

**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, February 15, 2024

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 9:00 AM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 10 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 1 - Viagran

PROCEDURAL

1. Invocation

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Ralph Ramos, Mighty Fortress Church, guest of Councilmember Rocha Garcia, Council District 4.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nirenberg led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of minutes for the City Council meetings of January 24, 2024, January 25, 2024, January 31, 2024, and February 1, 2024.

Councilmember Castillo moved to Approve the minutes of the January 24, 2024, January 25, 2024, January 31, 2024 and the February 1, 2024 City Council meetings. Councilmember Rocha Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Alderete Gavito announced a local small business event in Council District 7 this Saturday, February 17, 2024.

Blake Marlowe, Assistant Archivist with the San Antonio Community Archives and Museum, and Maria Williams, owner of In the Eye of the Beholder Art Gallery showcased the work of black visual artists in honor of Black History Month.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed February 10, 2024 to be North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce Day in recognition of the organization's 50th anniversary. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmembers McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Courage and Whyte congratulated members of the organization on their milestone anniversary and thanked them for their work in the community.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the 95th anniversary of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Hispanic civil rights organization, and proclaimed the week of February 11-17, 2024 to be National LULAC Week and invited members of the organization to speak. Councilmembers Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito and Courage congratulated members of the organization on their milestone anniversary and recognized their achievements. Mayor Nirenberg recommended that the City of San Antonio Host the LULAC Convention in 2029, the year of their 100th anniversary.

Mayor Nirenberg proclaimed the month of February as Children's Dental Health Month and recognized the University of Texas Health Science Center School of Dentistry. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmembers Rocha Garcia, Castillo and Pelaez spoke in support of the school and the Proclamation stressing the importance of dental health.

Councilmember Kaur welcomed the 3rd grade student class from the Advanced Learning Academy and recognized their work developing a book about the San Pedro Springs Park.

Councilmember Rocha Garcia announced the annual Basura Bash San Antonio River Cleanup event this weekend. Councilmembers Kaur, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda and Alderete Gavito

spoke in support of the event.

Councilmember Castillo recognized the Cinderella Bakery. Councilmembers Rocha Garcia and Alderete Gavito thanked the bakery for their generosity to the community.

Councilmember Whyte recognized Council District 10 resident Lila Smethurst for being a finalist on the Food Channel's Kids Baking Championship. Mayor Nirenberg and Councilmember McKee-Rodriguez congratulated Smethurst.

Mayor Nirenberg recognized the departure of Audio Visual Technician Eric Stefanic and congratulated him on his new job and life with wife Cecily Pretty, former City employee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Purchase of Services, Supplies and Equipment

4. 2024-02-15-0089

Ordinance approving a contract with Lyncverse Technologies to provide the Workforce Development Office with Empyra's MyOneFlow Client and Case Management System for the City's Apprenticeship Program for an estimated contract value of \$276,650. The first year costs for the software license subscription and implementation services will be \$78,650 from the Apprenticeship Building America grant. [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

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

Absent: Viagran

5. 2024-02-15-0090

Ordinance approving the following contracts establishing unit prices for goods and services for an estimated annual cost of \$2,555,507.85 in year 1, and \$1,420,298 annually thereafter included in the respective department's FY 2024 Adopted Budget: (A) Airbus Helicopters, Inc., and Air Flite, Inc., for helicopter parts, engines, and repair services; and (B) NEC Corporation of America for the upgrade, maintenance and hosting for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). [Ben Gorzell Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Troy Elliott, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Finance]

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

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

Absent: Viagran

Capital Improvements

6. 2024-02-15-0091

Ordinance approving a one-time capital improvement expenditure in the amount of \$2,158,839 payable to TCL Construction Enterprises, LLC, for the Beitel Creek Greenway Trail Project from Perrin Beitel to Salado Creek. Funding is from Sales Tax Venue Funds and the Tree Canopy Preservation and Mitigation Fund and is included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmember Whyte highlighted his support for the Item.

