

**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, August 28, 2024**

**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 5:23 PM. Deputy City Clerk Aurora Perkins took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 6** – Nirenberg, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Pelaez, Whyte

**ABSENT: 5** -- Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, 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.

Emily Joy Garza spoke on the need for expanded spay and neuter service from the Animal Care

Services Department and the need for expansion/clarifications of related service contracts.

Joshua Hinson spoke to sidewalk chalk prohibitions and his concerns of his art being removed in public areas and being wrongfully arrested. He spoke of his concerns of police officer standards.

Maureen Galindo spoke of the need for affordable housing in the City and her experiences obtaining quality housing for her and her family. She expressed her concerns of removal of quality affordable housing at the Soapworks Apartments and requested reconsideration of moving forward with the contract to bringing development on that site.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg**  
**Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre**  
**City Clerk**