
The San Antonio City Council convened in a Work Session at 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Municipal Plaza Building, with the following Councilmembers present: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. ABSENT: None.

1. BRIEFING AND PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT PLACEMAKING CONCEPT PLAN FOR ALAMO PLAZA.

Lori Houston, Center City Development Office Assistant Director stated that Project for Public Spaces, Inc. (PPS) had been contracted by the city to develop a concept plan to identify placemaking opportunities for Alamo Plaza. She reported that $1.2 million has been allocated for Alamo Plaza Improvements in the 2012 Bond Program. She recognized members of the Steering Committee that were present and introduced Phil Myrick of PPS.

Mr. Phil Myrick provided an overview of PPS’s experience, noting that they had been providing placemaking services for 35 years. He outlined the criteria for creating great civic spaces: 1) Traffic, Transit, and the Pedestrian; 2) Attractions and Destinations; 3) Identity and Image; and 4) Amenities. He indicated that they were trying to identify if The Alamo could become a more magnetic attraction for residents and if the area could be more usable and successful as a public space. He spoke of the benefits of placemaking such as building and supporting the local economy; promoting a sense of comfort; and nurturing and defining community identity.

Mr. Myrick stated that they had conducted various stakeholder interviews and meetings to gather input and identify areas of concern and opportunity. He stated that there is no sense of arrival and the curbs and planters are challenging for pedestrians. He indicated that there was no seating, tables or shade, as well as a lack of things to experience such as retail and food shops. He spoke of the activities observed at Alamo Plaza in which individuals took pictures of the church, read signs and plaques, and wandered around looking for something else to do. He noted that people get their impression of The Alamo in front of the church and many do not stop for more than a minute or two. He added that Alamo Plaza functions as a major street with two sidewalks.

Mr. Myrick outlined the recommendations within the category of Improving Orientation, Spatial Organization and Interpretation to include marking the original Plaza with a uniform paving treatment and removing the curbs. He spoke of the importance of establishing a horizontal and vertical definition to Alamo Plaza and exploring additional elements for interpretation such as moving the Cenotaph. Within the Activities and Amenities Category, he recommended the creation of a stimulating mix of public programs, entertainment, and appropriate commercial activity. He mentioned the need to raise the bar of materials and amenities within Alamo Plaza to be on par with other great public spaces around the world. He added that the area should be enhanced through dining, music, performances, lighting, and night-time uses.
Mr. Myrick stated that a more walkable district should be created so that the area makes pedestrians a priority. This should include policies to foster outdoor merchandising and restaurants. He indicted that the streets, plaza spaces and gardens should be upgraded and that the history of Camino Real should be highlighted. He provided short-term recommendations that include installing an information kiosk or other plaza-based interpretive program. Additionally, seating areas must be upgraded and pop-up cafes could be integrated within Plaza de Valero. He noted that daily street music and performances should be incorporated and that Alamo Street could be temporarily closed nights and weekends to energize the area.

Mayor Castro thanked everyone for the presentation and asked of the visitor experience at Alamo Plaza. Mr. Myrick replied that they had interviewed visitors that had indicated their desire for more activities in the plaza. He stated that there is not a full dimension of offerings and that there are impediments on all sides. Mayor Castro stated that many of the elements presented today could be recommended for other types of public spaces and asked if there was anything distinct about Alamo Plaza. Mr. Myrick replied that the area was unique and that their recommendations try to animate the space and define the location of The Alamo. He spoke of the lack of retail areas and the potential to highlight Plaza de Valero. Mayor Castro thanked PPS for their work and noted that it was an important and emotional issue.

Councilmember Bernal stated that he appreciated the work and that it was important to balance historical significance while also enhancing and modernizing the space. He noted that the tourist attraction and surrounding area were being redesigned to maximize both elements. He added that he was pleased that locals and tourists were being attracted to the area.

Councilmember Saldaña stated that he really appreciated the time lapse analysis and supports the temporary closing of Alamo Street during nights and weekends.

Councilmember Soules expressed support for improving the space but cautioned that it is historic and staff must be cognizant of that when working on the re-design. He stated that any movement of the Cenotaph would have to be carefully researched since it is widely believed to be located on the site where Alamo Defenders’ bodies were burned.

Councilmember Ozuna stated that many of the great plazas and outdoor spaces were located in cities with milder climates. She spoke of the hot temperatures in San Antonio and noted that it was critical to incorporate shade into the design.

Councilmember Lopez asked of the link to the San Antonio Missions. Mr. Myrick stated that it was important and that information on the Missions could be incorporated into the interpretive station in Alamo Plaza. Ms. Houston added that the Missions could be accessed by bike along the Mission Reach of the Riverwalk and could be addressed through interpretation and programming of Alamo Plaza.

2. BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

Pat DiGiovanni provided an overview of Public-Private Partnerships (P3), noting that a P3 was a contractual agreement between a public agency and a private sector entity. He stated that the skills and assets of each sector are shared in delivering a service or facility for the use of the general public and that each party shares in the risks and rewards. He reported that Senate Bill 1048 was approved by the
Legislature to encourage and provide more oversight for P3s. He noted that a P3 Capital Project could be developed outside of traditional procurement regulations but must be used for a governmental purpose.

Mr. DiGiovanni outlined the advantages of P3s that include reducing public capital investment and leveraging the efficiencies of the private sector. He stated that Capital Projects and Real Estate Developments qualify as P3s, while Transportation Authorities, Mass Communication Systems, and Highways in the State Highway System did not qualify. He explained that the basic goal of a P3 Project was to find a balance in the allocation of risks and rewards between the public and private entity to maximize value. He indicated that the preferred procurement structure for the private entity was to own the facility and recover its investment through leased rental fees paid by the public entity or user fees. He added that a city may not exercise its power of eminent domain in structuring a P3 Project unless it will own the underlying facility.

Mr. DiGiovanni stated that the use of the P3 Procurement Process is voluntary and that the city must pass a Resolution opting into the statute. He noted that all proposals are subject to competitive bidding, notice requirements, and public transparency. He reported that P3 Proposals must be judged based on total cost to ownership including building, maintaining, and operating the facility during its lifetime. He outlined next steps in which a City Council Committee will develop P3 Guidelines for the city and a Resolution will be brought before the City Council opting into the P3 Legislation. Additionally, the City Council will adopt guidelines that must be in place prior to review of a solicited or unsolicited proposal.

Mayor Castro asked if there was a specific project in which a P3 could be utilized. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that a P3 could be utilized for projects within HemisFair Park such as a parking facility. He mentioned the Brownfields Initiative that could be considered for a P3. He provided examples of successful P3s in other cities and added that this was new legislation in Texas.

Councilmember Chan stated that this is a great tool in the city’s toolbox for financing public facilities. She asked if there was a limitation on the number of P3 Projects that could be implemented. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that he was not aware of any limits on the number of P3 Projects that could be implemented. Mr. DiGiovanni confirmed that the city could solicit a Request for Proposals and that unsolicited projects brought to the city must be posted for 45 days for public comment. Councilmember Chan asked of the guidelines for evaluating proposals. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that Statewide Model Guidelines had been developed and the city had the discretion to modify them.

Councilmember Saldaña asked of the role of the Advisory Commission. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that there was an Advisory Commission at the State Level and they did not have an impact on local projects. He noted that the city would have the authority to develop criteria for an Oversight Committee.

Councilmember Bernal asked of the benefits of P3s. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that they provided for an open and transparent process and that unsolicited proposals must be posted for 45 days. He stated that the Legislation did not dictate the responsibility for oversight and that there was flexibility in the operation and maintenance of the project and/or facility. He added that this was another tool for the redevelopment of the Inner City.

Councilmember Soules referenced Slide 7 and asked of the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (RMA). Mr. DiGiovanni replied that roads and tolling were exempt from the statute. Councilmember Soules
asked for confirmation of the projects that would qualify under the Alamo RMA. Mr. DiGiovanni replied that they would provide that information to the City Council.

Mayor Castro thanked staff for the presentation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Castro recessed the meeting at 3:31 pm to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of:

A. DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND EVALUATION OF PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES AND DISCUSS RELATED LEGAL ISSUES PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.074 (PERSONNEL MATTERS) AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

B. DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSS RELATED LEGAL ISSUES PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.087 (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) AND 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

C. DELIBERATE THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DISCUSS RELATED LEGAL ISSUES PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 551.072 (REAL PROPERTY) AND 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY).

D. 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).

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Castro reconvened the meeting at 6:00 pm and announced that no action had been taken in Executive Session. HE called upon the individuals registered to speak.

Columba Wilson requested that the City Council consider utilizing the 1/8 cent sales tax increase for early childhood, drop out prevention, and early intervention for special needs children. She stated that she was a grandparent and custodian of a special needs child that attends school in the Northeast Independent School District. She noted that handcuffing and sending special needs youth to a juvenile detention facility was not a solution and expressed concern with the costs for Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy.

Lyanne Farrell stated that she and her husband had adopted twin boys that were mentally retarded and had epilepsy. She noted that they attended the Alternative Learning Education (ALE) Program in the Northeast Independent School District and spoke of an incident in which one of her sons had a tantrum at school and was handcuffed. She expressed concern that the school district did not have a proper plan or training in place to address this type of occurrence. She requested that an increase in taxes be used for training and resources for special needs programs.
Douglas Steadman, Gary Steadman, and Jurene Steadman addressed the City Council regarding the Hays Street Bridge. Mr. Douglas Steadman stated that the bridge was historic and had been in existence since 1910. He spoke of the work of the Hays Street Bridge Restoration Group and noted that the bridge would soon be recognized by the Federal Register as a Historic Place. He reported that restoration work began in 1999 and that in 2002, they had obtained 80% in Federal Funds for bridge restoration. He indicated that the city had received a land donation from BudCo to develop the surrounding property in 2007. He expressed concern that a brewery would be built on the property and asked that the land not be provided for that purpose.

Mark Kellman spoke of Alamo Plaza and stated that its history was very special. He provided photos of the Piazza Navona in Rome and noted that it had all of the components needed for urban, open space. He mentioned that the area was greatly utilized by locals and tourists at all times. He noted that local artist Roland Rodriguez had transposed Piazza Navona and Alamo Plaza into one drawing and that they were very similar in size.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez showed a photo that stands for Jesus and referenced the Book of Exodus in the Bible. He spoke of Matthew 5:17, noting that Jesus was charged with breaking the 3rd Commandment. He referenced Babylon the Great and indicated that the seven-headed lion represented false religions.

Mayor Castro excused himself from the meeting at this time.

Theresa Berlanga stated that she was supportive of the Hays Street Bridge Project and expressed concern with hiring attorneys in San Antonio. She noted that she was trying to take responsibility for her role in the fiasco in the Middle East and would like to stop the killing in that area.

Eric Cooper of the San Antonio Food Bank addressed the City Council and spoke of their work in 16 counties in Southwest Texas. He provided a report entitled, “Hunger in America 2010: San Antonio and Southwest Texas” and indicated that $96 million was needed to meet the food needs in Bexar County in 2009. He stated that 129,000 children in Bexar County did not have the food they needed. He noted that they were partnering with the agricultural community to bring in fresh fruits and vegetables. He thanked the City Council for their land donation and partnership to help feed the elderly and homeless in the community.

Robin Canter, Deana Jones, and Robert Jones representing Occupy San Antonio addressed the City Council. Ms. Canter stated that she had previously addressed the City Council to request that they approve a Resolution in support of amending the Constitution to abolish corporate personhood and was present to again request same. She read clauses that should be included in the Resolution which express concern that corporations were granted constitutional rights and noted that the protections they had were implemented for human persons. She indicated that elected officials were supposed to represent the people; not corporations. She asked the City Council to stand in solidarity with other cities and approve the Resolution.

Mary Torres-Pacuache-Tiliyaya submitted written testimony expressing concern that the Coahuiltecan Research Associates were not notified of the bid process for the Historic Mission Drive-In Marquee Mural Re-Creation Project. She wrote that the City of San Antonio has extensive historical documentation of their history as Mission Indians and the Coahuiltecan Research Association has
historical information on the indigenous people. She added that the wording on the Request for Proposals was incorrect in that this is a new creation and not a re-creation.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony expressing concern that the city is not inspecting elevators city-wide. He wrote that the Bexar County Democrats paid Bexar County $142,727.07 and that the State of Texas was declared unfit to regulate its own greenhouse gas emissions by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. He expressed concern with the $719 meal for consultants paid by CPS Energy, noting that CPS Energy cuts off electricity when an individual fails to pay their bill. He wrote of the five Emergency Medical Services Captains that earned $400,000 in one year and noted that the blood bank is in need of donations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Bernal adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 9:00 am in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Leticia M. Vacek took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **ABSENT:** None.

**Item 1.** The Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Barry H.D. Block, Senior Rabbi, Temple Beth-El, guest of Councilmember Diego Bernal, District 1.

**Item 2.** Mayor Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**Item 3. MINUTES**

Councilmember D. Medina moved to approve the Minutes for the February 1-2, 2012 City Council Meetings. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** C. Medina.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The City Clerk read the caption for Item 4:

2012-03-08-0159

Item 4. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO. TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $881,649.00 OVER 10 YEARS TO RETAIN AND EXPAND THE SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CUSTOMER SUPPORT AND SERVICES CENTER OPERATIONS IN SAN ANTONIO.
Rene Dominguez presented a brief PowerPoint stating that staff was requesting authorization to enter into a grant agreement with Southwest Airlines (SWA) to provide $581,649 in financial incentives over 10 years. He indicated that the grant was contingent upon SWA retaining 478 jobs and creating 322 new jobs at its Customer Support and Services Center in San Antonio. He reported that SWA was incorporated in Texas and began air service from Dallas to San Antonio on June 18, 1971. He noted that they operate six Customer Support and Services Centers throughout the US and the location in the San Antonio Medical Center opened in 1981.

Mr. Dominguez stated that in March 2011, SWA began discussions with city staff regarding their intent to consolidate customer service operations. He noted that San Antonio competed with Orlando, Phoenix, Atlanta, and Oklahoma City on the consolidation. He explained that in an effort to retain and expand the SWA Customer Support and Services Center in San Antonio, staff recommends a grant of $440,000 from the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDIF) payable over two years; and a grant of $141,641 payable over 10 years based on the company’s estimated annual payment of new personal property taxes. He mentioned that the center would move from its present location at 3635 Medical Drive to 11711 IH-35 North. He reported that Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code authorizes the city to provide grants for the purpose of conducting and facilitating economic development. He stated that through this agreement, SWA must continue to operate their Customer Support and Services Center in San Antonio and maintain a total of 800 jobs for 10 years.

Mayor Castro called upon the citizens registered to speak.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez stated that he was in favor of the grant agreement with SWA and that they treated their employees well.

Jack M. Finger spoke in opposition to the grant agreement with SWA. He stated that they were a good organization but expressed concern that there would be limited growth opportunities. He noted that he was against tax incentives and that SWA was already established in San Antonio.

Mayor Castro stated that he was excited about the relationship with SWA and pleased that they would be expanding their facility. He thanked SWA for their commitment to San Antonio.

Mr. Bob Montgomery of SWA thanked the City Council for their support and commended the city for their economic development efforts. He stated that they had been in San Antonio since 1971 and had grown to 55 departures daily. He noted that they were launching international flights to Cancun and Mexico City and were pleased to be expanding in San Antonio.

Councilmember Soules thanked SWA for their commitment to San Antonio and welcomed them to District 10. He stated that he was pleased that they would be retaining and bringing new jobs to the city and commended them for their great investment.

Councilmember Williams stated that SWA had been a great employer in District 8 and spoke of the building they had occupied in the Medical Center. He noted that he was confident that the building could be re-purposed and thanked SWA for their commitment to San Antonio.
Councilmember D. Medina also thanked SWA for their commitment to San Antonio and stated that he was pleased with the great investment and new jobs that would be created.

Councilmember Soules moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 5-30B**

Consent Agenda Items 10, 14, 24, 25A, 25B, 26, 30A and 30B were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Mayor Castro called upon the individuals registered to speak on the Consent Agenda.

Robert Sosa representing the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) addressed the City Council in support of the reprogramming of funds for the UIW Eye Clinic (Item 20). He spoke of the benefits of the clinic and noted that it would extend the healthcare series of programs and traditions established by the Sister of Charity of UIW. He noted that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding was critical to begin construction of the building and thanked the City Council for their support.

Armando Saliba spoke in support of the UIW Eye Clinic and highlighted the benefits of the clinic. He mentioned that the building would be 30,000 square feet in size and would be the only public health facility for comprehensive eye care on the East Side. He noted that it would be located in District 2 but would serve the entire community. He spoke of the great need for these services and stated that no one would be turned away due to inability to pay.

Nazirite Ruben Flores Perez spoke in support of the Goliad/IH-37 Drainage Outfall Project in Item 6 and the Zarzamora/Brady Intersection Improvement Project in Item 10. He stated that it was important to improve traffic and water flow in the area.

Nikki Kuhns expressed concern with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) which as been the primary organization promoting health directives for many years (Item 13). She provided a handout of 14 Nobel Prize Winners that object to fluoridation and expressed concern that the City’s Health Director did not warn mothers about the dangers of fluoride in the water supply for infants. She added that the CDC Staff should have higher standards and be trained toxicologists.

George Alejos spoke in reference to the staff being hired through the CDC in Item 13. He requested that the selected staff implement programs that provide the best services to the community. He expressed concern with fluoride in the water supply and stated that he had not received any information on the benefits of fluoride.

Sister Odilia Korenek addressed the City Council in support of the reprogramming of funds in Item 20 for the Blessed Sacrament Academy Charter High School Cafeteria. She spoke of the services provided by Blessed Sacrament Academy and noted that the new cafeteria would meet the basic needs for a large group of young people. She thanked the city for the great partnership.
Yolanda Martinez stated that she attended the Willie Velasquez Learning Center and requested funding for roof repairs to the building (Item 20). She noted that she was pleased that they had been accommodated at the Frank Garrett Center but would like to see the Willie Velasquez Learning Center renovated as soon as possible.

Mary Anne Votion of the Salvation Army spoke in support of the reprogramming of funds for their organization (Item 20). She stated that the Salvation Army had been in the San Antonio Community since 1885 and was excited about the new partnership with the city. She noted that the funds would be utilized to expand programs for youth and seniors.

