

**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, November 8, 2023

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 5:24 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 9 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 2 - Viagran, Rocha Garcia

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. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Suraya Kahn, Isaella Briseno, Kimya Factory, Cecilia Gutierrez, Christian Fernandez, Caitlyn Blue, Mia Cabrera, Sky Lenaghan, Philip Cabrera, Mel Webb, Aaron Arguello, Karla Cortez,

Laura Yohualthuiz Rios Ramirez, Analyssa Garcia, Philip Tottenham, Vincent Martinez, Jessica Solis, Olga Estrada, Judith Norman, Antonio Allevato, Nadia Mavrakis, Gabrielle Gonzales, Jecoa Ross, Anacua Orellana Garcia and Lavelle McCastle spoke in support of Palestine and requested that the City end its Friendship City status with Tel Aviv, Israel.

Isabella Briseno, Terry Burns, Mia Cabrera, Sky Lenaghan, Aaron Arguello, Selene Garcia (Southwest Worker's Union), Darby Riley, DeeDee Belmares, Scott Kanski, Anacua Orellana Garcia, Claudia Sanchez and Debra Ponce spoke in opposition to the CPS Energy rate increase and called for the appointment of an independent consumer advocate.

Kasey Jimenez and Marisa Jimenez spoke in support of developing more options for animal care and moving to a no kill status and keeping people safe from dangerous dogs and suggested providing feeding grounds, trap neuter and release strays and strong rules against backyard breeders.

Lea LaPort, John Bachman, and Laura Linam spoke in support of funding for animals, moving toward a no kill status, and recommended that City Council review the Animal Care Services Master Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**