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MINUTES COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING May 6, 2025

A Council Workshop Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on May 6, 2025 at, 5:00 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 Allison Heyward; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Councilmember Mark Davis

Staff present: Deputy City Manager Brian James; Assistant City Manager Sarah Gonzalez; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney

Call to Order

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.

All handouts and/or USB devices must be submitted to the City Secretary no later than noon on the Monday preceding the meeting. Handouts will be provided to each Councilmember prior to the start of the meeting by the City Secretary. All USB devices will be vetted by City IT staff to ensure City property is protected from malware.

Carolyn Wolford, 1637 Canyon Oak, Schertz, TX 18154- Ms. Wolford would like better communication from the City on how the City wants the residents to communicate with city staff. Ms. Wolford recommended a full-page ad in the Schertz Magazine that explains how the City would like the residents to communicate with city staff. For example, the last flash survey about the waste collection service. There were approx. 360 residents that replied to the waste collection survey. Later, when residents learned that a flash survey was available, they were frustrated that so many residents were unaware,

Discussion

Ad-hoc Education Committee (Councilmember Westbrook)

Councilmember Westbrook would like to see an Ad-hoc Committee created on Education:

Vision:

- To make Schertz the best town in Texas for student development and educational outcomes by:
 - Promoting educational excellence across all school types
 - Ensuring inclusive support for families and educators
 - Partnering across sectors to eliminate barriers to success

Why It Matters

- Like any strategic operation, educational success depends on situational awareness.
- Education shapes our future workforce, military readiness, civic engagement, and economic vitality.
- We must understand and support all learning environments—public, private, charter, and homeschool.

Purpose and Benefits

- Gather a holistic understanding of education in Schertz
- Provide actionable, evidence-based recommendations
- Strengthen collaboration across schools and families
- Enhance local voices in city discussions
- Identify city policies that support student success

The Ad-hoc Committee won't govern, it will gather perspectives, build partnerships and inform decisions.

Councilmember Brown supports a community that supports education and growth and believes our city has done a great job supporting education.

The City of Schertz supports education and several of our departments support education and growth. The Library Program supports preschool-college-age students. The Economic Development Corporation sponsors youth access to businesses around the city. The Chamber supports DECA fundraising and their numerous programs. Councilmember Brown isn't sure if we need to start a new committee or focus on what we have and evaluate the needs.

Councilmember Macaluso asked if the ad-hoc committee is only an advisory role, what would we do with this information? Councilmember Westbrook stated we will not know what the next move is until we have the gathered information.

Mayor Gutterrez recommended that a list is gathered, and the Council look at the programs that are available to see if there is something missing.

Interim City Manager Brian James said staff will be tasked with creating a list of all

the educational programs the city offers with educational components.

Celebrating/recognizing the Army's 250th Birthday (Councilmember Westbrook)

Mayor Gutierrez stated the workshop has a hard-stop time to end the workshop, and they will not have time to discuss celebrating/recognizing the Army's 250th Birthday.

Adjournment

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary