

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1979.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M., by the presiding officer, Mayor Lila Cockrell, with the following members present: CISNEROS, DUTMER, WING, EURESTE, ORTIZ, ALDERETE, HARTMAN, STEEN, COCKRELL; Absent: WEBB, PYNDUS.

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79-6 The invocation was given by Mayor Lila Cockrell.  
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79-6 Mayor Cockrell explained the purpose for the Special Called Meeting and called upon the City Manager for a status report on E.O.D.C.

City Manager Huebner reported to the Council on the funds provided by the Community Services Administration (CSA) to the Economic Opportunities Development Corporation to administer its programs. He stated that the City of San Antonio has been informed by CSA that there are no available funds to continue the operation of these programs for the remainder of the fiscal year, comprising of two months. He also stated that CSA had not properly monitored these funds. He then asked that Mr. Alex Briseno, Assistant to the City Manager, address the Council on the matter.

Mr. Briseno provided each Council member with a written report dealing with EODC's current situation involving personnel lay-offs and possible discontinuation of program services. (A copy of this report is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

Mr. Briseno also discussed the fiscal requirements of EODC; availability of additional CSA funds; availability of City funds; other sources of possible funds; other considerations including the EODC Board decision to divest itself of the Headstart Program; and the City Staff's conclusions and recommendations on the matter.

City Attorney Jane Macon then reported to the Council on the legal implications involved.

Mr. Eureste asked that Mr. Briseno investigate the possibility of using City money to run the programs for the remainder of the fiscal year and when CSA funds become available, the City could be reimbursed.

After discussion, Mr. Steen moved for a consensus vote to accept the recommendations and conclusions as presented by the City Manager's staff which are as follows: A) that all former EODC employees be urged to avail themselves of the unemployment benefits at the Texas Employment Commission until the City receives the CSA grant; B) that the City Manager be authorized to accept, from HEW, the designation as the grantee for Headstart and Day Care Programs; C) it is staff's strong recommendation that further appeals be made to the CSA National Office to determine if any funding is available to cover February and March operating expenses or if funding for the next CSA program year can be advanced to the City to cover these expenses. Dr. Cisneros seconded the motion.

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Mr. Alderete stated that some of the programs involved are more vital to the community than others and the programs should be given a priority rating.

Mr. Frank Alvarez, Executive Director of the Barrio Betterment & Development Corporation, spoke to the Council regarding the proposal of B.B.D.C.; CAP West; S.N.A.C.; and U.C.P.P.O.C. which they had submitted to the City Council. (A copy of which is on file with the papers of the meeting.)

Mrs. Sarah Cook, Executive Director of Project Free, also spoke regarding the needed funds to continue operating their program and asked City Council to favorably consider their request. (A copy of which is on file with the papers of this meeting.)

After discussion and on roll call the motion carried by the following vote: AYES: Cisneros, Dutmer, Wing, Eureste, Ortiz, Alderete, Hartman, Steen, Cockrell; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Webb, Pyndus.

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The Council also indicated its desire for direct personnel contact by the City Manager or his representatives with CSA administrators in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Cockrell then outlined the steps which will be taken by the City staff and said that a final report will be presented to Council on Thursday.

Dr. Cisneros also asked that the City staff provide Council with a report as suggested by Councilman Alderete, on the priorities of the programs; a report on Bexar County's willingness to assume its proportionate share of the cost; and an analysis of the proposal submitted by the delegate agencies.

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There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:25.

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*Lula Cockrell*

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ATTEST: *Germa J. Rodriguez*  
Asst. City Clerk