

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2023

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on April 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hal Baldwin Municipal Complex Civic Center Grand Ballroom, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Building #5, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Present: Mayor Ralph Gutierrez; Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Brown; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Jill Whittaker; Councilmember Michael Dahle; Councilmember David Scagliola; Councilmember Allison Heyward

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Deputy City Manager Brian James; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Attorney Daniel Santee; Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney

Call to Order

Mayor Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Councilmember Mark Davis who provided the opening prayer and led the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and State of Texas.

Proclamations

- National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9-15, 2023 (Councilmember Scagliola)

Councilmember Scagliola presented the National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 9-15, 2023, Proclamation to Nichole Kuhlmann, Communications Manager, and members of the Schertz 911 Dispatch team.

- National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week April 9-15, 2023 (Councilmember Heyward)

Councilmember Heyward presented the National Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week April 9-15, 2023, Proclamation to Megan Legunas, Animal Services Manager, and Schertz Animal Services officers.

Presentation

- Alicia Sepeda-Stork Presentation

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Nichole Kuhlmann, Communications Manager, who provided the following summary for the Stork presentation. It is rare for 911 dispatcher to receive an active labor call. However, on February 7, 2023, Alicia Sepeda, after 21 years as a 911 dispatcher received her first active labor call. Ms. Sepeda assisted with the delivery providing support and professional guidance to keep mom and baby safe. Mom Jasmine, Dad Jobani and baby Jonah were present for the recognition ceremony.

- Special Olympics Texas presents an award to Schertz Police Department for Polar Plunge (K.Cordova/A. Kraft)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Katrina Cordova, coordinator for Special Olympics. Ms. Cordova thanked the City of Schertz Police Department for their support and participation in the Special Olympic events. She hailed Officer Anna Kraft for her singular efforts raising more than half of the funds by herself and presented her with a gift basket. She then presented Assistant Chief Manny Casas and Lt. Virgil Jones, of the Schertz Police Department, with a plaque for reaching the gold level.

Milestone Service Pin Presentations

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Manager Steve Williams who recognized the following employees and presented them with pins for their years of service and thanked them for their dedication and loyalty to the City of Schertz.

- Carl Quast, Building Inspector, 20 Years of Service
- Erin Matlock, Civic Center Manager, 20 Years of Service
- Bruno Sepeda, Facilities Maintenance Crew Supervisor, 25 Years of Service
- Wes Dailey, Paramedic, 25 Years of Service

City Events and Announcements

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

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Deputy City Manager Brian James who provided the following:

Saturday, April 22

Ed-ZOO-cation in the Park

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Crescent Bend Nature Park

JBSA - Fort Sam Houston Open House 2023

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25

Next Regular City Council Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager (S. Williams)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized City Manager Steve Williams who provided the following:

- Announced the promotion of Chad Lonsberry to Facilities Manager.
- Hal Baldwin scholarship applications are due April 28.
- Lions Club Easter in the Park was a huge success, several hundred kids showed up for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Jr. High and High School Fire Academy is June 5-9. Applications are currently being accepted. More information is available on the website.
- Love Where You Live event will be on April 22, meet at Rock Point Church. More information is available on the website.

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

Mayor Gutierrez reminded students interested in the Hal Baldwin Scholarship they are required to sign in.

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 Pro-Tem Brown recognized the following residents:

Maggie Titterington, 1730 Schertz Parkway - Provided the following Chamber Updates:
HyPer Shred Day was held on April 1st at the Schertz offices. HyPer raised \$2,000 for this free event to donate to Operation Comfort. She thanked the citizens of Schertz for coming out to support this event.

Ribbon Cuttings

New York Life

Wednesday, April 12

10:00 a.m.

1730 Schertz Parkway

Alamo Title

Wednesday, April 19

4:00 p.m.

Business Education Class - presented by J2 Leadership

"Finding, Recruiting, and Retaining Quality Staff"

Crosspoint Fellowship Church

FM 3009

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Register online

Free

Chamber Office Hours

Beginning May 1st

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Chamber Staff Updates

Welcome to Lauren Dalton, new Special Events Coordinator.

Farewell to Carol Lovelady, membership services team member.

Coffee with the Chamber

Friday, April 28

Selma Offices

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Titterington invited everyone to attend the Coffee at the Chamber at the Selma offices or to stop by the Schertz offices at 1730 Schertz Parkway to say farewell to Ms. Lovelady on April 28th from 1:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.

Graham Wright, 1308 Arroyo Loma, Arroyo Verde subdivision - Mr. Wright stated he is the secretary/treasurer for the Arroyo Verde HOA and was there to address resident concerns with the I-35 Dedicated Transmission Line that will be built next to a number of homes in their subdivision. Concerns include incomplete information regarding the land requested for purchase and have requested multiple times for staff to speak with the HOA regarding the purpose of the transmission line.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brown recognized the following residents who spoke regarding the accomplishments and current projects of the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee and their desire to keep the committee from being dissolved or disbanded:

- Dr. Miguel Vazquez, 9320 Berean Way
- Barbara Hall, 3020 Pencil Chalk

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 Item #1 and Item #2 for the record.

