

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BEXAR  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO WAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL PLAZA BUILDING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007.**

The San Antonio City Council convened in a Special Meeting on Monday, November 5, 2007 at 1:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.

City Clerk, Leticia M. Vacek, took the Roll Call and noted a quorum of the Council with the following present: Cisneros, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **ABSENT:** McNeil

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

The City Clerk read the following Ordinance:

**2007-11-05-1185**

Item 1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING AN ORDINANCE SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF THE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM AS THE LOCATION FOR A NEW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, INCLUDING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE BASIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BEXAR COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER FOUNDATION FOR THE OPERATION OF SUCH A CENTER.

Mr. Michael J. Sawaya, Director, Convention, Sports, & Entertainment Facilities, presented recommendations on the new Performing Arts Center. He noted that the Bexar County Visitors Tax Committee had asked for the city's recommendation of possible sites for a new Performing Arts Center. Mr. Sawaya stated that the City made three recommendations for consideration in priority order as follows:

- Municipal Auditorium
- Lila Cockrell Theatre
- HemisFair Park

Mr. Sawaya stated that city staff recommended approval of the Municipal Auditorium as the preferred site for a Performing Arts Center and to include the Fire Department Headquarters to be used as administrative offices or rehearsal space.

Councilmember Cisneros moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance as recommended by staff. Councilmember Cibrian seconded the motion.

Mr. David Plylar addressed the Council and stated that the Performing Arts project was in the preliminary stage of development and that it was premature for the Council to pass an Ordinance offering a lease of the Municipal Auditorium to the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation. He stated

that as of two days ago, there were two to three substantial changes made to the presentation by City Staff. Mr. Plylar stated that his specific concerns were that the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation was a new entity which did not file as a non-profit corporation with the Secretary of State until September 21, 2007. He was also concerned that the present board members served on a short-term basis and was interested in who might become permanent members of the board. Mr. Plylar expressed concern with the cost and naming rights of the Municipal Auditorium, adding that commercial names were not appropriate for the venue. He asked the Council to delay taking action until the Bexar County Performing Arts Center Foundation has filed a business plan with the City.

Mr. George Alejos of LULAC addressed the Council and stated that he was opposed to the project because of the timeline. He stated that the public only had four days to provide input before the item was presented at Bexar County Commissioner's Court. Mr. Alejos stated that elected officials should reach out to their constituents and hear what they have to say before taking action. He suggested that the item be tabled until the public had time to provide input. Ms. Mary O. Monty gave her time to Mr. Alejos who stated that Ms. Monty felt she had not been given an opportunity to express her opinion or provide input in the process.

Mr. Jan H. Van den Hende, President of the San Antonio Chamber Music Society (SACMS), addressed the Council and stated that he was also a member of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Board. He thanked the Mayor for delaying the item and posting it on today's agenda. Mr. Van den Hende stated that SACMS had been searching for a permanent venue for many years. He stated that world famous musicians from Russia, Germany, Austria, Japan, China, Canada and the United States were accustomed to playing in world class facilities. Currently, SACMS can only provide venues with church pews, poor acoustics, non-existing dressing rooms, and very limited rehearsal space. Lastly, he stated that he did not oppose or support the location; he wanted the City to be aware that performing arts exist in this city and that performing artists are in need of a permanent venue.

Mr. Henry Rodriguez, President of LULAC #4383, addressed the Council and stated that he did not agree with the recommendation of the Municipal Auditorium as the preferred venue for Performing Arts. He stated that taking action today would be premature. Mr. Rodriguez added that in the past, the Municipal Auditorium had been used for school graduations, concerts, boxing and other functions for the city.

Ms. Janet Ahmad addressed the Council and stated that the Performing Arts Center was an admirable endeavor and stated that she was not against it. She expressed her concern with the process. She asked that the item be tabled so that the public could provide input.

County Judge Nelson Wolff addressed the Council and stated that Bexar County had been asking for proposals since last July and were looking at three possible City Facilities. He stated that this was the first step in the process and ultimately, would be subject to approval by the voters of San Antonio. Judge Wolff stated that an outside firm had been hired to create a business plan and noted that said plan would be shared with the community. He stated that the County and City could save money by using an existing facility as opposed to building a new one.

Ms. Debbie Montford addressed the Council and stated that the Cultural Arts Committee had worked diligently to provide an open process. She stated that the public and media had been invited to several meetings, and that agendas had been posted in numerous locations including the Bexar County website.

Councilmember Galvan moved to table said item for 45 days. The motion died due to lack of a second.

The motion made by Councilmember Cisneros prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Gutierrez, Cortez, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** Galvan. **ABSENT:** McNeil.

**2007-11-05-1186**

Item 2. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION OF \$250,000.00 TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS THROUGH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO BE USED FOR THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR TEXAS VETERANS EARNING 80 PERCENT (80%) OR LESS OF THE AREA MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME (AMFI) IN SAN ANTONIO.

David Garza made a brief presentation regarding the grant application for \$250,000 to be used for Affordable Housing for Texas Veterans.

Councilmember Herrera moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** McNeil.

Item 3. APPOINTMENT OF JIM MYERS (DISTRICT 4) TO THE ZONING COMMISSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2009.

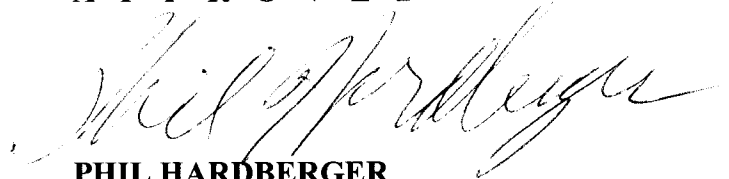
Councilmember Cortez moved to appoint Mr. Jim Myers to represent District 4 on the Zoning Commission. Councilmember Clamp seconded the motion.

The motion prevailed by the following vote: **AYES:** Cisneros, Gutierrez, Cortez, Galvan, Herrera, Rodriguez, Cibrian, Wolff, Clamp, and Mayor Hardberger. **NAY:** None. **ABSENT:** McNeil.

**ADJOURNMENT**

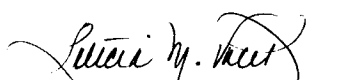
There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hardberger adjourned the Special Meeting at 3:05 pm.

**A P P R O V E D**



**PHIL HARDBERGER**  
MAYOR

Attest:



**LETICIA M. VACEK**  
City Clerk