

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1987.

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The meeting was called to order by the presiding officer, Mayor Henry Cisneros, with the following members present: BERRIOZABAL, DUTMER, WING, MARTINEZ, VERA, WOLFF, LABATT, HASSLOCHER, CISNEROS; Absent: WEBB, THOMPSON.

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87-59 The invocation was given by Councilman Weir Labatt.

87-59 Mayor Cisneros explained the purpose of this meeting and spoke of the continuous dispute surrounding the San Antonio Symphony which was having a detrimental effect on all of the arts. He spoke about the continued negotiations and commended Mr. Robert Marbut for his role in these negotiations.

He also spoke about the needed monies to be restored to the Symphony in the original amount of \$415,000.00. He also spoke of the need to make structural changes on a long range basis. He then thanked several members of the Symphony Board and the Orchestra of San Antonio for working together to resolve this issue.

Mr. Robert Marbut spoke of the many formal and informal meetings by all three parties involved. He pointed out that before any discussion of issues took place, it was agreed to discuss the facts and assumptions in this matter. They also shared broad objectives. Some of these objectives and goals were: San Antonio had to win; each of the parties had to win; a full season and full orchestra of well-paid musicians, broad community support, etc.

He then spoke to the agreement they have arrived at which is a three-year agreement. He then spoke to the details of the agreement and then spoke about the needed funding in the original amount of \$415,000.00 before the cut to \$312,570.00.

Mr. John Shuhman, attorney for the Musicians Association, reiterated statements made by Mr. Marbut and spoke of their commitment to long-range goals and the future.

Mayor Cisneros spoke to the equality of the musicians and how fortunate the city is to have them working in the city of San Antonio.

Mr. Walter Bielstein, President of the San Antonio Symphony, spoke of the history of the San Antonio Symphony and the generous support of the city in the past. He spoke of the needed \$415,000.00 allocation and the efforts of both sides to fulfill the contract although the funding was not granted.

Mayor Cisneros commended Mr. Bielstein for his continued worthwhile efforts in the many different roles he has held in the community.

Mr. Wilford Stapp stated that the Orchestra of San Antonio has unanimously agreed to the negotiated contract. He also commended Mayor Cisneros and Mr. Nelson Wolff for their efforts in the matter. He also spoke of the needed original funding in order to sustain their agreement. He spoke of the continued efforts and free concerts by the musicians without a formal contract.

Mayor Cisneros also commended Mr. Stapp for his efforts in this matter. He again commended Mr. Robert Marbut for the role he played in resolving this matter.

Mrs. Dutmer stated that she would be supporting the full funding for the San Antonio Symphony. She then moved to approve an ordinance to accomplish this. Mr. Wolff seconded the motion.

Mr. Wolff commended the members of the parties involved in these negotiations. He also thanked the Mayor for his efforts in this matter.

In response to Mrs. Vera, Mr. Louis J. Fox, City Manager, stated that amount of \$103,000 to be taken from the General Fund will have no effect or impact on the city employees. He stated that this money was set in reserve for layoffs which will not be occurring.

Mr. Labatt also commended the members of the negotiating teams and, in particular, Mr. Wilford Stapp for his lead in the spirit of cooperation.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the following Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Dutmer, Wing, Martinez, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Berriozabal, Webb, Thompson.

AN ORDINANCE 66,249

PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF \$103,000.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND NON DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING THESE FUNDS FOR THE SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY.

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87-59 Mayor Cisneros reminded the City Council of the January 4 deadline for Capital Improvements and the meeting scheduled for that date.

Mayor Cisneros also spoke of the request of Mrs. Berriozabal for a briefing on the Nuclear Project and suggested that this item be scheduled other than a Thursday session. He stated that he would also recommend against scheduling it for December 23 because of the lengthy agenda.

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87-59 Mrs. Dutmer asked that a "B" session be scheduled for the City Council on the role of the Police and the Health Department on dog bites.

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87-59 Mayor Cisneros invited the City Council to the luncheon on Monday, December 21, on the State of the City briefing to the community.

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There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

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December 17, 1987
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