

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1985.

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The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 3:28 P.M. by Mayor Pro Tem Archer with the following members present: BERRIOZABAL, WEBB, DUTMER, WING, MARTINEZ, THOMPSON, VERA, HARRINGTON, ARCHER, HASSLOCHER. Absent: CISNEROS.

85-60 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO. 85-60-80

SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE BEXAR COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT A HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM, A TARGETED LOW-INTEREST, SINGLE FAMILY NEW CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROGRAM, AND A COMPREHENSIVE MARKETING STRATEGY.

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Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the proposed Resolution. Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

Ms. Berriozabal briefly explained that tomorrow at 4:30 P.M. the Bexar County Housing Finance Corporation will take a vote on funding of a single family new construction loan program for San Antonio and Bexar County and she spoke to the three provisions of the pending resolution:

1. That the Single Family Bond issuance contain provisions for a Housing Rehabilitation program component.
2. That the provisions be so structured to target low interest mortgage financing to disadvantaged areas of the City as defined by the Bexar County Housing Finance Corporation.
3. That a comprehensive marketing strategy be developed to assure that the prospective homebuyers, homebuilders and the financial institutions are fully aware of all the programs that are offered through the Bexar County Housing Finance Corporation.

Ms. Marcia Welch, representing the Eastside Alliance and the Westside Coalition, spoke to the move to attract new housing into the older neighborhoods of San Antonio. She then stated her opinion that only

a small portion of the bonds were spent for housing in older sections of the target area in the last bond issue sold and few new homes were being purchased and erected in older neighborhoods. She spoke to the need for incentives to attract new homeowners into older City neighborhoods.

In response to a question by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Winston Martin, Director of San Antonio Development Agency, spoke to the ability to renovate homes in the older neighborhoods with the allowable \$15,000 under federal programs.

Mr. Thompson stated that he feels the \$15,000 cap is too restrictive a limit and he favors perhaps a \$30,000 limit.

Mr. Martin then spoke to the need for some type of a limit, whatever it might be.

Mr. Martinez stated that he feels past bond issues have not helped a certain segment of the prospective homeowners of San Antonio and Bexar County and he spoke in support of the Resolution.

Mr. Webb spoke in support of the Resolution.

In response to a question by Mrs. Dutmer, Mr. Stuart Summers, Director of Budget and Research, spoke to the point system involved and the possible new innovations now under study as far as housing is concerned. He stated that the City supports absorbing 3 1/2 points in housing in targeted areas.

A discussion then took place of whether or not discrimination exists in this program.

Ms. Berriozabal spoke to the need to restructure future housing bond issue programs. She cited specifics of a recent written report that indicate that a breakdown of homes purchased with bond funds showed that fully 80% are being purchased by one or two person families.

Mr. Webb read a letter briefly dealing with the Tiendas Del Rio project and the River City funding. He stated that he feels the City needs to help small businesses also by making Commerce Street two-way in traffic in some areas.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Martinez, Thompson, Vera, Harrington, Hasslocher; NAYS: Archer; ABSENT: Cisneros.

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85-60 The Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO. 85-60-81

STATING THE CITY'S POSITION REGARDING THE GRAMM BILL  
AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON FUTURE FUNDING FOR  
FEDERAL GRANTS IN AIDS PROGRAMS.

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Mrs. Karen Kliwer, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, briefly explained the proposed Gramm Bill now before the Congress concerning a move towards a balanced federal budget. She stated that this Resolution states that any reduction as a result of this effort should be made across the board rather than targeted into certain specific areas such as only federal grants. She spoke to the areas that would be hardest hit should this bill pass in its present form and noted that the Resolution supports the bill but feels that cuts should be made more equitably.

Mayor Pro Tem Archer spoke in support of the Gramm Bill stating that it was needed to balance the federal budget.

Mr. Martinez noted that the bill, as presently written, would severely impact CDBG and other grant programs that currently benefit cities like San Antonio. He supported the need for a balanced federal budget but also a need to look at the cuts and how they are to be handled.

Mr. Louis J. Fox, City Manager, stated that it was appropriate for cities to communicate their feelings in this area to their elected leaders in Washington and noted that the resolution supports the equal cuts for all and not just the targeting of one area for cuts.

Mr. Hasslocher made a motion to support the Gramm Bill as it is written. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion.

Mr. Martinez offered a substitute motion to approve the Resolution as it is written. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

After consideration, the substitute motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Martinez, Thompson, Vera; NAYS: Harrington, Archer, Hasslocher; ABSENT: Cisneros.

The main motion, as substituted, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Martinez, Thompson, Vera; NAYS: Harrington, Archer, Hasslocher; ABSENT: Cisneros.

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There being no further business by the City Council, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

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*Henry Cisneros*  
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ATTEST: *Norma S. Rodriguez*  
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