David Casso of the San Antonio Housing Authority spoke in support of the reprogramming of funds in Item 20 for the San Jan Homes Phase III Project. He indicated that the project would consist of 250 low-income public housing and affordable units and thanked the City Council for their support.

Jack M. Finger spoke in reference to the positions being hired by the CDC in Item 13 and expressed concern that fluoride has increased cavities instead of reducing them. He asked if the city would continue to charge the Customer Facility Charge on rental car transactions at the Airport after the facility was built (Item 17). He expressed concern with the tax incentives for the Ellis Alley Project (Items 30A and 30B) and asked if incentives had been provided in the past.

Faris Hodge, Jr. submitted written testimony in favor of Items 7-24, and 29. He wrote in opposition to Item 25 and asked of the use of the funds from the sale of the bonds. He wrote against Item 26, noting that he was not aware of the bylaws of the Bexar Metropolitan Development Corporation. He expressed concern with the contract for professional services in Item 27 and asked what the money would be used for. He asked why the temporary food establishment permit requirement was being waived in Item 28. He expressed concern with the tax incentives for the Ellis Alley Project Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (Items 30A and 30B), noting that VIA should pay taxes too. He asked why backup information was not provided for the City Manager’s Report.

Councilmember Bernal stated that he was pleased to report that the Willie Velasquez Learning Center would be receiving CDBG Funds for building repair.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items. Councilmember Bernal seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda Items prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

**2012-03-08-0160**

Item 5. ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS ESTABLISHING UNIT PRICES FOR ANNUAL GOODS AND SERVICES: (A) AVID IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS, INC. FOR PET MICROCHIP IMPLANTS, (B) WD-WHITE/NEW FINISH CONSTRUCTION JV, LLC FOR CONCRETE CHIPPING SERVICES AND (C) CANTU CONTRACTING INC. AND MALDONADO NURSERY & LANDSCAPING INC. FOR MOWING OF VARIOUS CITY PARKS, MEDIANS AND OTHER CITY PROPERTY.

Item 7. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $127,807.46 JOB ORDER TO JAMAIL & SMITH CONSTRUCTION FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS FACILITY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING'S ROOFING LOCATED AT 719 SOUTH SANTA ROSA IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.

Item 8. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A TEN-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH LEWIS ENERGY GROUP, LP FOR HANGAR/OFFICE AND GROUND SPACE AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT AN ANNUAL RENTAL RATE OF $59,652.32.

Item 9. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION THROUGH NEGOTIATION OF PRIVATELY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN NCB 13223 AT 10323 BURR OAK DRIVE IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 8; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE UP TO $260,000.00 PAYABLE TO THE SELECTED TITLE COMPANY FOR ACQUISITION-RELATED COSTS.

Item 11. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO $50,000.00 FOR A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS PART OF THE ROUTINE AIRPORT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF FOR CITY-OWNED HANGAR 4.

Item 12. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $225,000.00 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF MILITARY AFFAIRS FOR A COMMUNITY-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT TO EVALUATE SHARED SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND EXECUTION OF ALL RELATED DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

Item 13. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) FOR A PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION SPECIALIST FOR ASSIGNMENT IN THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN
HEALTH DISTRICT (METRO HEALTH) FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 2012; AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THREE APPLICATIONS TO THE CDC PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM FOR ASSIGNMENT OF THREE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATES IN METRO HEALTH FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN JULY 2012; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.

2012-03-08-0170

Item 15. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS, OF THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, BY REVISING AND CLARIFYING VARIOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO DEFINITIONS, BOARD AUTHORITY, SIGN MASTER PLANS, FEE, INSURANCE, VARIANCE AND APPEALS PROCEDURES AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Item 16. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2013, TO BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RECEIPT OF EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, OR, IN THE EVENT EIGHT AFFIRMATIVE VOTES ARE NOT RECEIVED, TEN DAYS AFTER APPOINTMENT; OR FOR TERMS AND EFFECTIVENESS AS OTHERWISE INDICATED BELOW:

2012-03-08-0171

A. AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DONALD G. HALLORAN (AT-LARGE) TO THE FIRE FIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 19, 2014.

2012-03-08-0172

B. AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JESUS ZUNIGA, III (DISTRICT 6) TO THE HISTORIC DESIGN AND REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE MAY 31, 2013 AND WAIVING UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTION 35-803 (C) (1) (B) REGARDING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DISCIPLINE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.

C. APPOINTING ELLEN PFIEFFER (DISTRICT 8) TO THE CITY/COUNTY JOINT COMMISSION ON ELDERLY AFFAIRS.

D. APPOINTING RYAN M. PFLIPSEN (DISTRICT 8) TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

E. APPOINTING COUNCILMEMBER REY SALDAÑA (DISTRICT 4) TO THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING TRUST FINANCE CORPORATION FOR THE REMAINDER OF UNEXPIRED TERMS OF OFFICE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 9, 2013.
2012-03-08-0173
Item 17. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COLLECTION OF A CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGE IN THE AMOUNT OF $4.50 PER CONTRACT DAY ON RENTAL CAR TRANSACTIONS AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO BE USED TO FINANCE RENTAL CAR FACILITIES.

