

**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 10, 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 5:07 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call with the following Council Members present:

**PRESENT: 7** – Kaur, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Alderete Gavito, Courage, Whyte

**ABSENT: 4** - Nirenberg, Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing for proposed Substantial Amendment #2 to the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan and Budget for the reprogramming of \$4,000,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). [Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager; Veronica Garcia, Director, Neighborhood and Housing Services Department]

Mayor ProTempore Rocha Garcia opened the Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre read the caption on the Item. No members of the public signed up to speak at the

Public Hearing. Mayor ProTempore Rocha Garcia closed the Public Hearing at 5:11 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](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.

Veronica Saldate spoke in support of more assistance for animals and moving to a no-kill shelter.

Ashley Sosa, Deborah Parrish, and Jack Finger spoke in opposition to the City using the Reproductive Justice Fund to pay for abortions or to provide transportation for women to travel out of state to seek an abortion.

Erika Galindo representing the Lillith Fund, Makayla Montoya Frazier and Ariana R. representing Buckle Bunnies Fund, and Roberto Rios Ortega spoke in support of the Reproductive Justice Fund for sex education, contraception, and abortion.

Mariel Amador requested that the City Council call for a cease fire in Gaza and supported Palestine. Albert Campbell opposed condemnation of homes and their demolition due to code violations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

**Approved**

**Ron Nirenberg  
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre  
City Clerk**