

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



**Meeting Minutes  
Public Comment Session**

City Hall Complex  
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 2, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

The City Council convened a regular meeting in the Norma S. Rodriguez Council Chamber in the Municipal Plaza Building beginning at 5:05 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 10** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT: 1** - Viagran

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. First public hearing on the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Medina Stonehill Special Improvement District in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County. [Roderick Sanchez, Assistant City Manager; Rudy Niño, Interim-Director, Planning]

Mayor Nirenberg opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m. The City Clerk read the caption aloud. There were no members of the public signed up to speak on the Item. Mayor Nirenberg closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

2. 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 5:05 p.m. the City Clerk read the caption aloud. There were no members of the public signed up to speak on the item. Mayor Nirenberg closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Robert Ramos, Vanessa Acosta, Laura Linam, Michael Kucik and John Bachman requested more resources to foster animals, have pets spayed/neutered to assist Animal Care Services (ACS) with the stray animal problem and move to a no kill shelter.

Kirstin Nickell, a local feral cat trapper who lives outside of the City limits, requested that the City spay/neuter the animals for free and recommended a voucher system.

John Atwood spoke against dogs being bred and raised for fighting and against labeling dogs as dangerous.

Eric Dover, family physician, spoke in opposition to adding flouride to the City's domestic water supply.

Andre "Sir Watson" Watson claimed he had been robbed and police did not help so he was going to the Governor for assistance.

Jesse Ortega spoke in opposition to new townhomes being built in his neighborhood and expressed concern about racing motorcycles.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**