

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 1994.

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94-25 The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Nelson W. Wolff, with the following members present: PEREZ, McCLENDON, BILLA BURKE, AVILA, SOLIS, AYALA, ROSS, THORNTON, PEAK, LARSON, WOLFF. Absent: NONE.

94-25 Mayor Wolff announced the purpose of this Special Meeting of the City Council, which was to hear a presentation on the 2050 Committee Water Plan and to hold a Public Hearing on the same. He noted that City Council had received a briefing on the Water Plan on Monday, May 9, 1994.

Mr. Cliff Morton, Chairman of the Board, San Antonio Water System, spoke to an overview of the 2050 Committee Water Plan, and addressed its assumptions. He then addressed the current status of legal actions dealing with water and spoke to the need for a solid water plan for San Antonio. He then urged that the proposed plan be both challenged and questioned.

Mr. Joe Aceves, President and Chief Executive Officer, San Antonio Water System, spoke to the 2050 Committee Water Plan, abbreviating somewhat his presentation made May 9, 1994. (See Minutes of May 9, 1994).

In response to a question by Mayor Wolff, Mr. Aceves emphasized the Applewhite Reservoir segment of the recommendations, comparing the original Applewhite proposal to the recommended new plan.

The following persons then appeared to speak:

Mr. Charles Becker, former Mayor of the City of San Antonio, spoke briefly to San Antonio's water history, noting that the City had failed to secure water from the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) in the 1950's, and the City Council later rejected an offer of 50,000 acre-feet of water from GBRA, for 20-cents per gallon, in the 1970's. He then spoke to the original Applewhite Reservoir plan, which he opposed, and stated that the new plan has eliminated the onerous parts of the old plan, in his opinion. He urged that an open competitive nature be adopted on all contracts involving the new plan, and embraced the 2050 Committee Water Plan as proposed. He urged the City to plan for San Antonio's water future, and urged opponents to seek a compromise, in favor of everyone working together.

Mr. Rick Sheldon, Rick Sheldon Real Estate, spoke to the impact of legal actions that now force San Antonio into a new water plan, and urged that everyone concerned move toward unanimity.

Mr. John Salmons, 214 Meadow Glen, noted that San Antonio will have periods of drought, and the water plan must address ways to supplement the Edwards Aquifer.

Mr. Armando Barboza, 1777 N.E. Loop 410, representing the Greater San Antonio Builders Association, spoke in support for the Water Plan as a good balance of needs and supply.

Mr. Mike Harris, Executive Director, San Antonio Manufacturers Association, stated that San Antonio must plan for its water future, or the federal courts will do it for us. He urged that the citizens be allowed to decide the issue.

Ms. Mary Kelly, representing the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Water Resources Committee, applauded what she termed a 'comprehensive water plan', and urged its support.

Ms. Rosa Rosales, representing the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), spoke against the 2050 Committee Water Plan, stating her belief that the voters rejected it once, and asked the City Council to secure the necessary 70,000 signatures needed for citizens to place an issue on the ballot. She urged the Council to pay attention to other experts on this matter, and questioned whether or not the plan will provide jobs for San Antonio. She stated her opinion that the plan is not truthful.

Ms. Angie Garcia, District Director, LULAC and National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), stated her feeling that voters rejected this matter once already, and urged the City Council to be careful before making a move on the plan. She stated her belief that there is no water shortage in San Antonio.

Mr. David Anderson, 8415 Datapoint #1050, spoke to his opinion of the water plan.

Mr. Doug Brown, 11530 Vance Jackson #1603, reiterated comments made by Mr. Anderson and urged approval of the 2050 plan.

Mr. Tom Culbertson, Regional Clean Air & Water, spoke to the quality and quantity of the water in the Edwards Aquifer, and the significance of its recharge. He stated his opinion that the current lawsuit by the Sierra Club is wrong, as is the City's urgency to include the Applewhite Reservoir matter on its water proposal.

