

**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, June 11, 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 5:05 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 7 – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Mungia, Castillo, Alderete Gavito

ABSENT: 4 - Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for proposed Substantial Amendment #3 to the FY 2025 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Annual Action Plan and Budget for the reprogramming of \$5,000,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and awarding funds to the San Antonio Housing Trust PFC to address slum and blight. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:17 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption for the Item. No members of the public signed up to speak. Having heard all members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m.

2. Public Hearing for the FY 2026 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the City's four U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development entitlement grant programs including the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program. [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:18 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption for the Item.

Michael Taylor with Habitat for Humanity spoke regarding current housing projects of the agency and future plans including a request for \$4 million for affordable homes.

Having heard all members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:22 p.m.

3. First public hearing on the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Espada Public Improvement District Number 1 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County. [John Peterek, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:22 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption for the Item. No members of the public signed up to speak. Having heard all members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:22 p.m.

4. First public hearing on the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Stone Garden Public Improvement District in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County. [John Peterek, Assistant City Manager; Bridgett White, Director, Planning]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the Public Hearing at 5:23 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption for the Item. No members of the public signed up to speak. Having heard all members of the public who wished to speak, Mayor Nirenberg closed the Public Hearing at 5:23 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

5. 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.

Mayor Nirenberg called the Public Comment meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and took Public Comment before holding the four Public Hearings.

Carl Merkle spoke regarding perceived organized crime perpetrated by bankruptcy judges.

Tracie Shelton and Amina Thomas recommended that City Council include funding for food security in the FY 2026 Budget.

Pedro Ruiz spoke against the enforcement against residents by the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Federal Agents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**