

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL
PLAZA BUILDING, THURSDAY, MARCH 9,
1995.

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95-11 The special meeting was called to order at 3:22 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.

95-11 The City Clerk read the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION NO: 95-11-16

SUPPORTING A 15 MEMBER ELECTED EDWARDS AQUIFER
AUTHORITY WITH MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE
MEMBER DISTRICTS.

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Mr. Peak made a motion to approve the Resolution. Ms. Ayala seconded the motion.

The following citizen appeared to speak:

Mr. Jack Finger, P.O. Box 12048, San Antonio, stated that he sees no 'emergency' to this matter, and expressed his belief that we have at least one month before public hearing are established in the state legislature.

Mayor Wolff stated that the House Natural Resources Committee meets next Monday on this proposed bill.

Mr. Finger stated his belief that no one has seen all that is involved with this proposed bill, and he voiced his concern with rushing through on this without public hearings. He stated his opinion that the proposed 15-member Edwards Aquifer Authority will dilute San Antonio's power over the Edwards Aquifer.

Ms. Margaret Kemp, 2314 Town Gate, addressed a number of points she feels mitigates against taking this proposed action.

Ms. Maria Dominguez stated her belief that San Antonio has more water than it needs, and spoke to the ability to preserve endangered species in the Edwards Aquifer-supplied waters, even in a drought. She expressed her opinion that something else than water is involved.

Mr. Tom Culbertson, 511 Westwood, stated his belief that the question is whether we have a responsible water plan. He expressed his opinion that San Antonio has a legal right to take water from the Edwards Aquifer, and stated his further opinion that no emergency exists in this matter at hand.

Mr. Tony R. Garza, 5854 Sun Bay, stated his belief that no emergency exists to consider this at this time, and urged the Council to delay its vote until the matter can be discussed.

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Mayor Wolff noted that the proposed legislation would call for an elected board which he feels would give Bexar County good representation, and urged Council to approve the proposed Resolution. He noted that the House Natural Resources Committee will consider this proposed bill next Monday, and stated his belief that it meets the requirements of the federal judge involved.

Ms. Ayala spoke in support for the proposed Resolution as the most reasonable solution, everything considered, and spoke to the need to be certain that San Antonio has both water and jobs.

Mr. Ross noted that he has been against the provisions of Senate Bill 1477, and stated his belief that we already have an elected board at the Edwards Underground Water District. He stated that he would be voting against the proposed Resolution, although he feels that we all have the same goal in mind. He spoke to the need to have a proper discussion on this matter.

Ms. McClendon spoke in support for the proposal which was discussed yesterday by Mayor Wolff and members of Bexar County's legislative delegation. She spoke in support for an elected board, and spoke to her concern for the future of San Antonio's military bases.

Mr. Peak stated his belief that San Antonio needs to establish its official position on this matter, so that the state legislature has that information when the bill is considered in committee next Monday. He spoke to the proposed bill's concept of Edwards Aquifer management, including an elected board of directors, and noted that this has been discussed by citizens for many months. He spoke to the need for the Council to act today to support the proposed bill.

Mr. Thornton thanked the Mayor and members of the Bexar County legislative delegation for working out the proposed legislation.

Mr. Larson noted that the proposed 15-member elected board of directors would have seven representatives from Bexar County and eight from the remainder of the area, all elected from single-member districts. He spoke in support for an elected board.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Resolution, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Perez, McClendon, Billa Burke, Avila, Solis, Ayala, Thornton, Peak, Larson, Wolff. NAYS: Ross. ABSENT: None.

95-11 There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 P.M.

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John Wolff
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Attest:

Norma E. Rodriguez
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