Ms. Virginia Marin, 3918 S. Walters, representing the San Antonio Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, stated that her group wants to study the issue further before addressing the City Council.

Mr. Philip M. Ross, President, Aquifer Protection Association, stated his belief that the 2050 plan is misleading, and took exception to the statements made regarding Applewhite. He stated that this is especially true because of the current state permit for Applewhite, and stated his opinion that bringing the Applewhite issue before the voters again is an insult.

Mr. Eugene Bockman Lofton expressed concern about the City Council's proposed action regarding this water plan.

Mr. Jose Chavez, 133 Hess Street, stated that he feels betrayed by the Council's proposal to bring the Applewhite issue back up again.

Ms. Kay Turner spoke to the City Council about the significance of the Applewhite vote, and distributed a packet of materials to the Council, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She urged defeat of the Applewhite issue.

Ms. Gloria Ann Riggs, representing Southwest Community Association, also spoke about the resurgence of the Applewhite issue.

Mr. David Curtis, representing San Antonio Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, stated that his group is studying the water plan.

Mr. Kirk Patterson, 410 Larkwood, spoke concerning the proposed water plan and took exception to the inclusion of the Applewhite Reservoir matter into this plan.

Ms. Ruth Rowe, 13710 Pebble Point, President of Homeowner-Taxpayers Association, spoke to her group's concerns in placing the Applewhite issue on the ballot again.

Mr. Bob Neal, 1913 Sacramento, also spoke against the Applewhite Reservoir being a part of the City's water plan.

Mr. Guenther Krellwitz, 5518 Chancellor, a Director of the Edwards Underground Water District, expressed concern about the Applewhite project as proposed by the 2050 Committee Water Plan, and also spoke against the actions in creating an appointed board to take the place of an elected board.

Mr. Ray Hamilton, representing Northside Neighborhoods for Organized Development, stated that while a position has not yet been formulated by his organization, there are many perceptions that must be addressed by the City Council, including the matter of the Living Waters catfish farm operation.

Ms. Merry Baker Stough, representing the Sierra Club, San Antonio chapter, presented a written statement to City Council, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She stated that her group approves the permitting of Edwards Aquifer water for the

catfish farm.

Mayor Wolff asked staff to review the questions posed, and prepare answers to those questions to the Council.

Mr. Bob Frázor, representing the North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the 2050 Committee report and water plan, and also urged the City to reduce the wasting of water by the catfish farm.

Ms. Carol Patterson, 410 Larkwood, presented a written statement to the City Council, a copy of which is made a part of the papers of this meeting. She stated her belief that a vote for Applewhite, tied to SB 1477, is a vote to give away the city's water supply and a vote not to solve the matter of protecting jobs at Kelly Air Force Base.

Mrs. Hines spoke against the inclusion of the Applewhite project as part of the Water Plan, and spoke to the makeup of the 2050 Committee.

Mayor Wolff took exception to remarks made by Mrs. Hines regarding the makeup of that committee.

Mr. Jack Willome, a member of the 2050 Committee, spoke about the work of the committee and the recommendations .

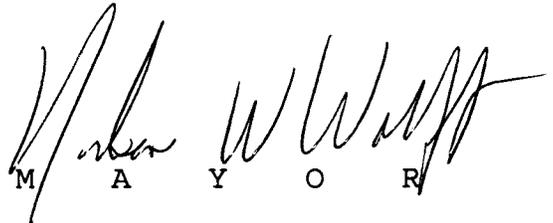
Mr. Lewis Westerman, representing the Real Estate Council of San Antonio, commended the plan proposed by the 2050 Water Committee.

Ms. Bea Ramos, 4015 Willowbrook, expressed concern about the cemetery at the Applewhite site.

Mr. Don Wilkins Castillo, 1010 N. Frio Street, spoke against the Applewhite Project, and spoke to its defeat three years ago.

94-25 There being no further citizens signed to speak to this matter, Mayor Wolff declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.

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