

**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, June 5, 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 5:58 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 8 – McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 3 - Nirenberg, Kaur, Viagran

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. 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.

Guillermo Vazquez, Texas field representative for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Aiden Robinson, Kelly Ann Gonzalez, Jorge Torres, James Hamilton, Araceli Herrera, Adrian Reyna, Anthony Cruz, Chris Reyes, and Quinn Graig spoke in support of removing the prohibition on the participation of city employees in municipal elections from the City Charter.

Anthony Cruz spoke in support of all the City Charter amendments recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

Katie Ferrier, representing the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of removing City Charter limits on City Manager compensation and tenure.

Gabriela Smith spoke in opposition to the City's support of LGBTQ.

Mariel Amador recommended that the City denounce its Sister City relationship with Tel Aviv, Israel and spoke in support of a cease-fire in Gaza.

Kristin Nickell, John Bachman, Laura Linam, and Eliza Guerra spoke in support of moving Animal Care Services (ACS) to a no-kill shelter status and encouraged the City Council to hire a new ACS Director to work toward that goal.

Joshua Hinson complained that his sidewalk chalk art keeps getting washed away by Centro San Antonio and he even got arrested.

Bill Bartholomew provided a written statement that was distributed to the City Council. His statement requested an update to the City Code to require 30-year shingles on homes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tempore Courage adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**