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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING February 18, 2020

A Special Town Hall Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Council Chambers, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #4, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Gutierrez; Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Davis; Councilmember Rosemary Scott; Councilmember Michael Dahle; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Councilmember Scott Larson - Excused absence

City Staff: City Manager Dr. Mark Browne; Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm; City Attorney Cynthia Trevino; Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Secretary Brenda Dennis; Deputy City Secretary Gayle Wilkinson; Dept. Head Marc Bane + Staff; Dept. Head Kathy Woodlee + Staff; Dept. Head James Walters + Staff; Dept. Head Kade Long + Staff; GIS Coordinator Tony McFalls; Dept. Head Jessica Kurz; Dept. Head Myles Clauser + Staff; Dept. Head Melissa Uhlhorn; Dept. Head Patti Veliz; Parks Manager Jared Montney; Dept. Head Lesa Wood + Staff; Chief Building Inspector Gil Durant; Dept. Head Michael Hansen + Staff; Dept. Head Linda Klepper + Staff; Dept. Head Suzanne Williams + Staff; Dept. Head Dawniecia Hardin-Trussell; Facilities/Maintenance Sam Maeda & Chris Mayorga; Clinical Manager - EMS Mike Shown

Meet and Greet (6:00 To 7:00)

- Citizens meet and greet with various City Departments.

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. having a quorum present and announced there would be approximately 15 more minutes of socialization before the actual agenda began.

Welcome and Introduction

Mayor Ralph Gutierrez welcomed and thanked all those who attended the meeting. Mayor Gutierrez introduced members of Council present: Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Davis, Councilmembers Rosemary Scott, Michael Dahle, David Scagliola, Allison Heyward, and Tim Brown. Mayor Gutierrez introduced City Manager Dr. Mark Browne, Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm and City Secretary Brenda Dennis. Mayor then turned the meeting over to Dr. Mark Browne.

Presentations regarding the specific topics:

- State of the City video (M. Browne)

City Manager Dr. Mark Browne expressed his gratitude for the community attending the Special Council on the Go meeting and introduced the State of the City video which was played for the enjoyment and information for our guests.

- TxDot Road Project Updates - FM 1518, FM 1103, IH 35 and IH 10 (K. Woodlee)

City Engineer Kathy Woodlee provided a Power Point and gave an update on our TxDot projects.

Cibolo City Councilmember Joel Hicks provided additional information on an extension of the I-10 area.

City Manager Dr. Mark Browne remarked on the large amount of money TxDot is investing in our community and expressed his gratitude.

- Road CIP/Repair Update (K. Woodlee/J. Nowak)

Engineer John Nowak provided a Power Point and gave an update on our Street Preservation and Maintenance (SPAM) projects.

- Water Meter Update (D. Hardin-Trussell)

Utility Billing Manager Dawniecia Hardin-Trussell provided a Power Point and gave an update on our new water meters and the benefits they provide. She also provided information on a new payment interface site and the benefits/options it provides along with the new look of our utility bills.

- Budget Recap (M. Browne/J. Walters)

Finance Director James Walters provided a Power Point and gave an update on our budget for 2019-2020.

- Discussion/promotion of the 2020 Census. (M. Browne/T. McFalls)

GIS Coordinator Tony McFalls provided a Power Point and gave an update on the 2020 Census.

City Manager Dr. Browne spoke on the importance of responding to your Census quickly and the stakes involved for our state as far as qualifying for funding.

City Hall Communications:

City Council will host a citizens' communication meeting to hear citizen issues and provide general policy and factual information as to issues brought up by citizens. No action shall be taken except to place an item on a future agenda as appropriate.

City Manager Dr. Browne directed the appropriate department heads to address the following questions from citizens:

- For the services you do within the City's computer systems, what levels of monitoring do you perform to try to detect invaders?
- Part 1 - For outside services that the City uses, what level of scrutiny of a vendor's computer security systems do you perform before contracting for a vendor's services?
- Part 2 - As the threat models continue to change, how frequently do you go back to the vendors and re-check to see that they are still doing what is needed to protect the City from ransom ware attacks?
- Has the difference of some residents receiving once a week trash pickup and others twice a week trash pickup been addressed?
- What is the policy of notifying the public if there is a cyber security attack/breach?
- The resurfacing job on FM 1518 is not adequate, an eyesore and a health hazard to breath in the pollutants from the concrete type trucks that drop rocks/debris onto the road coming from the two concrete type businesses on FM 1518.
- Will there be any further work done on Lower Sequin Rd? The road is starting to fall apart.
- Is there an update on the new water tower and can we expect better water pressure?
- How are you going to deal with maintaining a good traffic flow once the road construction begins on FM 1518?
- The school bus traffic on FM 1518 is heavy. Do you have any plan to coordinate with the school bus schedules when FM 1518 road construction begins?

Mayor Gutierrez thanked all present for their attendance and interest in their City. He also thanked the City for planning and hosting the event.

Adjournment

As there was no further questions, Mayor Gutierrez officially adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gayle Wilkinson, Deputy City Secretary