay stated that the residents had fought against numerous attempts at commercializing the area and noted that the Residential Estate zoning was an opportunity to preserve the remaining lots. He added that the residents were willing to negotiate with developers, but twenty homes on a lot were too many.

Mr. Alex B. Hamilton stated that maintaining the large lots in the area has been an ongoing battle, but the residents had always had support from Council. He mentioned that the Drury Family recently purchased land in the neighborhood and that the residents were willing to make the concession of three homes per acre for them.

Ms. Peggy J. Wurth stated that she had lived in the neighborhood for a very long time and that she did not want to see crowded homes or commercial lots in the area. She added that she understood that the land would change as developers came into the area. She asked that those changes benefit the neighborhood as a whole.

Mr. William Nichols stated that there was no clear definition on how the property could be utilized. He noted that Bitters Road could not handle any more commercial zoning and that because of the great number of apartments in the area, the schools were overcrowded. He asked the Council to support the rezoning so the neighborhood would have some clear direction.

Mr. Robert N. Ray stated that he represented one of the property owners and expressed that the lot not be rezoned to Residential Estate because it was next to a Sonic Drive-In and an Auto Mechanic Garage. He stated that the owners of property in the center of the area had good reason to request the change, but his client's property value would drop. He asked the City Council for a continuance.

Mr. Marvin D. Haass stated that he was a developer and that he had made a promise to several individuals that he would maintain the integrity of the area. He added that the residents had been united in this effort for over forty years. He asked the City Council to support this rezoning and that the residents would be willing to negotiate with developers at a later time.

Ms. Cynthia McDaniel stated that there were a lot of traffic accidents in the area and noted that adding more residents would only make things worse.

Ms. Donna Thompson stated that her neighborhood was beautiful, but the traffic was terrible and she was afraid it would get worse. She added that there were not many neighborhoods like hers and that it deserved to be preserved.

Mr. Sterling Crim spoke in favor of the Residential Estate zoning and noted that the opposition would have the opportunity to negotiate a specific use rezoning in the future.

Mr. Greg Asvestes stated that the rezoning was being done to correct an error. He noted that the property next to Sonic had a natural drainage buffer that had been in place for a long time. He stated that with regard to mailed notifications, 80% of the responses were in favor.

Ms. Dolly Hayes was inadvertently omitted from speaking but expressed her opposition to the zoning case for the record.

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

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

2008-03-20-0239

Item Z-14. **ZONING CASE # Z2008087 CD (District 10):** An Ordinance changing the zoning district boundary from "C-3" General Commercial District to "C-3 CD" (CD- Warehousing) General Commercial District with a Conditional Use for Warehousing on 1.486 acres out of NCB 18890, 14803 Bulverde Road as requested by Brown, P.C., Applicant for Bulverde Industrial Partners, Ltd., Owners. Staff recommends Approval. Zoning Commission pending hearing on March 18, 2008.

Mr. Chris Looney presented the proposed Zoning Case.

Councilmember Clamp moved to adopt the proposed Zoning Item with the C3R-CD zoning condition. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Mayor Pro Tem Cisneros presented a proclamation for the 12th Annual Cesar E. Chavez March for Justice to be held Saturday, March 29, 2008. The March will be held to celebrate the legacy and the life

of Cesar E. Chavez, a man of humble beginnings and founder of the National Farm Workers Association.

Mayor Pro Tem Cisneros presented a proclamation for the 2008 Basura Bash scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2008. It was stated that this event is the largest community-wide effort to clean up the banks of the San Antonio River and its tributaries.

Mayor Pro Tem Cisneros recognized USAA General Agency, Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. They presented a Heritage Rewards Grant in the amount of \$56,000 to the San Antonio Fire Department for eight new thermal imaging cameras. The cameras will enable firefighters to have infrared capabilities to see through smoke and darkness to locate anyone trapped in a building during a fire.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mr. Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke of Nisan 14 which begins at Sunset on Saturday, March 22, 2008. He stated that he represented a state organization and would like to be included in more decisions involving his district.

Mr. Mark Perez spoke of emergency management and hazardous chemical reporting. He stated that city staff was not adequately trained because they did not respond to his concerns. He added that because facilities were not reporting their chemicals, they were putting the citizens and first response workers in danger. Mr. Perez noted that he was waiting on a response from the EPA and on an open records request.

