

# City of San Antonio



## Public Comment

No in-person access to this meeting

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

**Videoconference**

### ROLL CALL

The City Council convened in a Special Meeting. City Clerk Tina J. Flores took the Roll Call noting a quorum with the following Councilmembers present:

**PRESENT:** 11 - Mayor Perry Nirenberg, Treviño, Andrews-Sullivan, Viagran, Rocha Garcia, Gonzales, Cabello Havrda, Sandoval, Pelaez, Courage, and

### **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, please go to [www.sanantonio.gov/agenda](http://www.sanantonio.gov/agenda) and click on the eComment link for instructions. Members of the public are given up to three minutes to speak, and groups are given up to nine minutes.

City Clerk Tina Flores announced that 100 public comments were received and would be posted on [www.sanantonio.granicusideas.com](http://www.sanantonio.granicusideas.com) and on the Office of the City Clerk website. She added that a public comment report would be provided to the Mayor and City Council.

Steven Versteeg noted that plans for the future should include equity. He spoke of the lack of compromise by developers.

Liz Franklin stated that residents within 200 feet of the proposed zoning change from R-6 to C-2 had been marginalized and left out of discussions. She spoke of the long-term consequences of the zoning change. She requested that the Mayor and City Council responds to emails sent to them regarding Veterans.

James Dykman stressed the importance of the Resolution regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement. He requested that it be amended to include the detailed demands of citizens and be brought before the Public Safety Committee.

Antonio Diaz stated that burial sites of indigenous people had been disturbed on Santa Rosa and Commerce Streets. He requested that the plaque related to Columbus in what once was Columbus Park, be removed. He requested that Milam Park be renamed and noted that he was against the celebration of colonialism.

Ananda Tomas stated that the City Council continued to ignore the call for divestment of the San Antonio Police Department and investment in the community by citizens.

Celeste Brown called for defunding the police and investment in the community.

Katy Murdza stated that citizens indicated in the SASpeakUp Survey that their top priorities were funding for public health, affordable housing, and senior and youth services. She requested that the San Antonio Police Department be divested of \$101 million and re-invested in human services.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Mayor Nirenberg adjourned the meeting at 5:31 pm.

**APPROVED**

**RON NIRENBERG**

Mayor

Attest:

**TINA J. FLORES**

City Clerk