2012-03-08-0174
Item 18. AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO CEILING PRO OF SAN ANTONIO, L.L.C IN AN AMOUNT UP TO $510,000.00 FOR CONCESSION LOGISTICS SERVICES AT THE SAN ANTONIO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

2012-03-08-0175
Item 19. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. FOR DESIGN SERVICES RELATED TO THE RUNWAY 3/21 EXTENSION AND THE AIRFIELD PAVEMENT REPAIRS PROJECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $993,835.00 FOR DESIGN SERVICES.

2012-03-08-0176
Item 20. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S FISCAL YEAR 2012 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND THE REPROGRAMMING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R), HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME) AND HUD SECTION 108 LOAN FUND PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,657,468.64.

2012-03-08-0177
Item 21. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM FOR USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR THE RECENT CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER MAIN WITHIN CONCEPCION CREEK ADJACENT TO LOTS 30 THRU 33, BLOCK 13, NCB 3916 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5, FOR A FEE OF $123.00.

2012-03-08-0178
Item 22. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SAN ANTONIO SPORTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES TOTALING UP TO $403,174.00 ASSOCIATED TO THE STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY FOR THE 2011 NCAA WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

2012-03-08-0179
Item 23. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH AMERICAN INDIANS IN TEXAS, BOYS TOWN TEXAS, INC., AND YOUNG WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SAN ANTONIO FOR $50,000.00, $100,000.00 AND $131,595.00, RESPECTIVELY, TO EXPAND
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AT THE VERY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTERS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 WITH ONE YEAR RENEWAL OPTIONS.

2012-03-08-0182
Item 27. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY-MILITARY PARTNERSHIP PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO $39,000.00 AND RATIFICATION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT UP TO $18,638.00 BOTH OF WHICH WILL BE FUNDED OUT OF A GRANT AWARD PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE 2010-06-24-0614.

2012-03-08-0183
Item 28. AN ORDINANCE IN SUPPORT OF “LEMONADE DAY SAN ANTONIO” SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2012 AND AUTHORIZING THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT TO WAIVE THE TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENT, INCLUDING FEES AND REQUIRED INSPECTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

2012-03-08-0184
Item 29. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING TWO AGREEMENTS WITH THE YMCA OF GREATER SAN ANTONIO AND AMENDING THE TERM AND SCOPE OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MACRO INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE SAN ANTONIO-BEXAR COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, THE SAN ANTONIO HOUSING AUTHORITY (SAHA), AGREEMENTS WITH FIFTEEN LOCAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AN AGREEMENT WITH SAHA TO PROVIDE UP TO $60,000.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BICYCLES FOR THE SAHA RIDE TO OWN PROGRAM, ALL OF WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE CLOSE OUT ACTIVITIES APPROVED IN A NO COST EXTENSION OF THE COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK GRANT BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION THROUGH MARCH 18, 2013.

[CONSENT ITEMS CONCLUDED]

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

2012-03-08-0165
Item 10. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION THROUGH NEGOTIATION OR CONDEMNATION OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO A PORTION OF TWO PARCELS OF PRIVATELY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN NCB 6312 AND NCB A–62 IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 5, FOR THE ZARZAMORA AND BRADY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; DECLARING IT TO BE A PUBLIC PROJECT AND A PUBLIC NECESSITY FOR THE
ACQUISITION; AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE UP TO $200,000.00 PAYABLE TO THE SELECTED TITLE COMPANY FOR ACQUISITION-RELATED COSTS.

Councilmember D. Medina moved that the City of San Antonio authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire property for the public use of the Zarzamora and Brady Intersection Improvement Project by acquiring the following property described by the City Clerk and incorporated as part of this Motion. Councilmember Saldaña seconded the motion.

