

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



**Meeting Minutes
City Council A 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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00 AM

City Council Chambers

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 9:12 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 11 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: None

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Ryne Weitzel of the Crossroads Baptist Church, guest of Councilmember Alderete Gavito, Council District 7.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of September 12, 2023, September 13, 2023, September 14, 2023, September 20, 2023, and September 21, 2023.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2023, September 13, 2023, September 14, 2023, September 20, 2023 and September 21, 2023 City Council meetings. Councilmember Viagran seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Mayor Nirenberg began the meeting with a proclamation which resolved to denounce and condemn the terrorism committed by HAMAS against Israel and invited representatives of the local Jewish Community Center to speak. Councilmembers Whyte, Courage, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Alderete Gavito, Viagran, Rocha Garcia and Castillo spoke in support of the proclamation. Councilmember Courage proposed installing a banner on the front of City Hall declaring its support for Israel.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the United States Navy's 248th birthday and noted that the United States Navy had recently named a ship after the City of San Antonio.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed the month of October to be Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month and invited mothers of children who had died from Fentanyl poisoning to speak. Councilmember Castillo mentioned a Council Consideration Request that she had authored to create an Overdose Prevention Awareness Plan directed toward the issue. Councilmember Cabello Havrda, McKee-Rodriguez, Kaur, Whyte and Viagran spoke in support of the families and the proclamation.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed today, October 12, 2023 as Indigenous People's Day and invited representatives to speak.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed October 15, 2023 to be White Cane Safety Day and invited members of the blind community to speak.

Councilmember Castillo announced the recent re-opening of the Normoyle Senior Center and recognized the team of seniors from Normoyle that won the volleyball tournament. She played a video showcasing the Senior Center Games 2023. Councilmember Viagran congratulated all of the seniors who participated in the Senior Center Games.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia invited community members to go to the Boeing Center at Tech Port on Saturday October 14, 2023 just before noon, to view the annular eclipse also known as the "ring of fire."

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

4. 2023-10-12-0717

Ordinance approving a contract with Southern Aluminum Manufacturing Acquisition, Inc., to provide swirl tables, banquet rounds, table trucks, and table carts for the Alamodome and Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (HBGCC) for a total cost of \$487,147 for the Convention and Sports Facilities Department. Funding is from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

5. 2023-10-12-0718

Ordinance approving a contract with Daktronics, Inc., to provide the Daktronics Enhanced Service Portfolio Extended Service Plan for existing equipment at the Alamodome and Convention Center for the Convention and Sports Facilities Department for a total cost of \$64,220. Funding is from the Community and Visitor Facilities Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

6. 2023-10-12-0719

Ordinance approving a contract with Clarity Media Group to provide the Convention and Sports Facilities Department with a powered line array speaker system for the Carver Community Cultural Center for a total cost of \$104,428. Funding is from the General Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

7. 2023-10-12-0720

Ordinance approving a contract with JRE Golf Cars, LLC, dba Mission Golf Cars, to provide eleven replacement electric golf and utility carts for the Convention and Sports Facilities Department and Aviation Department for a total cost of \$233,081. Funding of \$214,288 for ten replacement carts is from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Funding of \$18,793 for one replacement cart is from the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund FY 2024

Adopted Budget. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Capital Improvements

8. 2023-10-12-0721

Ordinance approving a construction contract with SpawGlass Civil Construction, Inc. for Taxiway H (Taxiway Hotel) Reconstruction Phase 2 project at the San Antonio International Airport in the amount not to exceed \$9,140,297.62. Funding of \$7,642,188 is from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant funds and \$1,498,109.62 is from Interim Airport Financing. Ordinance also amends the FY 2024 - FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program for additional funds awarded from the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program grant. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

9. 2023-10-12-0722

Ordinance amending the contract spending authorization capacity in the increased amount of \$3,645,368 for the Job Order Contract with Amstar, Inc. and approving the execution of a task order to a Job Order Contract with Amstar, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$3,645,368 for the ZerNona Black Cultural/Community Center project. Funding of \$2,236,461.48 is from the 2017-2022 General Obligation Bond Program and \$1,408,906.52 is from Certificates of Obligation funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

10. 2023-10-12-0723

Ordinance approving the negotiation and execution of nine on-call Geotechnical and Material Testing professional service agreements with Alpha Testing, Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC

(Atlas), ECS Southwest, LLP (ECS), HVJ South Central Texas – M&J (HVJ), Inc., Integrated Testing and Engineering Company of San Antonio, L.P. (Intec), Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), Raba Kistner, Inc., Terracon Consultants, Inc. and TTL, Inc. Each agreement is for a 3-year term to provide as-needed geotechnical and material testing services during planning, design, construction and maintenance phases with an option to renew each agreement for up to two additional one-year extensions, at the City’s discretion for an amount not to exceed entire on-call program spending authorization of \$16,875,000 including initial and renewal terms for all contracts. Funding for FY 2024 is from various funding sources including the 2022 General Obligation Bond Funds, General Fund, Certificates of Obligation, Tax Notes and Neighborhood Access and Mobility Program funds. Funding for future years is contingent upon City Council approval of the annual adopted budget. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

