

**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, September 20, 2023**

**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 5:04 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 6** – Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Courage

**ABSENT: 5** - Nirenberg, Cabello Havrda, Alderete Gavito, Pelaez, Whyte

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

Angela Lewis, Erick Richter, and Claudia Ovalles recommended that the City Council approve an Ordinance prohibiting interference with child custody.

Santino Ayala advocated for becoming a bone marrow donor.

Dalia Contreras spoke in support of public schools and education.

Jesse Ortega requested help from the police regarding concerns at his house.

William Gonzalez, Mary Saucedo and Maria Valdez spoke in support of increased wages for workers at the Grand Hyatt.

Zheng Lou and John Bachman spoke in support of funding to help animals and moving to no-kill at the Animal Care Services Department shelters.

Chris Baecker spoke against providing assistance to people and recommended a free market and use of sales tax to raise revenue instead of property tax.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, Mayor Pro-Tempore McKee-Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**