

March 5, 1955

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE CITY HALL
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1955 AT 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: SCHERLEN, OLIVER, RUDELOFF, DILLASHAW, RUSSELL, WHITE, LACY, BARRETT, GONZALEZ

Invocation by Rev. S. H. James

As the meeting opened, Councilman Gonzalez was recognized and he brought up the subject of the tax rate of \$1.97 which was established by ordinance at the last meeting of the council. He stated that facts concerning the anticipated income of the city have been developed which caused him to believe that the rate could be lowered three or four cents more. He asked the Finance Director for some additional information on the subject but before the matter was gone into fully, Mr. Dillashaw stated that it was his understanding that this meeting was called for a specific purpose and he thought other matters could be deferred. Mr. Gonzalez then moved that the tax matter be deferred until a special meeting to be held at 9:00 A.M., March 8th; seconded by Mr. Dillashaw, the motion carried.

The Mayor then called on Mr. Martin Giesecke, Chairman of the City Water Board. Mr. Giesecke in his official capacity laid before the council in detail a plan which has been worked out by the Water Board whereby they propose to refund an outstanding bond issue of \$3,288,000 and also issue an additional \$13,920,000 of bonds for much needed improvements to the water system. The refunding as proposed can only be accomplished by first passing a law in the State Legislature which will permit the type of refunding and issue they propose. The plan would, of course, require the approval of the City Council so Mr. Giesecke brought with him his Board and their advisers to answer questions posed by the council.

He then called on Mr. John McCall, an attorney, specializing in such matters, for an explanation of the legal points and Mr. Hal Dewar, an investment firm member, to explain the financing angles. Mr. John Wheeler, the Attorney for the Water Board, was also called up and each of these gentlemen answered numerous questions asked by the council members.

Mr. Cadena, the City Attorney, was asked for an opinion and he said he agreed with the other attorneys that the procedure could be followed successfully.

Mr. Maury Maverick, a member of the State Legislature, was present in the council and was called on for remarks. He expressed his willingness to cooperate fully if after reading the proposed bill he saw no flaw and if the City Council and the Board and the citizens generally want it to pass.

Mr. Rudeloff asked Mr. Giesecke if it were possible for the City Council to obtain copies of the minutes of the Board Meetings. Mr. Giesecke agreed it was.

Mr. Dillashaw then moved that the council ask the City Attorney to look over the proposals carefully and, if possible, have an opinion and a proposed bill ready for the

council meeting Tuesday, March 8th; seconded by Mr. Scherlen, the motion carried by the following vote: AYES, Scherlen, Oliver, Rudeloff, Dillashaw, Russell, White, Lacy, Barrett, Gonzalez; NAYS, none.

On motion of Mr. Rudeloff, seconded by Mr. Russell, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Clerk