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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING January 16, 2024

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on January 16, 2024, 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 Michelle Watson; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Tiffany Gibson; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Tim Brown

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Deputy City Manager Brian James; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Attorney Charles Zech; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; 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 Westbrook)

Councilmember Westbrook provided the opening prayer and led the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

Proclamations:

- January 2024-School Board Recognition Month

Mayor Gutierrez presented the proclamation for the January 2024 School Board Recognition Month to Councilmember Westbrook, former School Board Trustee, who will provide copies to Comal, East Central, Judson, Marion, Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City, and Randolph Field Independent School Districts.

City Events and Announcements

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

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez who provided the following:

Standing announcements

Registration is open for the Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dances. Tickets are pre-sale only through February 2, 2024, at www.Schertz.com. Cost is \$18/adults and \$12/child.

Saturday, February 3

Father/Daughter Dance
Schertz Civic Center
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4

Mother/Son Dance
Schertz Civic Center
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 29 (meets weekly through May 2, 2024)

Citizens Police Academy
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Registration is currently open online at www.Schertz.com/cps. Applications are also available at the Schertz Police Department. Deadline to apply is Friday, February 23, 2024.

New Announcements

Monday, January 29

Cypress Point Park Shade Structure Ribbon Cutting
Cypress Point Park
5526 Cypress Point
5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 2

City Council Strategic Planning Retreat
Shady Oaks Ranch
12020 W. Schaefer Road
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

The Chamber Health and Home Show
Schertz Civic Center
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

Next Regular City Council Meeting
Council Chambers
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Recognition of Rolando Garcia who was promoted from part-time paramedic to full-time paramedic.

Congratulations to Daisy Marquez for becoming an AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Certified Planner.

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

Mayor Gutierrez congratulated Ms. Marquez on her achievement and stated he had no announcements or recognitions.

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.

The following residents stated they are participants in the Leadership CORE and were in attendance to observe:

Lydia Schultes, 300 Bandana

Stephanie Schillaci, 17715 Overlook Loop, #10201

Brandee Zukowski, 3522 Turnabout Loop

Maggie Titterington, 1730 Schertz Parkway, provided the following:

- Special thanks to Jeremiah, Antonio, and their teams for getting the heat and water working in the Kramer House so quickly.
- On behalf of the Leadership CORE, thanks to Mayor Gutierrez, City Manager Williams, and Brian James for their help with Government Day.
- Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Two College Brothers Moving and Storage Ribbon Cutting
Schertz Offices
10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, January 18
Quarterly Mixer at Bar 1899
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 23
Health Texas Ribbon Cutting
10:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 26
Coffee at The Chamber
Schertz location
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (come and go)
- Wednesday, January 31

Business Education Class on Artificial Intelligence

Schertz Civic Center, Bluebonnet Hall

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

● Saturday, February 3

Health and Home Show (70 vendors)

Schertz Civic Center

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Daniel Jameson, 1018 Richmond Dr, spoke on behalf of VFW Post 8315. The VFW represents all branches of service. They put the flags up on Main Street to promote Schertz as a Veteran City and host a number of events open to the public.

Jim Wolverton II, 3620 Main Street, introduced himself as a candidate for Guadalupe County Constable Precinct 3 and provided a brief bio. He currently serves as the second in command for Guadalupe County Constable Precinct 4. Mr. Wolverton states he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the role.

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.

1. **Resolution 24-R-04** - Approving the appointment of Police Reserve Officer Ryan McCosh to the Schertz Police Reserve Force. (S.Williams/J.Lowery)
2. **Resolution 23-R-137** - Authorizing a lease program agreement with Kinloch Equipment & Supply and expenditures with Doggett Freightliner of South Texas for replacement of the sewer vacor truck. (B.James/L.Busch/J.Moheit)
3. **Resolution 24-R-05** - Consideration and/or action by the City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application, and accept grants funds if awarded, from the awarding agency for replacement of the generator supplying secondary power to our Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) (Dispatch), Police Department, Emergency Medical Services, and the Fire Department. (S.Williams/G.Rodgers)
4. **Ordinance 23-S-35** - Approving a request to rezone approximately 65 acres of land from General Business District (GB) to Planned Development District (PDD), known as Comal County Parcel ID 75458 and Guadalupe County Parcel ID 64005, generally located southeast of the IH 35 and Schwab Road intersection, City of Schertz, Comal County and Guadalupe County, Texas. **Final Reading** (B.James/L.Wood/S.Haas)

5. **Resolution 24-R-01** - Authorizing expenditures with Alamo Restorations, LLC. for the EMS kitchen remodel. (B.James/D.Hardin-Trussell/C.Lonsberry)

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1 - #5.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson, Councilmember Mark Davis,
Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Tiffany Gibson,
Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

Mayor Gutierrez recessed to Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

Closed Session

6. The City Council will meet in closed session under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; Closed Meeting. The governmental body is not required to conduct an open meeting (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

- Project:E-88

Mayor Gutierrez convened Closed Session at 6:20 p.m.

Mayor Gutierrez recessed Closed Session at 6:54 p.m.

7. The City Council will meet in closed session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to conduct the annual evaluation of the City Secretary, Ms. Sheila Edmondson.

Mayor Gutierrez convened Closed Session at 7:22 p.m.

Mayor Gutierrez recessed Closed Session at 8:44 p.m.

Reconvene into Regular Session

Mayor Gutierrez reconvened to Regular Session at 9:02 p.m.

8. Take any action based on discussion held in Closed Session under Agenda Item #6.

Mayor Gutierrez read the following into record:

Resolution 23-R-129: A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Schertz Texas authorizing an expenditure as reflected in an Economic Development Incentive Agreement between the City of Schertz Economic Development Corporation and Ripps-Kruesler, Ltd. and other Matters in Connection Therewith

He asked if Council needed any further discussion. No further discussion was brought forth.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Tiffany Gibson, Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

9. Take any action based on discussion held in Closed Session under Agenda Item #7.

Mayor Gutierrez made a motion from the Chair that the City Secretary receive a 10% salary increase, seconded by Councilmember Tiffany Gibson.

AYE: Mayor Pro-Tem Michelle Watson, Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Tiffany Gibson, Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward, Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

Requests and Announcements

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for updates or information from Staff

No requests were made by the Mayor or Councilmembers for updates or information from Staff.

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

No requests were made by the Mayor or Councilmembers for items or presentations to be placed on a future City Council agenda.

- City and Community Events attended and to be attended (Council)

Councilmember Gibson attended the January Chamber Luncheon and the Northeast Partnership Luncheon.

Councilmember Westbrook served as a judge for the SCUCISD DECA competition.

Councilmember Heyward attended the Northeast Partnership Luncheon.

Councilmember Brown attended The Chamber Luncheon.

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary