

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1961, AT 1:00 P.M.

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The special meeting of the City Council was called to order by the Presiding Officer Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Passur with the following members present:

DIETERT

PASSUR

MCAHON

JOHNSON

SIMPSON

PADILLA

MCALLISTER and

DE LA GARZA;

ABSENT: KUYKENDALL.

Mayor Pro-Tem Passur stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Urban Renewal Plan.

He read telegrams from Vice President Lyndon Johnson, Senator Ralph Yarborough and Representative Paul Kilday notifying the City of the approval of the Plan by the Federal Urban Renewal Administration and the allocation of funds for this project will be made after approval of the project by the City Council.

He then called on Mr. Roy Baines, Chairman of the Urban Renewal Agency of San Antonio.

Mr. Baines stated the hearing was called for the benefit of reviewing what has been done by the Agency and the requirement that a hearing be held before the governing body of the City. He said the plan has been presented to the public, press, radio and television. He commented that the Chamber of Commerce, Housing and Home Finance Agency and now Washington has approved the plan. After the hearing the Council would be asked to pass an ordinance approving the plan.

Mr. Winston Martin, Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Agency, distributed copies of the Urban Renewal Plan to Councilmen and interested parties in the audience. He then reviewed the plan, which included present and future use, zoning, building restrictions, street plan, off-street parking, etc.

Mr. Ramon Galindo, a member of the Urban Renewal Committee of the Real Estate Board, stated that it was wrong for Laredo Street to be closed and protested its closing from Nueva to Dolorosa Street. He suggested a multi-story public parking building be provided where open or park area is now provided.

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It was brought out that a parking building is provided west of Santa Rosa and also off-street parking where Laredo is to be closed.

Mr. Edward Mok of the firm of Marmon and Mok, Architects and Planning Consultants which prepared the plan, gave reasons for the closing of the street.

Mr. Marcos Estman asked the Council to provide through private industry or public facilities parking areas so that this section of the downtown area will not die a slow death.

Mr. James V. Graves, owner of property at the north<sup>EA</sup>est corner of Santa Rosa and Dolorosa, was against closing Laredo Street and asked if his property would be taken to widen Santa Rosa. He was informed that the widening would be to the west and would not take his property.

Mr. Frank Gonzales, representing the Mexican Chamber of Commerce, stated that merchants in the area had been polled and were not in favor of the closing of Laredo Street from Nueva to Dolorosa.

Mr. Winston Martin gave the procedure to be followed after approval and funds are available. He answered questions by Councilmen regarding building restriction, cost of acquiring property, how the City would finance its share of the program and who would have control of the property.

Mr. L. L. Lopez, a member of the Urban Renewal Committee of the Real Estate Board, read a Resolution of the Committee endorsing the entire project and advocated that minimum housing ordinance be enforced to help prevent future slum areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Passur thanked the Urban Renewal Agency for the fine work it has done, and those in the audience for their interest.

On motion of Dr. McMahon, seconded by Mr. McAllister, the matter was taken under advisement.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D :

*Mike Passur*  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Frank [unclear]*  
CITY CLERK