

**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 11, 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: 8** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Pelaez, Courage

**ABSENT: 3** - Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Whyte

**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.

Carl Merkle claims to have been kidnapped and robbed and stated that the City owes him \$12,000.

Ashley Garcia spoke against euthanizing animals at Animal Care Services.

Joshua Hinson, sidewalk chalk artist, who was homeless stated that he was harrassed by the police.

Diego Lopez stated that he was running for Mayor and opposed banning horse-drawn carriages because they were businesses.

Brooklyn Ramos requested that the City ensure that the horses from the carriage industry would go to a good sanctuary.

Thomas McPhee, Executive Director of World Animal Awareness Society complained that the San Antonio Film Commission did not attend his film festival.

Martha Huerta requested justice for her son who was arrested and held in jail after she called police; it was all a mistake.

Agapita Jaramillo spoke against the naming of the Council District 6 Park for Mr. Gomez because the process was rushed and not transparent; she suggested naming the park for Veterans or first responders.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**