

**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, April 3, 2024**

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

**PRESENT: 7** – Nirenberg, Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Courage

**ABSENT: 4** - Viagran, 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. 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.

John Bauchman and Laura Linam spoke in support of more assistance for animals, moving to a no-kill shelter, and analyzing the budget for Animal Care Services.

Ruby Wilkins requested help for a homeless disabled woman who was repeatedly found on MLK Street.

Hayat Majali requested that the City Council approve a Resolution requesting a cease fire in Gaza.

Veronica Salas, representing an all-women's bicycle club, requested harsher sentences for drivers that killed cyclists, particularly drunk drivers.

Jesse Ortega expressed concern about bike safety and stated that his neighborhood had a problem with street racing and large trucks. He requested more patrols for Fiesta.

Joshua Hinson complained about being arrested for creating sidewalk chalk art.

Regina Smith complained about drug dealers in her neighborhood and asked for help for the homeless, mentally ill, and animals.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**