

City of San Antonio



Public Comment

No in-person access to this meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

5:00 PM

Videoconference

1. Public Comment

Steven Versteeg spoke of the Unified Development Code (UDC) and zoning and noted that the UDC included direction to prevent repetitive zoning actions which were not being followed. He asked for more equity in the UDC.

Jeffrey Norris requested funding for repairs for the 5300 block of Gawain Dr. service alley. He noted that City, CPS, and SAWS trucks had compromised the service alley foundation.

Stephen Lucke asked that the City fund the local food system to address inequity in health, environmental, and food justice.

Ghouli Blooms asked why the City was focused on workforce development and not with housing, food, and health first. She asked why there was not a bigger push for small businesses and entrepreneurship.

DaVeon Smith called on City Council to reallocate funds from the police Budget to healthcare, education, and housing.

Terry Burns, M.D. stated that the Sierra Club supported efforts by Black Lives Matter and other social justice groups which were intended to demilitarize our police, and reorient spending priorities to address underlying injustice, racism, absence of mental health services, and lack of educational and employment opportunities.

Safire Rodriguez called on City Council to reallocate funds from the police Budget to healthcare, education, and housing.

Juan Vazquez called on the City Council to reallocate funds from the Police Budget to healthcare, housing, and education.

Griffin Mosqueda asked the City Council to divest funds from the police Budget to social programs such as healthcare, education, and housing.

Ashley Andrews called on City Council to reallocate money from the police Budget to healthcare, housing, and education.

Janeli Saucedo-Castrejana called on the City Council to reallocate money from the police Budget to healthcare, housing, and education.

Soleil Gaffner stated that we were in a public health emergency due to systemic racism. She spoke in support of divesting money from the SAPD Budget and reallocating it to housing, education, and humanitarian resources.

Jerry Lockey stated that the importance of education and water far outweighed transportation issues. He suggested that the 1/8 cent tax be utilized for the Edwards Aquifer Program and the other 1/8 cent tax be utilized for helping people through education and work.

John Bachman spoke in support of resuming the Community Cat Program, and the spaying and neutering of rescues, fosters, and adoptions. He noted that these should be essential functions as they affected the health and well-being of people, families, and the City.

Diane Montalvo stated that the President of the United States wanted to open schools as soon as possible putting teachers and children in danger of contracting COVID-19, yet he wanted to delay voting in November for the safety of voters.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:17 pm.

APPROVED

RON NIRENBERG
Mayor

Attest:

TINA J. FLORES
Acting City Clerk

Public Comment on 2020-08-05 5:00 PM

Meeting Time: 08-05-20 17:00

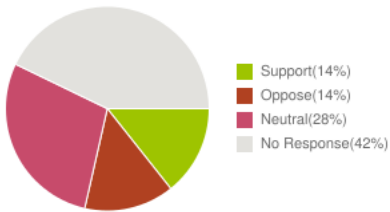
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Public Comment on 2020-08-05 5:00 PM	08-05-20 17:00	6	14	2	2	4

Sentiments for All Meetings

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Overall Sentiment



Public Comment on 2020-08-05 5:00 PM

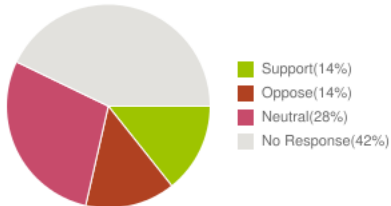
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. 20-4432 Public Comment	14	2	2	4

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

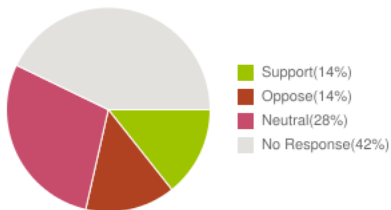
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1. 20-4432 Public Comment

Overall Sentiment



Stephen Lucke

Location:

Submitted At: 4:59pm 08-05-20

I'm here to discuss COSA funding the local food system to address inequity in health, environmental, and food justice. As COVID has highlighted, many people in our city are distressed, unhealthy, and food insecure. Many cities such as Austin, Philadelphia, and New York have taken the critical steps to fund and enhance food in their respective cities. In San Antonio we have given word dressing in the SA Tomorrow and CAAP plan to address the food system, but no action or funding has occurred. I ask that we make this a high priority for FY21 and make good in the communities desire.

