

**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
Ana Sandoval, Dist. 7 | Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8
John Courage, Dist. 9 | Michael Gallagher, Dist. 10

Wednesday, January 11, 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 5:21 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 7 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Gallagher

ABSENT: 4 - Rocha Garcia, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

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

Armando Dominguez spoke in support of programs that supported better schools and listed some

concepts to create more tourism and visitor opportunities in the mission reach area.

Carl Merkle stated that he had uncovered massive white collar crimes within the Texas bankruptcy courts.

Tammy Russell, owner of the Candlelight Coffeehouse, spoke regarding construction hurting their businesses and supported the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program. Frank Sheppard provided background on the Candlelight Coffeehouse.

Alfredo Flores, Jr. and Zachary Marr from Alamo Music spoke in support of the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program noting that the construction had really hurt their business.

Augustin Cortez, owner of Augie's Alamo City Bar B Que, spoke in support of the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program but requested information on where the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was allocated because his business did not qualify.

Carlos Herrejon, owner of a store in El Mercado, stated that construction was adversely impacting their business and stated that he would support the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program but wanted more information noting he was in a unique situation due to having inherited the business from his brother who died of COVID.

Roman "Nick" Pena, owner of a store in El Mercado, stated that construction was adversely impacting their business and stated that he would support the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program but wanted to ensure his business would qualify.

Bo Lim, owner of Golden Star Restaurant, spoke in support of the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program noting they could not access ARPA funding.

Jody Bailey Newman, small business owner, spoke in support of the Small Business Construction Mitigation Program and recommended more communication and stakeholder input moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Public Comment, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**