

**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, January 24, 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 5:03 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 8** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Whyte

**ABSENT: 3** - Viagran, Pelaez, Courage

**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](http://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, Kirstin Nickell, Robert Ramos and Vanessa Acosta spoke in support of moving San Antonio to a no-kill status for animals.

Nawras Al-Yassin, Garar Nawab, Isabella Briseno, Natalie Clifford, Kate Sanchez, Daniela Talamantes Martinez, Rene Martinez, Jecoa Ross, Viviana Sanchez, Suraya Khan and Vanessa Acosta requested the San Antonio City Council to pass a Resolution calling for a permanent cease fire in Gaza to stop the fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Molly spoke in support of services for homeless persons, including services at the warming centers rather than the homeless shelters, and against homeless encampment sweeps.

Joshua Hinson stated that he was harrassed by police for drawing on the sidewalk with chalk.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**