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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING April 21, 2026

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on April 21, 2026, 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 Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis; Councilmember Michelle Watson; Councilmember Paul Macaluso; Councilmember Ben Guerrero; Councilmember Robert Westbrook; Councilmember Allison Heyward; Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Staff present: City Manager Steve Williams; City Attorney Daniel Jones; Deputy City Manager Brian James; City Secretary Sheila Edmondson; Deputy City Secretary Sheree Courney

Call to Order

Mayor Rodriguez 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. (Mayor Pro Tem Davis)

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis provided the opening prayer and led the Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

Special Announcement

- **Hal Baldwin Scholarship** - Mayor Rodriguez announced to students attending in person or watching online that this was the final opportunity to receive credit for the scholarship.

Proclamations

National Library Week - April 19-25, 2026

Councilmember Ben Guerrero presented the National Library Week - April 19-25, 2026, proclamation to Library Director Lizzi Bertoia and members of the Library Staff, Library Advisory Board, and Library Foundation.

Administrative Professionals Week - April 19-25, 2026

Mayor Ralph Rodriguez presented the Administrative Professionals Week - April 19-25, 2026, proclamation to City Administrative Assistants Shelley Krause, Jacki Marbach, Melissa Rodriguez, Sarah Rodriguez, and Zii Reed.

International Firefighter's Day-May 4, 2026

Mayor Ralph Rodriguez presented the International Firefighters' Day - May 4, 2026, proclamation to Chief Greg Rodgers and members of the Fire Department.

Building and Safety Month-May 2026

Councilmember Michelle Watson presented the Building and Safety Month - May 2026 proclamation to Chief Building Official Jim Bruce, Planning & Community Development Director Lesa Wood, and Administrative Assistant Sarah Rodriguez.

Presentations

YMCA Presentation (Mr. Louis Lopez)

YMCA Presentation was postponed to the next City Council Meeting, May 5, 2026.

City Events and Announcements

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

Deputy City Manager Brian James provided the announcements of upcoming city events.

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

City Manager Steve Williams reported that last weekend's Love Where You Live: Schertz event drew 348 volunteers from a record nine churches and additional organizations, marking the third-highest volunteer turnout. Volunteers assisted 51 neighbors and resolved six code enforcement cases. The City partners with this group to identify and support residents in need, helping address community nuisances and improve neighborhoods..

Mr. Williams also expressed thanks to Public Affairs and Krystal for the great work on the Fiesta medals.

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

Mayor Rodriguez recognized the YMCA following a recent tour of the facility, highlighting the organization's positive impact on the community. He thanked staff members for their time and for showcasing the wide range of services offered, including the aquatic center. He noted that the YMCA also provides community outreach opportunities, with some programs available to residents without a membership. The City appreciates the YMCA's ongoing contributions and encourages residents to watch for upcoming events and programs.

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.

Mayor Rodriguez recognized the following residents:

Alice Pfeiffer, 4490 Brush Creek Dr., spoke in support of the SCUCISD Bond. Ms. Pfeiffer stated that the proposed school bond addresses aging facilities, safety concerns, and technology needs, framing it as a long-term investment in student success, community safety, and property values. She encouraged support for Propositions A, B, and C, noting the bond's importance for strengthening the community's future.

Abigail Simon, 840 Fish Creek, New Braunfels, introduced herself as a member of the Chamber's Leadership Core Class of 2026, and stated she was in attendance to observe and learn more about City operations.

Dana Eldridge, 2628 Gallant Fox Dr., stated concerns regarding the City's trash service contract one year after its approval, noting high resident feedback and comparing service levels and rates to those of Universal City residents. Mr. Eldridge requested information on the anticipated fee increase and asked the Council to consider renegotiating the contract to potentially expand services and reduce additional costs to Schertz residents.

Raquel Gutierrez, 1016 Silvertree, a candidate in the City Council runoff, spoke about recent community engagement efforts and emphasized the importance of resident involvement. She noted confusion among voters due to back-to-back elections and encouraged residents to stay informed and participate in the upcoming runoff, highlighting its impact on key local issues.

Jonathon Marquez, 5817 Saint Andrews, began by stating his early departure from the pre-budget retreat was due to work obligations, not meeting conditions. He expressed disappointment that concerns, particularly regarding children's safety and the need for sidewalks, were not addressed. Mr. Marquez also expressed declining confidence in Council leadership and urged elected officials to take a more active role in advancing meaningful initiatives and policies that directly benefit the community.

Brian Orr, 5299 Top Ridge Ln., introduced himself as a member of the Chamber's Leadership Core Class of 2026, and stated he was in attendance to observe and learn more about City operations.

