

**State of Texas
County of Bexar
City of San Antonio**



**Meeting Minutes
Public Comment Session**

City Hall Complex
San Antonio, Texas 78205

2021 – 2023 Council Members

Mayor Ron Nirenberg
Mario Bravo, 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 Rosie
Castro, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Marc Whyte, Dist. 10

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

5:00 PM

Municipal Plaza Building

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:01 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 8 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Castro, Courage, Whyte

ABSENT: 3 - Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for the FY 2024 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 5:01 p.m. City Clerk Racca-Sittre read the caption.

Mayor Nirenberg announced that individual members of the public would be given three minutes to speak and groups would receive up to nine minutes.

No members of the public signed up to speak on the Item. There being no comment, 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. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

Denise McVea spoke regarding her book and white-collar crime and corruption in San Antonio.

Lea LaPort spoke in support of moving San Antonio to a no-kill city for Animal Care Services and provided information from an Austin animal rights expert.

Columba Wilson stated that her autistic grandson Cristian Martinez was ejected by an usher and cannot go back to church. She complained that her grandson was arrested without cause and mistreated by the police. She had filed a police report, but it was closed without a proper investigation. She and her grandson were unable to attend church anymore. Wilson recommended more training for police to deal with persons with disabilities and more services.

Antonio Diaz requested funding for banners to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Eric Dover spoke in opposition to fluoridation of the public water system.

John Atwood complained that Animal Care Services would only pick up injured animals and there was no accountability for illegal breeders and dog fighters. Atwood spoke in opposition to dangerous dogs legislation as the blame should be on people and not animals.

John Bachman provided photos of animals that had been euthanized and spoke in support of moving toward a no-kill shelter.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre City
Clerk**