

State of Texas
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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, September 14, 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 5:07 PM. City Clerk Debbie Racca-Sittre took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Council Members present:

PRESENT: 10 – Nirenberg, Bravo, McKee-Rodriguez, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage

ABSENT: Perry

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.

Mayor Nirenberg called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

Martin Leyvani, resident of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood, provided background on the neighborhood and requested a signifier for the entrance of the Beacon Hill Neighborhood.

Maria Ybarra, Train for Jobs SA Program participant, stated that she had completed cyber security training and still did not have practical experience in her field of training and could not find an internship or job and recommended changes to the program.

Stephen Lucke supported using the CPS Energy funding to address climate change, proposed connecting small businesses with City Contracts to weatherize and plant trees, investment in a tree farm such as the Arboretum, or investing in stocks and BitCoin to provide CPS rebates long term.

Rick Trevino stated that the CPS Energy rebate was a way to give the business community a \$19 million windfall and noted that Microsoft was getting \$1 million and that \$30 was not much money for a resident. Trevino recommended investments that could rectify the situation for local families that would be more long lasting and visionary.

Ruben Martinez recommended using the CPS Energy funding to create community gardens on abandoned properties, instead of the rebate. He recommended more time to talk, plan and vote on the use of those funds such as more trees, rehabilitation of homes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**