

**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, May 8, 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 5:08 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, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 2 - Viagran, Alderete Gavito

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.

Blake Feuge, CEO and Founder of Bear Den Cat Sanctuary proposed a City-funded cat sanctuary funded through the Budget of Animal Care Services (ACS).

John Bachman, Kristin Nickell, Jen Galletti, Deanna Lee, Mel Bee, Lea LaPorte, Frances Ely, Donna Legendre-Hoffmann, Ana Herrero, Maggie Elizabeth Hill, and Monique Wellesley recommended scrutinizing the hiring of the new ACS Director including strong consideration of an outside candidate for ACS Director with expertise in operating a no kill facility and providing more spay/neuter facilities and shelters and increased enforcement for animal abuse.

Joshua Hinson complained about being harassed by police for drawing with chalk on the sidewalk.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**