1. **Minutes** – Consideration and/or action approving the regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2023. (S.Edmondson/S.Courney)
2. **Appointment/Reappointment for Boards/Commissions/Committees**
(S.Edmondson)
 - Appointment of Mr. Richard Dziewit to the SSLGC Board of Directors
 - Re-appointment of Mayor Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Brown, Councilmember Mark Davis, and Councilmember Allison Heyward to the Main Street Committee

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 and 2.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahle

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Brown, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Michelle Watson, Councilmember Jill Whittaker, Councilmember Michael Dahle, Councilmember David Scagliola, Councilmember Allison Heyward
Passed

Discussion and Action Items

3. **Resolution 23-R-36** - Consideration and/or action by the City Council of the City of Schertz, TX approving a Resolution authorizing an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Agreement with the City of Santa Clara for the release of 4.8 acres of the City of Schertz Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). (B. James/L. Wood/E. Delgado)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Ms. Emily Delgado, Planning Manager, who explained that the City of Schertz had been approached by Chesmar Homes LLC, to release 4.8 acres lying within the Schertz Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) to Santa Clara. Chesmar Homes purchased a total of 68.22 acres, most of which lies within the Santa Clara ETJ. The release of the 4.8 acres would then become part of the Santa Clara ETJ and the property could be developed under one jurisdiction instead of two.

Mayor Guterrez opened the floor to Council for discussion. Councilmember Scagliola expressed concern with development in ETJ's. There is a stark difference between developments in ETJs vs cities. City has no jurisdiction over development in an ETJ.

Councilmembers Whittaker and Dahle expressed support for releasing the 4.8 acres to Santa Clara ETJ.

Moved by Councilmember Michael Dahle, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Brown

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

Passed

- 4. Resolution 23-R-37** - Consideration and/or action by the City Council of the City of Schertz, TX, approving a revised Resolution setting the first Monday on or after the first day of Spring each year as "Employee Remembrance Day". (Replacing Resolution 96-R-7.) (S. Williams/C.Simmons)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Ms. Cyndi Simmons, Administrative Assistant for the City Management Office. Ms. Simmons explained this is an update to Resolution 96-R-7 to better reflect the observation of the program today.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 23-R-37.

Moved by Councilmember Jill Whittaker, seconded by Councilmember Allison Heyward

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

Passed

Workshop

- 5. IH-35 NEX Project TxDOT Presentation**

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Daniel Worden, I-35 NEX project manager, TxDOT. Project spans 20 miles from N. Walters Street to FM 1103. The project improves safety and mobility, addresses anticipated increase in traffic growth, reduces travel time, and services regional traffic. Added capacity is via elevated lanes that will be built between existing interstate lanes and the frontage road on both north and southbound sides. The elevated lanes will have two lanes for regular traffic flow and one HOV lane. TxDOT is anticipating 30% of traffic will use the elevated lanes.

Mr. Worden turned the presentation over to Mr. Eric Devera, ANC, design-build contractor, who provided an overview of the design-build process. One company designs and builds the project. This streamlines processes, reduces costs and project schedule, provides for the agility to adapt to design obstacles, allows for input from construction team and suppliers during design, and fosters innovation. The design started October 25, 2021, and construction started June 27, 2022. Expected project completion is late 2027. Design-build cost is \$1.5 billion.

6. Discussion regarding the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee Workshop. (S.Williams/B.James).

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Deputy City Manager Brian James who provided background and challenges facing the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee. City of Schertz does not impose historic regulations, no defined historic district, like most cities with a historic preservation committee who are charged with enforcing city imposed regulations. The Schertz Historic Preservation Committee doesn't have a set focus. The focus of the committee tends to shift with the members and leadership of the committee. There has been significant turnover in the committee members and no clearly defined leadership. Staff recommended releasing the committee from City constraints allowing them to operate more independently. Committee members are concerned that if they are disassociated as a City designated board or commission they will lose funding for projects.

Mayor Gutierrez opened the floor to council for discussion. Councilmembers provided feedback on the staff recommendation and the recognition of the challenges faced by the committee. Further discussion with members of the committee were encouraged. It was also suggested they seek alternative options such as corporate sponsors, advice from The Chamber, and establishing themselves as a separate entity with a defined focus. The committee needs to take greater ownership of the mission and maintain a solid defined focus. If they can do that successfully, Councilmembers agreed to allow them to retain their designation as a City Board/Committee provided they can comply with the City's regulations required for such designation.

Roll Call Vote Confirmation

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney who provided roll call for Consent Agenda Items 1 - 2, and Agenda Items 3 - 4.

Information available in City Council Packets - NO DISCUSSION TO OCCUR

Requests and Announcements

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for updates or information from Staff - No requests were made.
- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers that items or presentations be placed on a future City Council agenda - No requests were made.
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
 - City and Community Events attended and to be attended
 - Councilmember Scagliola attended the Lions Club Easter in the Park event.
 - Councilmember Heyward participated in the Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Photo with City staff and watched the webinar 'Preparing for ICSC'
 - City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments (see assignments below)
 - Continuing Education Events attended and to be attended - none provided

- Recognition of actions by City Employees - none provided
- Recognition of actions by Community Volunteers - none provided

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary