

**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, August 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 5:21 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 9 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 2 - Cabello Havrda, 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.

Lea LaPort, Laura Linam, Kirstin Nickell, John Bachman, and Veronica Saldate spoke regarding animal rights noting the recent unprovoked shooting of innocent dogs and linked animal cruelty to domestic violence and child abuse. They both requested investigations by SAPD and called for the City to move to no-kill status and better service by Animal Care Services.

Kirsten Nickell spoke in opposition to sending wastewater down Helotes Creek.

Veronica Saldate spoke in opposition to horse-drawn carriages.

Antonio Diaz announced the annual Indigenous People's Day March to be held on October 12, 2024 and requested that the government recognize the rights of indigenous people.

Joshua Hinson spoke in opposition to his arrest and tickets related to sidewalk chalk artwork.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**