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REGULAR MEETING  
August 3, 2021

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on August 3, 2021, 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 Michael Dahle; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Councilmember Jill Whittaker; Councilmember Rosemary Scott

City Staff: City Manager Dr. Mark Browne; Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm; City Attorney Daniel Santee; City Secretary Brenda Dennis; Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez

## **Call to Order**

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## **Opening Prayer and Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas. (Councilmember Dahle)**

Councilmember Dahle provided the opening Prayer followed by the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas.

## **A. Mayor Pro-Tem Oath of Office - Oath of Office administered to Councilmember Michael Dahle. (B. Dennis)**

City Secretary Brenda Dennis administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Dahle.

## **Presentations**

- Purple Heart Day (Mayor/Councilmember Heyward)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Councilmember Heyward who read and presented the Purple Heart Proclamation to Mr. Narciso Pulido - Purple Heart Recipient. Councilmember Heyward also presented the Purple Heart Signs that will be posted throughout the City.

Mr. Pulido provided information about the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1836 in San Antonio, which is the largest in the United States. Their mission is to foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism and support all veterans. Mr. Pulido thanked the Mayor and Council.

## **Employee Recognition**

- 20 year service pin recognition - A. J. Arriaga (M. Browne)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Manager Dr. Mark Browne who came forward providing a brief bio on Corporal A. J. Arriaga. Corporal Arriaga thanked Dr. Browne and Council and introduced his family members who were present.

## **New Employee Introductions:**

Mayor Gutierrez recognized the following Department Heads who introduced their new employees. Mayor and Council welcomed them.

- EMS: LaSean Anderson, Frank Flores Jr., Jeremy Sanders, Joshua Sturgess, Brad Laughridge - Paramedic; Jysun Cardenas, Hai Dinh Part-Time Paramedic, Amber Cockrum - EMS Billing Specialist
- Inspections: Erin Noah - Building Inspector
- Library: Carah Scherr - Library Clerk
- Police: David Espinoza, Benjamin Guerrero - Police Officer

## **City Events and Announcements**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events (B. James/C. Kelm/S. Gonzalez)

Assistant City Manager Charles Kelm provided the following information:

Tuesday, August 3rd  
National Watermelon Day  
Pickrell Park Pool  
5:00 – 7:00 PM  
Watermelon slices, themed games, and activities.

Thursday, August 5th  
Blood Drive  
1400 Schertz Parkway in the Bloodmobile  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday, August 6th  
Budget Workshop  
Bluebonnet Hall  
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday, August 10th  
Next regular scheduled Council meeting

Thursday, August 12th  
Northeast Partnership Meeting  
Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center  
11:30 AM  
RSVP to City Secretary if you are interested in attending.

Community Budget Meeting  
Schertz Civic Center  
6:30-8:30 PM

“Save the Date” -- Friday, August 27th  
TML Region 7 Meeting  
Hilton Garden Inn, Live Oak  
4:30-7:30 PM

Tuesdays, September 7th through October 12th  
Fall 2021 Adult Cornhole League (Ages 21 and up)  
6:00-10:00 PM  
Registration open online at [www.schertz.com](http://www.schertz.com)  
\$25.00 registration fee, includes team t-shirt

Sundays, September 12th through October 17th  
Fall 2021 Adult Kickball League (Ages 21 and up)  
6:00-10:00 PM  
Registration open online at [www.schertz.com](http://www.schertz.com)  
\$25.00 registration fee, includes team t-shirt

November 2nd  
The City of Schertz will be holding its General Election on November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing Council Members in Place 6 and Place 7 for a three-year term, from November 2021 to November 2024.

Any candidate desiring to have his or her name on the Official Ballot shall file with the City Secretary an application in writing in the form prescribed by the Texas Election Code declaring themselves a candidate. The filing date is no sooner than July 17, 2021, (but since the 17th falls on a Saturday and City offices are closed) the date moves to Monday, July 19, 2021, and no later than Monday, August 16, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. Qualifications for Candidacy can be found online at [www.schertz.com](http://www.schertz.com) as well as the Candidate packet. Candidate packets are also available in the City Secretary's Office.

#### Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager (M. Browne)

City Manager Dr. Browne provided an update about the major water break on Sunday, August 1, 2021, located at Wiederstein and FM 3009. He thanked the following Schertz Utility Employees: Jerad Moheit, Matt Lopez, Don Sarten, Aaron Dammann, Ish Pardo and Shawn O'Brien for their hard work. The Utility Crew worked all night to fix the broken water line. Dr. Browne thanked the City of Cibolo, who sent over an eight-man utility crew to assist in the completion with the repair.

