

**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

Manny Pelaez, Dist. 8 | John Courage, Dist. 9

Clayton Perry, Dist. 10

Wednesday, March 1, 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 5:05 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, Rocha Garcia, Castillo, Courage

ABSENT: 3 - Viagran, Cabello Havrda, Pelaez, 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.

John Bachman provided a statement on the recent dog attack that killed an elderly man and requested action, investigation and accountability.

Lea LaPort, animal advocate with Saving San Antonio Dogs, spoke in opposition to euthanization of dogs and commented that the dogs in the recent attack had been reported recently.

Cecilia Garza spoke regarding the recent dog attack and called for action as she had a friend that was also attacked by a dog noting that her friend feared retaliation from his neighbors if he reported them as he suspected they were raising fighting dogs.

Vicki Steerman, representative of a dog rescue non-profit, spoke in support of more spay and neuter programs and recommended more funding for Animal Care Services (ACS).

Mariah Smith requested better enforcement of laws related to roaming, dangerous and abused dogs. She also requested more funding for ACS.

Hannah Guan, Ella Arispe, Julia Doski, Jennifer Miguel Orellana, Faith Estrada and Emerald Alaniz with the San Antonio Youth Commission and Ambassadors for Project Worth thanked the City Council for their support of teen mental health and spoke in support of the 2023 teen mental health survey that was due to launch the next day.

Janabou Diallo, Daniya Vidal, Amaya Simmons, Iman Zakaria, Victoria Hardaway and Nevaeh Sage, members of The Lemonade Circle, asked City Council to support the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair “CROWN” Act to end race-based hair discrimination. Dr. Royce “Sully” Sullivan and Laura Thompson spoke in support of the CROWN Act.

Dinah Broderick, resident of City Council District 2, requested more services and opportunities for children and residents in her council district.

Carly Hernandez spoke regarding concerns with abuse of her child at daycare and expressed concern that the investigation by the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) was dropped because she was too young to speak up. William Hernandez provided information on his sister’s weight and requested protection of the children at the daycare. Aaron Hernandez read a statement from another parent who alleged abuse of their child at the same daycare center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Approved

**Ron Nirenberg
Mayor**

**Debbie Racca-Sittre
City Clerk**