

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, ON  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1988.

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the presiding officer, Mayor Henry Cisneros, with the following members present: BERRIOZABAL, DUTMER, WING, MARTINEZ, VERA, WOLFF, LABATT, HASSLOCHER, CISNEROS. Absent: WEBB, THOMPSON.

88-40 PUBLIC HEARING & CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE: TAX RATE INCREASE

Mayor Cisneros declared the Public Hearing to be open.

Ms. Sylvia Hernandez, Teen-Parent Connection, spoke to the subject of teen pregnancy and parenting and provided statistics, including the fact that 98 percent of those teens involved wish to keep their babies. She then spoke to various facets of her organization and asked for Council financial support.

Ms. Mandy Castoreno, a teen parent, spoke of the support received from Teen-Parent Connection and of the difficulty teen parents face in raising their children.

Mr. Karl Guenther Krellwitz, 5518 Chancellor, noted that San Antonio has been unable to collect some \$10 million in City taxes from the current tax year, and stated that he feels that raising City taxes at this time will damage the city's future development. He then addressed comparisons of San Antonio's taxes with those of other cities, and spoke of his belief that City staff salaries are too high. He urged use of unique methods of funding and consolidation of City and county governments, and noted that he feels that San Antonio taxpayers are at the end of their "tax-rope". He then urged that the City tax rate be kept at current levels.

Ms. Maria Dominguez voiced her concern with a \$25 City Water Board bill she had received, when she had no water consumption during the billing period. She also objected to other charges and urged the Council to look for other sources of revenue. She spoke in objection to arts funding when human services are being cut.

There being no further citizens to speak, Mayor Cisneros declared the Public Hearing to be closed.

The Clerk read the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE 67,897

SETTING THE TIME DATE AND PLACE AT WHICH THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE NEW TAX RATE.

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Mayor Cisneros noted that the Council would be taking its formal vote on setting the tax rate at 2:30 P. M. next Thursday at the regular Council meeting. He then read from a written note concerning a meeting to take place between City Council and the City Public Service Board of Trustees to discuss the possible sale of CPS to a private firm.

Mr. Louis J. Fox, City Manager, stated that City staff would distribute a number of concepts of such a possible sale to members of the City Council next Monday.

Mr. Hasslocher made a motion to approve the proposed Ordinance. Mrs. Dutmer seconded the motion.

After consideration, the motion, carrying with it the passage of the Ordinance, prevailed by the following vote: AYES: Berriozabal, Dutmer, Wing, Martinez, Vera, Wolff, Labatt, Hasslocher, Cisneros; NAYS: None; ABSENT: Webb, Thompson.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

A P P R O V E D

*Henry Cisneros*  
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ATTEST: *Tom S. Rodriguez*  
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