Mr. Faris Hodge, Jr. spoke against Mirasol, the Mirasol Task Force, and the proposed CPS rate increase. He urged Councilmember Rodriguez to reconsider his cell phone proposal and stated that he supported Councilmember Cortez on the zoning issue. He added that SAPD had been doing a better job of keeping gangs under control in the downtown area.

Ms. Nikki Kuhns stated that she was a safe drinking water advocate and expressed concern that Don Finley with the Express-News refused to write about the possible negative effects caused by fluoridation. She showed the City Council a video on the hazards of fluoridation.

Mr. Javier Jacobo stated that there were five neighborhoods in the Mirasol Area with a total of 246 houses. He noted that SAHA had given KB Homes \$48 million to build and that KB Homes claimed that \$24 million was used to develop the land. This equated to a total of \$96,000 spent on each house and therefore, the homes should be in the \$200-400,000 range.

Ms. Catrina Jacobo provided ads to demonstrate that SAHA was making a profit of \$10K-20K from the buy-back process. She stated that they offered to pay \$79,000 for a four bedroom home, but sold a three bedroom home for \$94,000. She asked that the Task Force be dismantled.

Joshua Jacobo, the son of a Mirasol Homeowner, sang a song he wrote for KB Homes asking them to take responsibility for the issues with his home.

Mr. Henry Rodriguez, Task Force member and LULAC representative, invited Council to attend a peaceful protest on Saturday, March 22, 2008. He noted that Councilmember Galvan had committed to attending and that the National LULAC Board was in full support of the Mirasol Residents.

Raymond White, Jr. stated that he was fifteen years old and never had sinus problems or nose bleeds until he lived in a KB Home. He stated that both SAHA and KB Homes should be held accountable for their actions and asked for fair buybacks and reimbursement for furniture and other household items that had been contaminated.

Mr. Luis Cintron asked the Council to stand with the residents against KB Homes.

Felicia Jacobo, a Mirasol Youth, stated that the buyback process needed to be fair and someone needed to be held accountable. She added that she would like to make something of herself and that missing school due to illness made it difficult for her to obtain her education.

Ms. Petra Maldonado stated that the individuals who attended Council Meetings were just a small representation of the Mirasol Homeowners. She claimed that many KB Homes homeowners had no idea that there were problems with their homes and that when SAHA repaired the homes, they ended up in worse shape.

Ms. Alicia Lazaro spoke about issues with her Mirasol Home. She asked the City Council to assist the Mirasol Homeowners by making KB Homes responsible for repairing their homes.

Mr. Guadalupe Lopez stated that the Mirasol Homes were built for low-income families, but his monthly payments were \$1,000. He asked Council to attend the peaceful protest to demonstrate their support of the Mirasol Residents.

Ms. Henrietta DeHoyos claimed that many Mirasol Residents were afraid to speak out because they could be evicted. She stated that when she was given her notice of eviction, Commissioner Prado of the SAHA Board told her not to leave her home. She asked SAHA to place her in Section 8 Housing.

Ms. Janet Ahmad referenced the CDBG/HOME Public Meeting and stated that the City had been given millions of dollars from HUD this year. She noted that the Mirasol Residents had sent pictures of their homes to Washington, D.C. and they would be part of permanent record. She added that the sooner the residents could be moved out of their homes, the better.

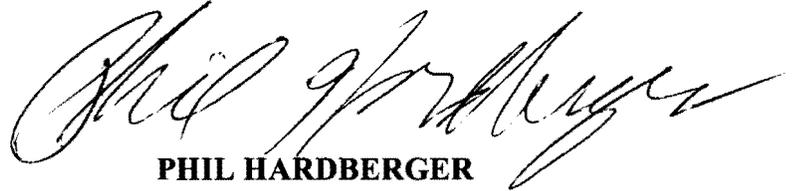
Mr. George Alejos, LULAC representative, invited Council to the demonstration on March 22, 2008. He referenced a letter from Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson in response to a letter from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). The OIG replied to a letter from Mr. Alejos that they would investigate and have a report to the Senator by July 11, 2008.

Mr. Michael John, with the Riverwalk Vendors Association, spoke of a lawsuit filed against the City in response to an Ordinance that banned vending on the Riverwalk. He stated that the City should seek to help its local businesses rather than large corporations because the big companies are headquartered out of the City of San Antonio and monies are sent to their headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT

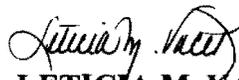
There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Cisneros adjourned the meeting at 7:14 pm.

A P P R O V E D



PHIL HARDBERGER
MAYOR

Attest:



LETICIA M. VACEK
City Clerk