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

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

Absent: Viagran

7. 2024-02-15-0092

Ordinance amending a construction contract with J3 Company, LLC. in the increased amount not to exceed \$1,016,859.20 for a total construction contract amount of \$7,306,198.99 for additional construction phase services as part of the Castleridge/Slick Ranch Flood Plain Improvement drainage channel project. Funding is from Storm Water Regional Facilities funds included in the FY 2024 – FY 2029 Capital Improvement Program. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Razi Hosseini, Director, Public Works]

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

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

Absent: Viagran

Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real Property

8. 2024-02-15-0093

Ordinance approving a lease agreement with Alamo Helicopter Tours San Antonio, LLC for office space located at 8535 Mission Road at the Stinson Municipal Airport for an initial term of three years with the option to extend for two, one-year periods with an annual rent of \$9,216.70 which will be deposited into the Airport Operating and Maintenance Fund. [Jeff Coyle, Assistant City Manager; Jesus Saenz, Director, Aviation]

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

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

Absent: Viagran

Grant Applications and Awards

9. 2024-02-15-0094

Ordinance approving the acceptance of grant funds from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the Habitat and Angler Access Program in the amount of \$35,000 and equipment valued at \$5,000. The grant will fund the purchase and installation of an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant fishing dock and aerator at Miller's Pond Park. [David W. McCary, CPM, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmember Rocha Garcia highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

Absent: Viagran

Boards, Commissions and Committee Appointments

10. Approving the following At-Large Appointees to the Small Business Advisory Commission (SBAC) for the remainder of an unexpired term of office to expire May 31, 2025. [Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk]

- A. Appointing Ruben Arciniega to the Small Business Owner with less than 10 Employees seat
- B. Appointing Martin Gutierrez to the Small Business Professional/Trade Organization seat
- C. Appointing Yan "Yen" Yan to the Small Business Owner Representing Targeted Industry seat
- D. Appointing Lindsey Logan to the Non-Profit Small Business Service Provider Organization seat

Councilmember Whyte highlighted his support for the appointment of Martin Gutierrez.

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

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

Absent: Viagran

11. 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 Carol Lynn Knapik (District 1) to the City/County Joint Commission on Elderly Affairs
- B. Appointing Grace Garza (District 4) to the City of San Antonio Commission on Strengthening Family Well-Being

C. Appointing Cabrini Bustos (District 10) to the San Antonio Youth Commission

Councilmembers Kaur and Rocha Garcia highlighted their support for the Council District board appointments.

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

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

Absent: Viagran

Miscellaneous

12. 2024-02-15-0095

Ordinance approving the memorial street designation on a portion of North San Jacinto Street, located between West Martin Street and Morales Street, as Janie Barrera Memorial Way. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Michael Shannon, Director, Development Services Department]

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

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

Absent: Viagran

13. 2024-02-15-0096

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council for Trauma (STRAC) up to the amount of \$587,802. Funds will be used for services provided by the San Antonio Fire Department Mobile Integrated Healthcare (MIH) unit to interact with high-utilizer patients in non-emergency and emergency settings to provide proactive care, intervention, and healthcare navigation in order to improve health, and maximize efficiencies. [Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager; Christopher M. Monestier, Interim Fire Chief]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

Absent: Viagran

14. 2024-02-15-0097

Ordinance amending the agreement with Bexar County Hospital District, d/b/a University Health for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District's Project Worth program to provide additional

behavioral mental health counseling sessions through September 30, 2024, in an amount up to \$55,000, for a total contract amount of up to \$580,000, inclusive of renewals. Funding is from the Medicaid 1115 Waiver Program. [Erik Walsh, City Manager; Claude Jacob, Director, Health]

Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the Item.

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

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

15. 2024-02-15-0098

Ordinance approving affordable housing funding recommendations and authorizing agreements through Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget to award up to \$3,406,032 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and up to \$874,500 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to three affordable housing development projects. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Councilmember Castillo highlighted her support for the Item.

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

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

16. 2024-02-15-0099

Ordinance approving a Funding Agreement with Urban Champions Academy in the amount of \$300,000 for operations, maintenance, and programming at Old Spanish Trail Park. Funding is from the FY 2024 General Fund Budget. [David W. McCary, Assistant City Manager; Homer Garcia III, Director, Parks & Recreation]

Councilmembers Kaur and Cabello Havrda highlighted their support for the Item.

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

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

17.

2024-02-15-0100

Ordinance authorizing the release of approximately 925.4 acres of real property, consisting of one tract of land (Comal County Appraisal District Property ID 79810), generally located northeast of the intersection of FM 3009 and Schoenthal Road N in Comal County, Texas from the City of San Antonio's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction as petitioned by the landowner Heidelberg Materials Southwest Agg 1 LLC. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rudy Nino, Jr., Interim Director, Planning]

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

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

City Manager's Report

18. City Manager's Report

City Manager Erik Walsh announced that the San Antonio International Airport (SAIA) was awarded \$18 million for the new Terminal Program from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

City Manager Walsh played an Employee Spotlight Video highlighting the work of the longest-serving children's librarian Imelda Merino.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**