Dr. Browne mentioned that Amazon has opened a new facility in the old GE Plant on Schwab Road.

Dr. Browne announced that The Purple Heart signs were manufactured in the City of Schertz Sign Shop by Bryan Timmons.

#### Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor (R. Gutierrez)

Mayor Gutierrez thanked the Public Works Utility Dept for their hard work to repair the broken water line. He also thanked the City of Cibolo for sending over a Utility Crew to help finish the repair to the water line.

#### **Hearing of Residents**

*This time is set aside for any person who wishes to address the City Council. Each person should fill out the speaker's register prior to the meeting. Presentations should be limited to no more than 3 minutes.*

***All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a body, and not to any individual member thereof. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks while addressing the Council may be requested to leave the meeting.***

Mayor Gutierrez recognized the following residents:

Ms. Maggie Titterington, 1730 Schertz Parkway provided the following information:

Sept 21st is our Civic Leaders Luncheon. We invite incumbents and candidates for city council positions in Schertz to contact the Chamber to register for a table to meet our chamber member businesses.

Aug. 9th at 1030 at the Chamber Offices in Schertz we will cut the ribbon and welcome Wreaths across America as one of our newest members.

Aug 13th is our last summer smoothie event at Tropical Smoothie from 7:30-9:00am.

Aug 17th is our non-profit luncheon which focuses on bringing awareness and partnerships with our area non-profit chamber members. Rsvp deadline is Aug 10th.

The Chamber Bowl benefitting DECA programs at Clemens and Steele High Schools is on August 20th. We have 215 people registered and still have room for individual players, but the deadline is approaching fast. Call the Chamber to register.

*Discussion by the Council of any item not on the agenda shall be limited to statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry, a recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry, and/or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda. The presiding officer, during the Hearing of Residents portion of the agenda, will call on those persons who have signed up to speak in the order they have registered.*

## **Consent Agenda Items**

The Consent Agenda is considered self-explanatory and will be enacted by the Council with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless they are removed from the Consent Agenda upon the request of the Mayor or a Councilmember.

Mayor Gutierrez read the following into record:

- 1. Minutes** – Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 27, 2021. (B. Dennis)

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Tim Brown to approve the minutes of July 27, 2021.

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Dahle, Councilmember Mark Davis,  
Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Allison Heyward,  
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

## **Discussion and Action Items**

Mayor Gutierrez read the following item into record:

- 2. Ordinance No. 21-F-30** - Consideration and/or action approving an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas amending Chapter 90, of the Code of Ordinances, Article V, Water and Wastewater Capital Recovery Fees; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinance in Conflict with this Ordinance, and providing an effective date. (*First Reading*) (C. Kelm/S. Williams)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Public Works Director Suzanne Williams who provided a brief PowerPoint regarding the proposed changes. No questions from Council.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Brown, seconded by Councilmember Allison Heyward to approve Ordinance 21-F-30 on first reading.

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Dahle, Councilmember Mark Davis,  
Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Allison Heyward,  
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

## **Roll Call Vote Confirmation**

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Secretary Brenda Dennis who provided the roll call vote for items 1 and 2.

## **Workshop Discussion**

Mayor Gutierrez tabled this item to the next meeting.

**Police Department Training Program** - Workshop discussion regarding the Police Department Training Program. (C. Kelm/M. Hansen/M. Bane/H. Murphy)

## Requests and Announcements

- Announcements by the City Manager.

Dr. Browne stated he had an opportunity to participate in the Love Where You Live Event which was held in the Aviation Heights area. He thanked all the volunteers and thanked Republic for supplying the rolloffs.

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for updates or information from staff.

Councilmember Dahle inquired about the mosquito fogging truck and if the city had plans on spraying as he had received an email from a resident.

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers that items or presentations be placed on a future City Council agenda.

- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

- City and community events attended and to be attended
- City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments (see assignments below)
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

Mayor Gutierrez recognized the following:

Councilmember Heyward who announced that she attended the TMRS Conference, TML Newly Elected Office Conference, a ribbon cutting for KHP KinderHaus Pediatrics and invited City Council and Staff to the TML Fall Meeting -August. 27, 2021.

Councilmember Brown who announced that it was National Watermelon Day and stated there is still time to go down to Pickrell Park and get you a slice.

## Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

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Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Dennis, City Secretary