Ghoulie Blooms

Location:

Submitted At: 4:05pm 08-05-20

I want to understand why we are focusing on workforce? Wouldn't the logical thing be to start with securing housing, food, and health care? Then focus on workforce. Also why is there not a bigger push for small business and entrepreneurship.

DaVeon Smith

Location: 78251, San Antonio
Submitted At: 3:15pm 08-05-20

I am calling on city council to reallocate funds from the police budget to healthcare, education, and housing. It is time we work towards proactive solutions to our city's issues.

Terry Burns MD

Location:
Submitted At: 3:06pm 08-05-20

Re FY 2021 Budget: The Sierra Club strongly supports efforts by Black Lives Matter and other social justice groups that are intended to demilitarize our police, and reorient our spending priorities to address underlying injustice, racism, absence of mental health services, lack of educational and employment opportunities etc. We need a lot more equity in SA, and less top down business leader commissions telling us what we need. The affected disadvantaged communities are the ones needed at the table to rebuild a sustainable SA, not the Chambers. I urge the Budget to reflect these priorities.

Safire Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 2:45pm 08-05-20

I am calling on city council to reallocate funds from the police budget to healthcare, education, and housing. It is time we work towards proactive solutions to our city's issues.

Juan Vazquez

Location:
Submitted At: 2:04pm 08-05-20

I am calling on city council to reallocate funds from an overinflated police budget to healthcare, housing and education.

Griffin Mosqueda

Location:
Submitted At: 12:25pm 08-05-20

Please divest funds from the immense police budget to social programs like healthcare, education, and housing.

Ashley Andrews

Location:
Submitted At: 10:44am 08-05-20

I am calling on council to reallocate money from the over inflated police budget to healthcare, housing, and education

Janeli Saucedo-Castrejana

Location:
Submitted At: 9:10am 08-05-20

I am calling on city council to reallocate money from the police budget to healthcare, housing, and education.

Soleil Gaffner

Location:
Submitted At: 8:20am 08-05-20

We are in a public health emergency due to systemic racism. Divest money from the SAPD budget and reallocate to housing, education, and humanitarian resources to help our community members before crimes ever occur. The police force does not prevent crime, they show up after the fact and cannot provide resources to help victims. Instead, invest in our community so we may stay healthy and strong in the future. Thank you.

jerry lockey

Location: 78201, san antonio
Submitted At: 8:37am 08-04-20

The importance of Education and Water far outweigh any transportation issues. Council has shown this one the last few years so why change now. This is not an all or nothing proposition. Do the right thing and keep 1/8 for the Aquifer and use the other 1/8 for helping people through education and work. VIA can come later no matter how we decide to improve VIA it should not come at the expense of the most important elements of our future.

John Bachman

Location: 78223, San Antonio
Submitted At: 2:50pm 08-02-20

Resume the Community Cat Program. Resume the spay and neuter of animals for rescues, fosters, and adoptions. This should be essential functions as it affects directly the health and wellbeing of people and families and the city in general. If not resumed the backlog will be so great that they will never catch up and much that has been gained in dealing with the pet overpopulation in years will be lost.

Jeffrey Norris

Location:
Submitted At: 12:48am 07-31-20

Petition District 2 Councilwoman for service alley way resurface at rear of 5300-block of Gawain Dr from 5258 to midcrown.

Diane Montalvo

Location:
Submitted At: 6:35pm 07-30-20

POTUS wants to open schools as soon as possible putting teachers and children in danger of COVID. Yet, he wants to delay voting in November for safety of voters??? Just send kids and staff into "the Lions Den."