

**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, February 14, 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 5:02 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, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 2 - Viagran, Pelaez

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for proposed Substantial Amendment #1 to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the reprogramming of \$4,280,532 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:02 p.m. The City Clerk read the caption for Item

Mayor Nirenberg noted that there were no members of the public signed up to speak at the Public Hearing. Having heard all members of the public who wanted to speak, Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:03 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. 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, Laura Linam and Angeles Valenzuela spoke in support of moving San Antonio to a no-kill status for animal care.

Representatives from the Texas Organizing Project, Debra Watts, Willie Rector, Keisha Brown, James Hamilton, Jesus Garcia, Maria Victoria De La Garza, Gordon Benjamin, and other residents Suzanne Baker and Agapita "Aggie" Jaramillo, and Community Health Worker "Promotora" Rosa Turner spoke regarding the abhorrent conditions at Bexar Creek Apartments and other apartment complexes including those public housing properties owned by Opportunity Home and asked for help making the landlord comply with City Code.

Jashua Hinson, a sidewalk chalk artist complained that he was arrested for drawing on the sidewalk at the VIA Centro Station and suggested there were more important things to spend money on like housing and restrooms for homeless.

Isabella Briseno, Victoria Ramirez, Brett Aull, James Finley, Ian Nathaniel Knight, Jecoa Ross and Mel Webb requested that City Council adopt a Resolution supporting a cease fire in Gaza.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**