City Clerk Vacek read the property description:

Parcel No. 18903:

BEING A 0.0846 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THAT CERTAIN 7.78 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF TRACT "A", OUT OF LOT 4, NEW CITY BLOCK (NCB) A-62, RECORDED IN VOLUME 3700, PAGE 67, DEED AND PLAT RECORDS OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS CONVEYED TO ELMER C. HAAG, JR. TRUSTEE OF THE MARSHA B. TRUST, AND HIS SUCCESSORS IN TRUST, VOLUME 10253, PAGE 1878, OFFICIAL RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 0.0846 ACRE TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING, AT A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" SITUATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BRADY BOULEVARD WITH THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S. ZARZAMORA STREET, MARKING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID 7.78 ACRE TRACT, NCB A-62 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, SOUTH 84 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 27.70 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" MARKING A NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, INTO AND ACROSS SAID 7.78 ACRE TRACT, THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

SOUTH 46 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 25.53 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" MARKING A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

SOUTH 06 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 207.92 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" MARKING A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

SOUTH 09 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 125.42 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" MARKING A SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

NORTH 83 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 4.17 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING" SITUATED IN THE COMMON EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S. ZARZAMORA
STREET AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID 7.78 ACRE TRACT, MARKING A SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, NORTH 06 DEGREES 20 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID COMMON LINE, A DISTANCE OF 352.46 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.0846 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Parcel No. 18904:

BEING A 0.0224 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN 1.5 ACRE TRACT BEING A PART OF BLOCK 1, NEW CITY BLOCK (NCB) 6312, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, CONVEYED TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN ANTONIO. VOLUME 341, PAGE 183, DEED RECORDS, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, SAID 0.0224 ACRE TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING, AT A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING", SITUATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BRADY BOULEVARD WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF S. ZARZAMORA STREET, MARKING THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF SAID 1.5 ACRE TRACT, NCB 6312 AND THIS TRACT;

THENCE, SOUTH 06 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE COMMON WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID S. ZARZAMORA STREET AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF SAID 1.5 ACRE TRACT, A DISTANCE OF 277.87 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING", MARKING THE SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, INTO AND ACROSS THE REMAINING PORTION OF SAID 1.5 ACRE TRACT THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

NORTH 01 DEGREE 26 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 37.45 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING", MARKING A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

NORTH 06 DEGREE 21 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 222.50 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING", MARKING A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

NORTH 38 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 25.13 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON ROD WITH YELLOW PLASTIC CAP STAMPED "SHERWOOD SURVEYING", SITUATED ON THE COMMON SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BRADY BOULEVARD AND THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID REMAINING PORTION OF SAID 1.5 ACRE TRACT, MARKING THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, SOUTH 84 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID COMMON BOUNDARY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 20.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.0224 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.
The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2012-03-08-0169**

Item 14. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $106,279.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY FOR THE 2011 SOUTH TEXAS HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA (HIDTA) SAN ANTONIO INITIATIVE.

Councilmember Saldaña asked how the grant funds would be utilized. Chief McManus stated that the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Initiative investigates illegal narcotics trafficking in San Antonio and surrounding areas. He noted that the HIDTA Task Force consists of individuals from the San Antonio Police Department, Attorney General’s Office, Department of Public Safety, Balcones Heights, and the Bexar County Sheriff’s Department. He mentioned that the initial grant of $1.9 million was received in 2011 and this supplemental grant would fund vehicles, fuel, lease increases, and phones. Councilmember Saldaña thanked HIDTA Staff for their long-term work and noted that he appreciated the work of the Vice Unit in addressing short-term issues in the neighborhoods.

Councilmember Saldaña moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember D. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. NAY: None. ABSENT: None.

The City Clerk read the captions for Items 24, 25A, 25B and 26 which were addressed jointly.

**2012-03-08-0008R**

Item 24. A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY’S INTENTION TO REIMBURSE ITSELF, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $20,000,000.00, FOR THE PRIOR LAWFUL EXPENDITURE OF DISTRICT SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS RELATING TO CONSTRUCTING VARIOUS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BENEFITING THE DISTRICT SPECIAL PROJECT, A DIVISION OF THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM.

Item 25. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL MATTERS OF THE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM:

**2012-03-08-0180**

A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN TERMS OF THE OUTSTANDING JUNIOR LIEN BOND ORDINANCE TO PERMIT THE ISSUANCE OF NEW MONEY AND/OR REFUNDING JUNIOR LIEN BONDS WITHOUT THE REQUIREMENT TO FUND THE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND.
B. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012 (NO RESERVE FUND) (THE “JUNIOR LIEN SERIES 2012 BONDS”), IN PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $40 MILLION, AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS AS NECESSARY TO REFUND FOR SAVINGS THE OUTSTANDING CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN BONDS, SERIES 2001; CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN BONDS, SERIES 2001-A; CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN BONDS, SERIES 2002; AND CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS WATER SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN BONDS, SERIES 2002-A, ALL BONDS TOGETHER REFERRED TO AS THE “REFUNDED BONDS”.


Councilmember Williams stated that the actions would save the city money and requested a brief presentation.

