

**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, December 18, 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 5:04 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 9** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT: 2** - Viagran, Pelaez

**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.

John Bachman, Kristin Nickell, Robert Ramos requested that the City move to a no-kill animal shelter and recommended changes at Animal Care Services (ACS). Lea LaPorte and Michael Kucik spoke in support of funding to help with pet deposits. Michael Kucik requested goals and metrics in the new ACS Director contract.

Henrietta LaGrange recommended improved street marking/reflections on Broadway and to trim the medians. She stated that someone was trimming the grass in the median and a rock hit and broke her windshield.

Carl Merkle requested \$12,000 from the City and CPS Energy which he claims was stolen; stated that he had been kidnapped and was a victim of organized crime. Merke submitted a written statement.

Joshua Hinson asked for a public declaration that sidewalk chalk was legal. Michael Kucik spoke in support of Hinson.

Emily Joy Garza requested Public Comment Sessions to be live-streamed and recorded.

Martha Huerta requested help getting her son out of the Bexar County Jail where he had been detained since March 10, 2024. Huerta submitted a written statement.

Nikolaj (Nik) Zbilowski listed grievances against the Bexar County Jail and stated that he was denied access to his booking paperwork and other documents.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**