

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 1966, 10:30 A.M.

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66-233 The Clerk read the call of the special meeting as follows:

February 28, 1966

Mr. J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk
City Hall
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Sir:

Under authority vested in me as Mayor Pro-Tem
of the City of San Antonio, I hereby request
you to call a Special Meeting of the City
Council to convene on Monday, February 28,
1966, at 10:30 A.M. in the City Council
Chamber for the good of the City.

Sincerely,

/s/ JOHN GATTI
Mayor Pro-Tem

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February 28, 1966

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council
City of San Antonio, Texas

Gentlemen and Madam:

Pursuant to a written request filed by Mayor
Pro-Tem John Gatti, you are hereby called into
special session to convene on Monday, February
28, 1966, at 10:30 A.M., in the City Council
Chamber, for the good of the City.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. H. INSELMANN
City Clerk

Notice of above special meeting is acknowledged.

<u>/s/ John Gatti</u>	<u>/s/ Gerald Parker</u>
<u>/s/ Mrs. S.E. Cockrell, Jr.</u>	<u>/s/ S. H. James</u>
<u>/s/ Felix B. Trevino</u>	<u>/s/ Robert C. Jones</u>
<u>/s/ Roland C. Bremer</u>	<u>/s/ Dr. Herbert Calderon</u>

The meeting was called to order by the Presiding Officer, Mayor Pro-Tem John Gatti, with the following members present: GATTI, CALDERON, JONES, JAMES, COCKRELL, TREVINO, PARKER and BREMER; ABSENT: McALLISTER.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti stated that Congressman Gonzalez last Saturday asked a number of civic leaders, members of the City Council and other political entities to attend a meeting at which they were briefed on the proposed Cities Demonstration Act of 1966. The purpose of the Act is to develop certain larger cities as model cities and Congressman Gonzalez asked for local participation and interest.

Mr. Gatti reported it was the feeling of the majority of those present that the City of San Antonio should take a strong initiative in the matter as hearings are being held on the Act in Washington this week.

Mrs. Cockrell reported she understood that the Act proposes to coordinate existing programs and with coordination realize the greatest potential of the housing, urban renewal, poverty and school programs. She recommended that the Council give assent to the pending legislation and that the Council lead in trying to establish the program in San Antonio.

Mr. Jones felt the City should take leadership in this Cities Demonstration Program and have some one to represent the City at the committee hearings.

Discussion brought out that cities chosen to be model cities would have a locally prepared and scheduled program, and there would be a area administrator to expedite it. Cities so chosen would qualify for additional grants to pay for their share of the cost of participation.

Mr. Bremer felt that some order would result from this program and was a step in the right direction.

Dr. Calderon also expressed interest in the program for San Antonio.

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Dr. Parker stated that he understood that in this case the Council would be urging passage of this Bill which would make the Federal Government larger and larger by expanding existing programs. If the bill had already been passed, he would then be in favor of participation, but under the circumstances was not inclined to go along with taking part in its passage.

After further discussion of the matter, the following Resolution was introduced by Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti and read in full by the Clerk.

A RESOLUTION

MANIFESTING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO COMMIT ITSELF TO A COMPREHENSIVE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PURSUANT TO THE PRESIDENT'S DEMONSTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS.

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has heard with intense interest the recommendations of the President relative to a comprehensive City Demonstration Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has observed with great interest the introduction into Congress of the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, which implements the President's recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 1966, members of the City Council were thoroughly briefed on the contents of this legislation by The Honorable Henry B. Gonzales, our United States Congressman; and,

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio has uniquely appropriate qualifications for the accomplishments of this program for the following reasons:

(a) Although San Antonio has had remarkable growth in population, increase in physical area, parks and other physical projects, its financial ability to fulfill its best potentialities is limited by the relatively low average income of its population which has gradually increased in the past several years;

(b) Within such limitations, San Antonio has made phenomenal accomplishments in the fields of public improvements in the construction of a community and convention center, drainage, libraries, parks and streets and Urban Renewal programs;

(c) Whereas, the City Council has sponsored the voluntary program of the Community Relations Commissions prior to the adoption of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which has produced favorable results in many areas;

(d) San Antonio has paid close attention to master planning and has charted its major needs for the foreseeable future; and

(e) San Antonio has demonstrated its ability to accomplish projects of major scope in a relatively short space of time as demonstrated by the Urban Renewal Project V; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council goes on record urging that the United States Congress enact legislation to implement the President's comprehensive Cities Demonstration Program;

SECTION 2. That the City Council commits itself to develop plans for a Major Demonstration Program for San Antonio; and

SECTION 3. That the members of the City Council and/or City staff will be available to testify before Congressional Committees considering such legislation and to illustrate its presentation by setting forth the City's program, its needs and the reasons that its selection that such a program is essential to the accomplishments of the full potentialities of the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th day of February, 1966.

/s/ JOHN GATTI
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST: /s/ J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ Sam S. Wolf
City Attorney

On motion of Mr. Trevino seconded by Dr. Calderon the Resolution was passed and approved by the following vote: AYES: Gatti, Calderon, Jones, James, Cockrell, Trevino and Bremer; NAYS: Parker; ABSENT: McAllister

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then advised that some sort of plan should be developed by which they can get all interested groups to compose a committee so that each will not go in different directions. He asked that the City Manager call a meeting of the different agencies involved and discuss this program with them.

Mr. Gatti then appointed Councilmen Jones, Bremer and James as a Council Committee to participate in the meeting.

City Manager Shelley stated there might be more than one approach to this and asked he be permitted time to review the matter and make further suggestions to the Council. He said there would be a department head meeting today to look at long range needs. Also the Regional Planning Commission is coming along fine and could be considered as a vehicle for this purpose.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gatti then reported that City Manager Shelley and Councilman Bremer will in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, March 7th and 8th and will attend the hearings.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned

A P P R O V E D :

McAllister
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ATTEST:

J. H. Inselmann
City Clerk