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## MINUTES REGULAR MEETING May 20, 2025

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on May 20, 2025, 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; Councilmember Mark Davis; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Tim Brown

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Allison Heyward; Councilmember Michelle Watson

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; Deputy City Manager Brian James; City Attorney Natalie Thamm; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson

### **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 Guerrero)**

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

### **Proclamations**

- National Public Works Week - May 18-24, 2025 (Councilmember Watson)
  - Councilmember Guerrero presented the National Public Works Week proclamation to Public Works Director Larry Bucsh and staff.
- National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week - May 18-24, 2025 (Councilmember Westbrook)
  - Councilmember Westbrook presented the National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) proclamation to EMS Director Jason Mabbitt and staff.

### **City Events and Announcements**

- Announcements of upcoming City Events (B. James/S. Gonzalez)
  - Assistant City Manager Brian James provided the following announcements.
    - Saturday, May 24, 2025-Pickrell Park Pool Opening Day
    - Monday, May 26, 2025-Memorial Day-City Hall is closed. There will also be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial

Plaza on 512 Schertz Parkway.

- Schertz Library will be closed on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, for staff training.
- Next Council Meeting will be June 3, 2025.
- Announcements and recognitions by the City Manager (S. Williams)
  - City Manager Steve Williams congratulated the following employees who were promoted.
    - David Graham-EMS Supply Coordinator
    - Steven Ahman and Noah Ellis-Full-time EMT
  - The National Police Memorial Day Ceremony was May 12, 2025. City Manager Williams thanked the City of Cibolo and the volunteers who participated in the ceremony.
  - Mayor Gutierrez, CM Williams, EDC Director Wayman and staff attended the ICSC-International Conference of Shopping Centers in Las Vegas. City officials/staff meet with several vendors. Future announcements will be coming soon.
- Announcements and recognitions by the Mayor (R. Gutierrez)
  - Mayor Gutierrez attended the ICSC Convention and said staff had several meetings with different businesses.

## **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.*

Cheney Walker, 3112 Wolf Run: Mr. Walker is attending tonight's meeting as part of the Chamber Leadership Program.

Miguel Vazquez, 96 Bubbling Spring Rd: Dr. Vazquez-President of Schertz Cibolo Cemetary Association and invited everyone to a presentation honoring National Preservation Month.

Daniel Jameson, 1000 FM, Schertz, TX: Mr. Jameson invited everyone to the Memorial Day Service the City of Schertz is hosting this year. The ceremony will start at 9:00 am at Schertz Veterans Memorial Plaza at 512 Schertz Parkway. The monthly VFW Breakfast is always the 3rd Saturday of the month and everyone is welcome to attend.

Betty Trivette, New Berlin, TX: Ms. Trivette is attending tonight's meeting as part of the Chamber Leadership Program.

Ken McCorkle, 1520 Bench Trail:Mr. McCorkle would like the Council/Inspections Department to grandfather the electrical hookups that water heater uses if the home is electric. He stated he had to pull 2 permits for electrical work and one for the water heater.

### **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. **Minutes** – Approval of the minutes from the City Council Workshop Meeting on May 6, 2025, and the City Council Meeting on May 6, 2025 (S.Edmondson/S.Courney)
2. **Appointments, Re-appointments, and Resignations** - City of Schertz Boards, Commissions and Committees

#### **Appointments:**

- Sharon Denson-Economic Development Corporation

#### **Resignations:**

- Dana Eldridge-Schertz Housing Authority (effective June 1, 2025)
- Justin Murray- Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation (CVLGC)

3. **Resolution 25-R-058** - Authorizing a contract with Magic in the Sky, LLC to perform firework shows at July 4th Jubilee (S.Gonzalez/L.Shrum)
4. **Resolution 25-R-060** - Authorizing a contract with The Urban Foresters for on-call tree trimming services (S.Gonzales/L.Shrum/J.Montney)
5. **Resolution 25-R-054** - Authorizing an increase in expenditures with GenServe Inc. for preventative maintenance and on-call generator services (B.James/D.Hardin/C.Hernandez)
6. **Resolution 25-R-061**- Authorizing an application for the FY 2026 Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant (J.Lowery/ P.Waller)

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Moved by Councilmember Tim Brown, seconded by Councilmember Paul Macaluso

AYE: Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso,  
Councilmember Ben Guerrero, Councilmember Robert Westbrook,  
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

## Discussion and Action Items

7. **Resolution 25-R-059** - Approval and Presentation of the 2025 Recipient of the Hal Baldwin Scholarship (S.Williams/S.Gonzalez) *Presentation to follow approval*

City Manager Steve Williams presented Resolution 25-R-059 to the City Council for approval of the 2025 Recipient of the Hal Baldwin Scholarship. The Hal Baldwin Scholarship Committee received several applicants and chose Ms. Calista Dawkins, a senior at Samuel Clemens High School. Ms. Dawkins will be attending Shriners University in the fall of 2025. Her goal is to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and serve as a medical person in the United States Armed Forces. The Hal Baldwin Scholarship is worth \$5,000.

Mayor Gutierrez asked for a motion for Resolution 25-R-059.

Moved by Councilmember Ben Guerrero, seconded by Councilmember Robert Westbrook

AYE: Councilmember Mark Davis, Councilmember Paul Macaluso,  
Councilmember Ben Guerrero, Councilmember Robert Westbrook,  
Councilmember Tim Brown

Passed

## Workshop

8. Workshop on 12th Flying Training Wing Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard Program. (S.Williams/B.James)

Mayor Gutierrez recognized Assistant City Manager Brian James, who provided the Council with an update on the meetings with staff, JBSA-Randolph and SCUCISD concerning the Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard Program. The birds roosting in this area are a problem with flight operations at Randolph AFB. Representatives from the JBSA Safety Team Committee include Lt. Col. Aaron "Quick" Sands, Capt. Kyle "Fuse" Farnity, USDA Wildlife Biologist Emmy Chan, Curt Robertson-Community Initiatives, Capt. Matthew "Torture" Chambers and Sean Warrell of Public Affairs attended the meeting tonight.

USDA Wildlife Biologist Emmy Chan researches the bird strikes at Randolph AFB. The strike data from Randolph is from January 2020-March 2025, which includes the frequency of strikes per species, and species' Relative Hazard Score (RHS). With the

T-6 and T-38 jets, turkey vultures and the black vultures had the highest strikes compared to other bird species. The cost of damage to these jets ranges from \$20,000-\$600,000 dollars. The plan is to track the roosts (50+ vultures). Mitigation techniques include: pyrotechnics (preferred), paintball guns, lasers, vulture effigies and clapper boards.

The goal is to move the vulture roost out of the T-38 flight pattern, housing and low-flying pattern areas. The timeframe will be a multi-month/multi-year project. The dispersal work will be conducted around sunset, lasting 1–2 hours. The frequency will be 1–3 evenings a week. The time may increase/decrease seasonally.

## **Information available in City Council Packets - NO DISCUSSION TO OCCUR**

### **Requests and Announcements**

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for updates or information from Staff
  - Councilmember Westbrook requested information on the number of permits and the cost of building permits. Councilmember Westbrook would also like to have a workshop and discuss the use of city funds for Council professional development training.
- City and Community Events attended and to be attended (Council)
  - Councilmember Macaluso attended the Police Memorial Ceremony.
  - Councilmember Guerrero would like to discuss the permit process and fees with a possible reduction of permit costs for retirees, the military and the disabled.
  - Councilmember Westbrook attended the Soccer Light Ceremony.
  - Councilmember Brown attended the Police Memorial and the Chamber Luncheon.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor Gutierrez adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary