

**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 | Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

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 5:25 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 8 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Sandoval, Courage, Perry

ABSENT: 3 - Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez

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.

Lamar Henry spoke on behalf of the Freedom Force and asked that the Cenotaph not be moved. He noted that more police patrols were needed to combat criminal activity and protect Texas history.

Mariah Smith stated that she opposed funding for BioMedSA. She noted that BioMedSA had a disgraceful record and should not have received 10 million in ARPA funding.

Ramon Garza and Thomas Haney of the Texas Freedom Force asked why the Cenotaph was not guarded. They noted that to see it tagged again was a disgrace.

Antonio Diaz thanked the City Council for their efforts to recognize Ingenious Peoples Day. We have members throughout the state and this nation and one of our big issues is that Ingenious Peoples Rights were not recognized by the United States.

Diana Rios requested speed bumps on Salas St due to influx of traffic. She noted that people drive through her neighborhood to circumvent traffic.

Loy Croley and Brandon Burkhart spoke on behalf of the Texas Freedom Force and stated that this was the second time the Cenotaph was vandalized. He noted that additional security cameras were requested but were not installed.

Tim Taylor stated that God created each person in life He noted that there should be shared principles regarding God's teachings that all should live by.

Tom Crawford Read a letter from a constituent that could not be in San Antonio. She is a direct descendant of Texas heroes and her ancestors were some of original German settlers. She stated that she was disappointed that City has not better protected the Alamo and the Cenotaph.

Rose Hill and Sylvia Alaniz expressed concern regarding an amendment to reduce the existing neighborhood registration policy. She noted that they hoped to find a solution so groups can get the information and notifications that we need. She added that the City should come up with a better way to communicate this information.

Jack Finger stated that reverence for history did not exist. He suggested that additional security cameras were needed and/or additional Police Officers.

Chief Apostle Hester stated that he had been talking to VIA about a plan to help the homeless. He noted that VIA supported this and was willing to make contribution and spoke of being robbed and asked the City for help.

Rose Hill, President of the Government Hill Neighborhood Association, submitted a letter for the record which noted opposition to Unified Development Code (UDC) Amendment 29-1 and called for a modification of UDC Amendments 16-8 and 16-10.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**