

July 29, 1969

*1 - get letter from
George - Fann*

*2 - \$500 for uniform
from EOA/dep funds -
some transferred to
personnel - Salary acct.
John Davis - EOA*

E.O.A.

Alderman G. Everett Millican
Chairman, Public Works Committee
500 Bishop Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

Dear Mr. Millican:

The Atlanta Beautification Corps Project was a component program of the Atlanta Concentrated Employment Program sponsored by Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. It provided for hiring of about 40 poverty area people who could not otherwise qualify for City employment (because of age, health, etc.) and using them for street cleaning and other similar duties in the Sanitary Department. The program has been funded for over a year on a reimbursable basis by EOA. The City has paid the workers \$1.60 per hour and the supervisors \$2.25 per hour and each month we have billed EOA for the amount expended.

You will recall that budget cutbacks at the Federal level caused EOA to advise the City in March that it would no longer fund this program after April 30, 1969. We prevailed upon the agency to continue funding the program at one-half the previous level through August 31, 1969, and the Finance Committee approved City funds to continue the whole program until that date.

The City, therefore, will be required to make a decision on this program by early August because it is only funded until August 31, 1969. We have reviewed this question with the City Personnel Department and the Sanitary Division of the Public Works Department. Both of these organizations recommend strongly that the program be continued at least until the end of the year if funds can be made available. A copy of Mr. Ralph Hulsey's letter is enclosed.

In order to continue the program until December 31, 1969, in the manner Mr. Hulsey suggests will require a maximum of \$47,000 for salaries. The abnormally high rate of absenteeism in the Sanitary Division this year has caused a surplus to exist in the salary account which could be used for this purpose. The amount could be confirmed by the Finance Director.

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What it boils down to is this. These people want to work and the Sanitary Division says they are producing.

This is a decision which addresses itself to the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen. I would hope some decision could be made at the Committee meeting Thursday so that action might be taken at the Monday, August 4, meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

If I can be of service to you in helping to resolve this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Sweat

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cc: Mr. Ray Nixon
Mr. Ralph Hulsey