

**State of Texas  
County of Bexar  
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes  
Public Comment Session**

Municipal Plaza Building  
114 W. Commerce Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78205

**2023 – 2025 Council Members**

Mayor Ron Nirenberg  
Dr. Sukh Kaur, Dist. 1 | Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2  
Phyllis Viagran, Dist. 3 | Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia, Dist. 4  
Teri Castillo, Dist. 5 | Melissa Cabello Havrda, Dist. 6  
Marina Alderete Gavito, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8  
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

The City Council convened the Public Comment Session in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:39 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 8** – Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Whyte

**ABSENT: 3** - Nirenberg, Viagran, Courage

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Public Comment is your opportunity to address your City of San Antonio elected officials directly about issues that are important to you and your community. To sign up to speak visit [www.saspeakup.com](http://www.saspeakup.com). Click on meetings and events and select the meeting you'd like to participate in. Sign up to speak or submit a written comment. NOTE: Speaker registration closes 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Ada Saenz, CEO of Boys and Girls Club, supported the continued City funding of delegate agencies to provide vital services to San Antonio Youth.

Simon Salas, CEO for Good Samaritan, Inc., spoke in support of delegate agency funding and thanked the City Council for their continued support of their mission and of area residents needing their services.

Denise Barkhurst, representing delegate agency Big Brothers, Big Sisters, spoke in support of delegate agency funding for youth mentoring services.

Naomi and Rocky Ortiz spoke on behalf of the El Camino Family and the need for the City to advocate for small businesses along the Broadway Street business corridor and for City Council to consider bringing back the Fiesta parades to the corridor, which had positive economic impact to all businesses along it.

Paul Rodriguez with Up Partnerships spoke in support of Department of Human Services funding for delegate agency services.

Carl Merkle spoke to white collar crime, his unjust incarceration, and his seeking of reimbursement from the City for \$7,500 in legal fees he incurred.

Lillian Mirales and Andrea Ramirez spoke in support of youth program services and the need for funding of programs.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**