11. 2023-10-12-0724

Ordinance approving the early termination of a lease agreement with greater:SATX, LLC for the 2,824 square foot leased premises in the City owned International Center Building located at 203 S. St. Mary's Street effective September 30, 2023. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Jorge A. Perez, Director, Building and Equipment Services]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello
Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Grant Applications and Awards

12. 2023-10-12-0725

Ordinance accepting grant funds in an amount up to \$397,684 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Child Welfare Strategic Alliance Program for the grant period beginning October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026, and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Bexar County regarding the distribution of grant funds. [Maria Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

13. 2023-10-12-0726

Ordinance accepting a grant in an amount up to \$50,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for the Impaired Driver Mobilization Program, with an in-kind match of \$12,500 for a total budget of \$62,500 for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]

Councilmember Cabello Havrda spoke in support of the Item.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

14. Approving the following board, commission and committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A.** Appointing Rebecca Martinez (District 7) to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee
- B.** Reappointing Lorena Pulido (District 4) to the Brooks Development Authority Board
- C.** Reappointing Jessica Alderson (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Representative) to the Conservation Advisory Board
- D.** Reappointing Deniff Lara (District 1) to the City of San Antonio Higher Education Student Advisory Board
- E.** Appointing Christopher Fullerton (District 8) to the Historic and Design Review Compliance and Technical Advisory Board
- F.** Appointing Stuart Trottmann (District 8) to the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board
- G.** Appointing Monica Garza (District 1) and Frankie Gonzales-Wolfe (District 8) to the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women
- H.** Appointing Mark Luft (District 8) to the Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Committee
- I.** Appointing Michael Kennick (District 8) to the Streets, Bridges and Sidewalks Advisory Board
- J.** Appointing Gwendolyn Godlock (District 8) to the Veterans Advisory Commission

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the appointment of Frankie Gonzalez-Wolfe, a transgender woman, to the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women. Mayor Nirenberg intervened.

Councilmember Alderete Gavito spoke in support of the appointment of Rebecca Martinez to the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

Councilmembers Pelaez and McKee-Rodriguez spoke in support of the appointment of Frankie-Gonzalez-Wolfe to the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia spoke in support of the appointment of Lorena Pulido to the Brooks Development Authority Board.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

15. Approving the following board, commission and committee appointments for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025 [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

A. Appointing Robert Moreno and Susan Richardson and reappointing Aracely Macias to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 30 – Westside

B. Appointing Joel Goldenber and reappointing Raymond Teske, Clifton Karam and John Lohr to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 38 – Somerset Grove

C. Appointing Joel Goldenber and reappointing Raymond Teske, Clifton Karam, John Lohr and Richard Mott to the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 39 – Valley Sol

Councilmember Castillo spoke in support of the appointments.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

Miscellaneous

16. **2023-10-12-0034R**
Resolution nominating Dr. Adriana Rocha Garcia to the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for a term of office from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia thanked her colleagues for their support.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

17. **2023-10-12-0727**
Ordinance rescheduling the October 19, 2023 Zoning meeting to November 2, 2023. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

18. 2023-10-12-0728

Ordinance authorizing the renaming of AT&T Center Parkway to Frost Bank Center Drive, located between East Houston Street and IH-35, as requested by Mike Garza on behalf of the San Antonio Spurs L.L.C. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

19. 2023-10-12-0729

Ordinance approving a new credit agreement related to the City of San Antonio, Texas Water System Commercial Paper Notes and other documentation at the request of the San Antonio Water System. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

20. 2023-10-12-0035R

Resolution of No Objection for Oso Apartments, Ltd.'s application for 2023 or 2024 Non-Competitive 4% Housing Tax Credits (HTC) from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for the construction of a 336-unit affordable multi-family rental housing development named Oso Apartments, located at 2075 & 2275 Schuwirth Road in the City of San Antonio's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia moved to Approve on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Courage seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

City Manager's Report

21. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh recognized the TVSA team for receiving six awards at the national conference.

City Manager Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Video highlighting the work of parking attendant Anthony Allen.

Executive Session

Mayor Nirenberg recessed the meeting into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. to discuss the following:

- A.** Economic development negotiations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 (economic development).
- B.** The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (real property).
- C.** Legal issues related to litigation involving the City pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- D.** Legal issues related to emergency preparedness pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 (consultation with attorney).
- E.** Legal issues related to contracts with business development organizations pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Mayor Pro Tempore Castillo reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 12:13 p.m. and announced that no official action had been taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**