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 Council-Staff Pre-Budget Meeting on March 27, 2026, the regular Council Meeting on April 7, 2026 and the Special Council Meeting on April 13, 2026 (S.Edmondson/S.Courney/I.Chavez)
2. **Resolution 26-R-057** - Approval of the Heritage Oaks Wastewater Capital Recovery Offset Agreement (S.Williams/B.James)
3. **City of Schertz Boards, Committees, and Commissions**
 - **Appointments**
n/a
 - **Reappointments**
Schertz Historical Preservation Committee for the term ending March 31, 2028:
 - Maria "Angie" Fain
 - **Resignations, Removals, and Expiring Terms**
n/a

Mayor Rodriguez asked if any items needed to be removed for separate action.

No items were removed.

Mayor Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items #1-3.

Moved by Councilmember Allison Heyward, seconded by Councilmember Michelle Watson

AYE: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis, Councilmember Michelle Watson,
Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Ben Guerrero,
Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Passed

Discussion and Action Items

4. **Resolution 26-R-054** - Authorizing the land acquisition of approximately 3 acres of land located at the western ends of Church Street and Zuehl Road, Property ID 67672 for an amount not to exceed \$125,000 plus closing costs, specifying funding sources, and other matters in connection therewith (S.Williams/B.James)

Mayor Rodriguez recognized Deputy City Manager Brian James who introduced Resolution 26-R-054 authorizing the land acquisition of approximately 3 acres of land

located at the western ends of Church Street and Zuehl Road for \$125,000 plus closing costs. He explained the property, located along Cibolo Creek, is currently overgrown and would provide the City additional land adjacent to existing park property for future use, while also allowing for improved vegetation and floodplain maintenance.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the floor to Council for discussion.

In response to Council questions, Mr. James noted the estimated ongoing maintenance cost would be under \$5,000 annually, primarily for required mowing, likely handled through existing Parks maintenance contracts. Mr. James also stated that City ownership would improve the City's ability to manage and deter homeless encampments through regular monitoring and enforcement, including the ability to issue trespass orders.

Mr. James further clarified that no immediate development plan exists for the property and that staffing levels are not expected to change at this time, as maintenance would be absorbed within existing resources and managed similarly to other recently acquired City properties.

Mayor Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve Resolution 26-R-054.

Moved by Councilmember Michelle Watson, seconded by Councilmember Robert Westbrook

AYE: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Davis, Councilmember Michelle Watson,
Councilmember Paul Macaluso, Councilmember Ben Guerrero,
Councilmember Robert Westbrook, Councilmember Allison Heyward,
Councilmember Robert Sheridan

Passed

Information available in City Council Packets - NO DISCUSSION TO OCCUR

- 5. Update to Real Property Acquisition Process (S.Gonzalez/J.Kurz)**
- 6. Check Report - March 2026 (S.Gonzalez/J.Walters)**
- 7. Petition for Removal of Property from the City of Schertz ETJ - Update on approximately 5.115 Acre ETJ Release in Northern Schertz near Old Nacogdoches Road within Comal County, Comal County Property Identification Number 455975 (B.James/L.Wood/E.Delgado)**
- 8. Petition for Removal of Property from the City of Schertz ETJ - Update on approximately 5.1 Acre ETJ Release in Northern Schertz near Old Nacogdoches Road within Comal County, Comal County Property Identification Number 468928 (B.James/L.Wood/E.Delgado)**

Requests and Announcements

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

1. Councilmember Sheridan requested a staff presentation on solid waste services, stating the City should review the current trash contract and explore potential adjustments to better meet resident needs.

City Manager Steve Williams responded that staff is developing a community survey on solid waste services, which will be shared with Council for feedback.

Councilmember Guerrero concurred, noting that contracts can be modified if needed to reflect resident input and improve service delivery.

Councilmember Macaluso requested additional data and statistics from the provider, specifically regarding recycling participation rates and overall service usage, to evaluate whether current service levels align with community needs.

2. Mayor Rodriguez also requested an update on a proposed sidewalk connection near Davenport School along FM 1103, emphasizing the need to improve pedestrian safety for students walking to and from school. Staff confirmed a follow-up presentation with cost information will be provided at a future meeting.

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

Councilmember Westbrook requested an update on the timing of Council committee reassignments, asking whether they will occur after the election cycle. Staff confirmed that committee reassignment will take place following the completion of the elections.

He also requested a future agenda item regarding committee bylaws, noting that the item had been previously requested at an earlier meeting.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Davis attended the Schertz Housing Authority meeting.

Councilmember Macaluso attended the TIRZ meeting.

Councilmember Westbrook attended the SSLGC meeting.

Councilmember Heyward attended the Police Promotion.

Councilmember Sheridan attended the Police Promotion, SCUCISD Education Foundation, and The Chamber luncheon.

Mayor Rodriguez attended the Schertz Housing Authority meeting.

Adjournment

Mayor Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ralph Rodriguez, Mayor

Sheila Edmondson, City Secretary