

**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, April 30, 2025

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 5:07 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 6 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Courage

ABSENT: 5 - Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Whyte

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A public hearing allowing the first amendment to the FY 2025 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developments (HUD) Action Plan related to the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Human Services]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. The City Clerk read the Item caption. Mayor Nirenberg noted that no one had signed up to speak at the Public Hearing

and closed the Public Hearing having heard all comments from persons wishing to speak on the Item at 5:10 p.m.

2. Public Hearing for proposed Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the reprogramming of \$210,000.00 in HOME funds made available through prior year program savings to Affordable Homeownership Housing Development and awarding up to \$2,410,000.00 in CDBG and/or HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. The City Clerk read the Item caption. Mayor Nirenberg noted that no one had signed up to speak at the Public Hearing and closed the Public Hearing having heard all comments from persons wishing to speak on the Item at 5:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. 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.

Arturo Melendez, Sr. and Arturo Melendez, Jr. stated that their businesses were being impacted from construction on Moursund Blvd. and requested assistance with getting deliveries and entrances for customers. They also stated that they had a business impacted by construction on Pleasanton Road.

Leo Pacheco and Ricardo Martinez stated that residents and businesses did not request medians on Pleasanton Road between Southcross Blvd. and Loop 410 and businesses were being harmed due to the medians not allowing cars to turn left. They noted that more vehicles were traveling into neighborhoods due to the traffic limitations and they believed the medians were causing more car accidents.

Joshua Hinson spoke regarding police harassment of him for creating chalk art on sidewalks and their harassment of homeless people, as well as wasting City funds paying high salaries to people like the City Manager.

Melissa Montgomery stated that her organization Casa de Esperanza, which was a nonprofit that reunified families focused on sobriety and homelessness, recently had its Federal funding pulled due to the cuts from the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and asked the City to make up for their lost funding. Celine Breard, Meredith Cain, and Graciela Tristan, who were residents of Casa de Esperanza, testified in support of the program.

Carl Merkle stated that there was massive white-collar crime committed and he claimed that Federal Judges were part of a criminal street gang.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**