

**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 7, 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 5:17 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call 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

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing for the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services]

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Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption. Mayor Nirenberg announced that there were no members of the public signed up to speak.

Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:19 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. 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, Emily Joy Garza, and John Atwood spoke in support of moving San Antonio to a no-kill status for animals and urged hiring a new Director of Animal Care Services that would bring the City to a no-kill status.

Justin James led a young adult worker group from Asez Wao World Mission Society Church of God that spoke out against discrimination, poverty, violence, climate change, plastic pollution, and biodiversity loss. The group spoke in support of their organization to campaign for change around the world to make a sustainable world.

Joshua Hinson spoke in opposition to his arrest and tickets related to sidewalk chalk artwork.

Gregory Harmon, founder and editor of Deceleration.news spoke in support of Environmental Justice for persons who die as a result of heat.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**