

Urban Renewal Agency of the
City of San Antonio
City Manager's Conference Room
August 14, 1958

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Roy Baines, Chairman, Rev. J. A. Kemple, Mr. E. C. Parker, Dr. W. A. Shaefer, Mr. Clarence Thorne, Mr. Frank Valdez, and Mr. M. Winston Martin, Urban Renewal Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Henry Guerra, Sr., Mr. R. A. Nelson, and Mr. Edwin Schroeder.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. A. W. Worthy, 1st Assistant City Attorney.

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Mr. Baines invited Rev. Kemple to give the invocation.

Mr. Baines stated that this meeting had been called for the purpose of taking action on a resolution naming the City Manager as Director of the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of San Antonio. Earlier the Board had appointed the City Manager as Acting Director of the Agency and while there had been some discussion about the appointment of Mr. Andrews as Acting Director at that time, there is now a resolution before the Agency to appoint the City Manager as Director of the Urban Renewal Agency. Mr. Baines said that at the conclusion of the reading of the resolution the Chairman would entertain a motion and requested all the members present to feel free to discuss the resolution before taking action. He noted that there had been some thought on the part of the Legal Department and the City Manager that the application might be in better order if the Agency provided for an Executive Director rather than an Acting Director, however, it was his

opinion that the provision for an Acting Director would carry as much weight as that of Director but he would not be opposed to Mr. Andrews being appointed Director. Mr. Baines added that until this organization got underway, until the Agency was a little more confident as to what is going on, and until the first project was underway, there would be several advantages having the City Manager as Director of the Urban Renewal Agency. As its Director, there should be no question about cooperation from the Legal Department, Land Division, and other City departments, and there would be no reason why the Agency could not enjoy the services of the Finance Department when money was provided for the operation of the Agency. However, in spite of these facts, Mr. Baines felt there was no justification for changing the title of Acting Director to that of Director.

Mr. Valdez was in complete agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Baines although he previously had reservations concerning this request.

Mr. Parker felt when the Agency, with a name of its own, came into being it should be a separate agency with its own director and staff, that the agency should not be required to have Council approval for all its activities, and that it would be to the advantage of the City Manager and the City Council to give the agency the backing it needed once it had been established as such; however, until that time came he was in complete agreement with Mr. Baines.

Mr. Thorne asked that the resolution be re-read because he was not present at the first reading. Mr. Bains read the resolution for the benefit of Mr. Thorne.

Mr. Thorne felt this resolution would be naming Mr. Andrews as Director of the Agency and not the City Manager, that there might come a time when the Agency would not want Mr. Andrews as its director but would have no objections to the City Manager as director.

Mr. Baines asked Mr. Worthy if he had prepared the resolution they were considering at this time. He noted the Director was not required to provide bond and questioned the legality of the point regarding the thinking of the City government.

Mr. Worthy replied the Director would be required to provide such bond as set by the by-laws of the Agency and which the Agency thinks is sufficient. As City Manager, Mr. Andrews was under the blanket bond provided for all City employees and which bond would include the Urban Renewal Agency. If at the time the Agency made a contract with the Federal government which would require the Director to handle large sums of money, this resolution could be amended to require a bond. Mr. Worthy said this resolution was not necessary to complete the application but was only his opinion.

Mr. Baines replied that the members of this Agency were meeting to act upon a resolution they had been advised was necessary for the submittal of their application.

Mr. Worthy said the problem was one of being sure everyone was thinking alike before continuing the application, there was a feeling that the urban renewal program had been presented to the City Council along certain lines and

this resolution would assure the Council and Agency thinking along the same lines. This resolution would be included in the application and change the document now included in the application appointing Mr. Andrews Temporary Director.

The Agency felt the first step was to get the application approved, any differences of opinion could be worked out later. The Agency was desirous of working with the City, however, whether or not they would conform with "everybody else's" thinking was another matter. It would be the aim of this Agency to be a willing partner with the city and was not their intention to attempt their proposed program without the help of City Council. The Agency felt the proposed resolution had no important bearing on the application but would act upon it at this time so that it might be included in the package and sent to Fort Worth as soon as possible.

MOTION made by Dr. Shaefer and seconded by Mr. Parker that the resolution be adopted as read. ROLL CALL VOTE: Rev. Kemple, Mr. Parker, Dr. Shaefer, Mr. Thorne, Mr. Valdez and Mr. Baines voting in the affirmative, Mr. Guerra, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Schroeder absent. MOTION CARRIED.

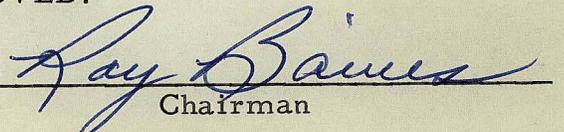
There being no further business before the Agency, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 o'clock a.m.

ATTEST:



Executive Secretary

APPROVED:


Chairman