

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING**  
**February 16, 2016**

A Special Town Hall Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on February 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Center North, 3501 Morning Drive, Schertz, Texas. The following members present to-wit:

Mayor Pro-Tem Cedric Edwards  
Councilmember Grumpy Azzoz  
Councilmember Robin Thompson

Councilmember Jim Fowler  
Councilmember Daryl John

Staff Present:  
Executive Director Brian James  
Executive Director Bob Cantu  
City Secretary Brenda Dennis

City Manager John Kessel  
Executive Director Dudley Wait  
City Attorney Clarissa Rodriguez  
Deputy City Secretary Donna Schmoekel

*Mayor Carpenter was out of town on business.*

**Call to Order – City Council Special town Hall Meeting**

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Welcome and Introduction**

- Mayor Michael Carpenter/Mayor Pro-Tem Cedric Edwards

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards welcomed everyone and provided a brief overview of the evening's proceedings and introducing the attending councilmembers, city manager and executive directors.

**Presentations regarding the specific topics:**

- Infrastructure (Streets & Waterlines)

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized City Engineer Kathy Woodlee who provided information on ongoing waterline improvements in Northcliffe as follows:

- Phase 1 - Waterlines Replaced, Streets Reconstructed (all done)
- Phase 2 - Waterlines Replaced (all done)
- Phase 3A - Waterline Replacement in Design (30% done)
- Phase 3B - Waterline Replacement in Design (30% done)

City-Wide Street Improvements (maintenance and reconstruction) are usually funded with bond revenues and include:

- Staff currently working on professional services contract for Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Survey

- Survey will be a basis for street improvement prioritization
- Street improvement projects to be identified during budget process for FY 2016-2017
- The recently approved bond projects, including improvements to FM 1103 & FM 1518.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized Kathy Woodlee who provided the following info:

The November 2015 Bond Election authorized \$2 million for FM 1103 improvements including the Schertz portion (IH 35 to Old Wiederstein Road) and the Cibolo portion (Old Wiederstein Road to Rodeo Way). City Staff has a meeting with TxDOT on February 29 and TxDOT will hold a public meeting to present a preliminary plan. Further information will be coming out in the near future.

The City has allocated Five million dollars for FM 1518 improvements (FM 78 to IH 10). TxDOT is also contributing \$5 million. TxDOT (on our behalf) also applied to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) for additional federal funding of \$9.5 million. Proposed design plans include intersection improvements by Hwy 78 & FM 1518 as well as more traffic lanes on FM 1518. Public input is scheduled to start February 22, 2016. You can participate online at [www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove](http://www.alamoareampo.org/yourmove). Additionally, there are several meetings scheduled at different locations in the area from February 23 to March 3.

Executive management and staff answered questions from residents and clarified information.

*Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized former Councilmember David Scagliola and wife Maria who were in the audience.*

- Proposed development in the area, including the Homestead project at Schwab Road and IH-35.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized Director of Planning and Community Development Lesa Wood who pointed out the current commercial and residential entities in the area on maps. There are three proposed developments; 1) Cypress Point, 2) Parkland subdivision plus a proposed park and school site, and 3) The Homestead Subdivision (formerly known as Nor-Tex Farms). Ms. Wood pointed out each location on maps for the audience and summarized the following proposal(s):

- 750 Single Family Residential Homes (232 lots currently being platted)
- 133 acres of land designated for Commercial/Multi-Family
- School site
- City Park (14 acres)
- Townhomes
- Open space areas with multi-purpose walkway to provide links between park areas, open space, neighborhoods, and the school site.
- Main Boulevard with tree lined streets and sidewalks.

Ms. Wood and Executive Directors Brian James and Dudley Wait answered various questions from the residents.

- Traffic and Code Enforcement issues.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized Traffic Unit Supervisor and Patrol Officer A.J. Arriaga who stated that along with the help of citizens, members of the TSAC committee, Engineering, Public Works, and Planning they are able to concentrate on where the city's traffic issues are at. Early last year they got a letter advising the city that in the Northcliffe area there were problems with speeding, running stop signs, and parking problems. He stated they have been out there with traffic units and also are utilizing a mechanism called a Speed Spy that gives them data on what is going on. Moving violations are a major goal to address but they have also now developed some courtesy traffic booklets that officers are starting to give out to violators.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards recognized City Marshal Michael Harris who said they are the other law enforcement unit in the city. They have three divisions, 1) Warrant Division, 2) Environmental Health and Code Enforcement, and 3) Animal Services. He encouraged citizens to contact them with any assistance regarding discarded large trash items, vehicles obstructing right of ways, illegal dumping, and high grass/weeds. Animal Services can assist with stray animals, animals running at large, or cruelty cases, as well as rabies control, adoptions, and licenses and permits. He spoke about some outside adoption and rescue organizations that they network with, the Trap, Neuter, and Release program and asked anyone who wants to volunteer some time to the shelter to give them a call. Another thing they do is fundraising for the needs and care of the animals.

Mayor Pro Tem Edwards asked if anyone had heard of the 'hand free ordinance'. He asked Police Chief Michael Hansen to come forward and say a few words about it. Chief Hansen stated this was a hot topic of discussion at city council for a while last year. The city ordinance prohibits a driver from talking or texting on their cell phone while driving unless they can do so hands free. In the back at their table, they have some 'holders' for their cell phones that will work with most phones. He invited everyone to check it out.

### **City Hall Communications:**

City Council will host a citizens' communication meeting to hear citizen issues and provide general policy and factual information as to issues brought up by citizens. No action shall be taken except to place an item on a future agenda as appropriate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked all the councilmembers to come forward. He said these are the councilmembers who represent you--the residents. We are growing as a community. Hold your elected officials to their task of representing you by speaking on your behalf. These people are here to serve you.

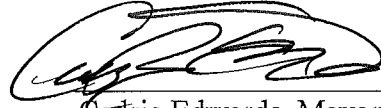
Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards asked City Manager John Kessel to come forward and say a few words. Mr. Kessel stated if anyone had any more questions to please bring them forward.

Residents brought forth a few more questions related to getting a prompt response from city personnel in regard to street repair due to broken waterlines, how to address the speeding in their neighborhoods, Country Club Drive, construction damage by contractors on roads, mowing of green areas, and surveying activity on FM 1103.

As there were no more questions, Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards thanked the residents for coming and participating and all the City Staff members for making this a successful meeting.

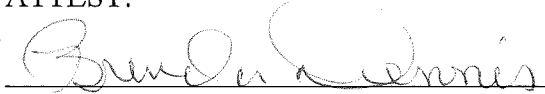
**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Cedric Edwards, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Brenda Dennis, City Secretary