Doug Evanson of SAWS stated that Item 24 was for former BexarMet Properties in which there were no financing mechanisms in place to fund capital improvements of the District Special Project. He noted that the Resolution would provide reimbursement for prior capital expenditures with future debt proceeds. He reported that Item 25A would allow the issuance of Junior Lien Bonds not sold to the Texas Water Development Board to be issued without a Reserve Fund Requirement. He noted that the Junior Lien Refunding Opportunity in Item 25B had historically low interest rates and the market will accept SAWS Junior Lien Bonds without a Reserve Fund Requirement. He explained that four series of bonds would be currently callable by May 15, 2012 and that project savings without a Reserve Fund would total $3.4 million.

Mr. Evanson outlined the actions in Item 26, noting that the Bexar Metropolitan Development Corporation (BMDC) had been founded in 1997 by the Bexar Metropolitan Water District Board of Trustees. He stated that the BMDC financed the BexarMet Medina River Water Treatment Plant and leases the plant to BexarMet. The BMDC has an operating agreement with United Water Services, Inc. to maintain and operate the plant and pays debt service at 5%. Staff is requesting to revise the structure so that the SAWS Board of Trustees provides oversight of the BMDC and redeems the outstanding debt obligations of the BMDC through the issuance of SAWS Commercial Paper at a cost of 1%. This will save $300,000 annually and the BMDC will be dissolved.

Councilmember Williams stated that these were very important transactions and thanked SAWS for their work.

Councilmember Williams moved to approve Items 24, 25A, 25B, and 26 as recommended by staff. Councilmember Chan seconded the motion.
The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: None.

The City Clerk read the caption for Items 30A and 30B:

**Item 30. CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE ELLIS ALLEY PROJECT:**

**2012-03-08-0185**
A. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT PLAN AND FINANCE PLAN OF THE CITY'S TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 11 TO INCLUDE THE ELLIS ALLEY PROJECT.

**2012-03-08-0186**
B. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CHAPTER 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND LOAN AGREEMENT WITH VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $375,000.00 AND A LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $185,000.00.

Councilmember Taylor requested additional information on Items 30A and 30B. John Dugan, Planning and Community Development Director stated that the grant agreement with VIA Metropolitan Transit would rehabilitate three remaining structures in the Ellis Alley Area. He indicated that a portion of the area had been rehabilitated and this project would complete renewal of the area. Councilmember Taylor stated that she was pleased to move the project forward and that Ellis Alley was one of the first areas where black individuals were able to own property. She noted that the buildings would be refurbished and utilized as office space and thanked everyone involved in the project.

Mayor Castro commended Councilmember Taylor for bringing the investment to fruition, noting that Ellis Alley has a special place in San Antonio’s History.

Councilmember Taylor moved to adopt the proposed Ordinances for Items 30A and 30B. Councilmember D. Medina seconded the motion.

The motion to approve Items 30A and 30B prevailed by the following vote: **AYES**: Bernal, Taylor, Ozuna, Saldaña, D. Medina, Lopez, C. Medina, Williams, Chan, Soules, and Mayor Castro. **NAY**: None. **ABSENT**: None.

**Item 31. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**A. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK PROGRAM**

Ms. Sculley provided an overview of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Program Grant that the city had received two years ago. She reported that the city had received $15.6 million to address community obesity issues and had implemented 30 local obesity prevention initiatives. She stated that the Centers for Disease Control had recognized San Antonio as one of the leading program sites in the country. She spoke of the accomplishments that include providing physical fitness activity, equipment, and training to 363 schools throughout San Antonio, as well as providing salad bars and
nutrition staff training to 108 schools. She noted that the city had hosted Siclovia in partnership with the Mayor’s Fitness Council, Greater San Antonio YMCA, San Antonio Food Bank, and many other community agencies and partners. A video was played highlighting accomplishments of the program.

B. LUMINARIA 2012

Ms. Sculley stated that Luminaria was San Antonio’s Annual Celebration of art and artists and made possible through the generosity of artists, art organizations, volunteers, and donations. She reported that this year’s event would be held on Saturday, March 10th at HemisFair Park beginning at 7:00 pm. She noted that there would be 91 artist projects and 600 individuals participating. She mentioned that Rackspace was the event’s Title Sponsor and they had developed a quick response code for the event that would point scanners to an interactive mobile site. She encouraged the public to attend.

C. ARENA FOOTBALL AT THE ALAMODOME – SAN ANTONIO TALONS

Ms. Sculley reported that the San Antonio Talons season opener would be held at the Alamodome on Saturday, March 10th at 3:00 pm. She stated that the game was against the Utah Blaze and that parking would be free for the inaugural event. She invited everyone to attend the game and stay Downtown for Luminaria.

Mayor Castro thanked staff for the great work and accomplishments through the CPPW Grant and highlighted the success of Siclovia. He stated that he looked forward to Luminaria and hoped to have a great turnout.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Castro adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.