

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1985.

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The Special Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 4:35 P.M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Henry Cisneros, with the following members present: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Alderete, Harrington, Hasslocher, Cisneros. Absent: Eureste, Archer.

85-18 The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 60,327

APPROVING THE ARTS AND CULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS,
AND APPLICATION IN SUBSTITUTION FOR ARTS AND
CULTURAL POLICY AND PROGRAM MANUAL.

Mayor Cisneros briefly explained the fact that the Council-appointed Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee now has come up with modifications to the procedures for applying for City arts and cultural funding. He thanked the members of the committee for their hard work and for doing such an apparent good job, and introduced the co-chairpersons of the committee, Ms. Rosemary Catacalos and Mr. Al Sturchio.

Other members of the committee, present in the audience, stood and introduced themselves to the full Council.

Mayor Cisneros noted that he had met with this committee several weeks ago to assist it in interpretations of its new policy manual data.

Ms. Catacalos spoke to the memorandum outlining the proposed changes to the Arts and Cultural Assistance Program documents, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She addressed the six most substantive amendments, including an increase in the number of peer-review panels; the fact that no distinction has been made for this funding cycle between major institutions and neighborhood/community organizations; retention of the 50 per cent dollar-for-dollar match required through a combination of cash and in-kind funds, with the matching provision now reflecting a 25 per cent in-kind allowable; amendment of the appeals process to reflect a valid appeal only as to decisions not to fund, and not to the level of funding; yearly review of the policies and procedures used; and revision of the application using the Texas Commission on the Arts form as a guide. Finally, she stated her opinion that this process will work for the City.

Mayor Cisneros spoke of this work as a major step forward in arts and cultural funding for San Antonio, and spoke of the need for the City Council now to provide the committee with dollar figures with which it can work in making allocations for funding for the coming fiscal year, since they need a dollar-amount in order to determine the funding breakdowns. He asked for a City Council Resolution or motion that the members of the City Council pledge that they will not seek to change the funding totals, once the committee has made its recommendations, in order to remove the funding completely from politics. He asked Assistant City Manager Alexander Briseno to work up the funding level for the committee.

Ms. Catacalos noted that funding applications for arts and cultural agencies will be taken by the City, beginning April 2, 1985, and spoke of the need for the committee to have a dollar figure with which to work by about mid-April, at the latest.

Mr. Hasslocher spoke of this committee bringing credibility to the arts funding process.

Mr. Wing made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

Mr. Thompson recommended that everyone let the process work, noting that this first year funding will be critical to the process. He spoke of the need for an annual review of the process itself.

Mr. Thompson offered an amendment that the City Council agrees to accept the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee recommendations for fiscal year funding without seeking to make any changes in those recommendations. Ms. Berriozabal seconded the motion.

Ms. Berriozabal thanked the committee for its work.

Mayor Cisneros spoke to the need to fully accept the committee's recommendations without change, at budget time.

The amendment prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Alderete, Harrington, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Eureste, Archer.

The main motion, as amended, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Webb, Dutmer, Wing, Thompson, Alderete, Harrington, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Eureste, Archer.

Mr. Sturchio thanked the Council, and spoke of the recommendations document as being the outgrowth of a sub-committee headed

by Ms. Catacalos. He stated that she was the catalyst that made the plan work, and also named others who greatly assisted in this work.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 P.M.

A P P R O V E D

Henry Cisneros
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ATTEST: *Norma S. Rodriguez*
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