

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2017

A Regular Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on May 9, 2017, 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:

Mayor Michael Carpenter
Councilmember Mark Davis
Councilmember Scott Larson
Councilmember Angelina Kiser

Mayor Pro-Tem Cedric Edwards
Councilmember Ralph Gutierrez
Councilmember Robin Thompson
Councilmember Bert Crawford

Staff Present:
City Attorney Charles Zech
City Secretary Brenda Dennis

Executive Director Brian James
Assistant to City Manager Sarah Gonzalez

Call to Order – City Council Regular Session

Mayor Carpenter 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 Thompson)

Councilmember Thompson provided the opening prayer followed by the pledges of allegiance to the flags of the United States and the State of Texas.

Mayor Carpenter recognized Executive Director Brian James who has the helm this evening in the absence of Mr. Kessel.

City Events and Announcements

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

Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez provided the following announcements:

Thursday, May 11

Northeast Partnership Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Olympia Hills Golf and Conference Center

TML Region 7 Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Live Oak Hilton Garden Inn, 8101 Pat Booker Road

May 15-19

Annual Food Drive for Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP)
Drop-off locations Schertz, Cibolo, Garden Ridge, Universal City and Selma City Halls

Tuesday, May 16

Chamber Luncheon 11:30 a.m.
Schertz Civic Center

Council on the Go Town Hall Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Norma J. Paschal Elementary Cafeteria

Friday, May 19

Park Tour-North Route 1:00-5:00 p.m. (North of Elbel Road)
Meet at Council Chambers Parking Lot – RSVP with City Secretary’s Office

Saturday, May 20

Park Tour-South Route 8:00 a.m.- noon. (South of Elbel Road)
Meet at Council Chambers Parking Lot – RSVP with City Secretary’s Office

May 14-20 National Police Week

Wednesday, May 17

Police Memorial 10:00 a.m.

Ceremony will take place in front of the Municipal Court Building
The Schertz and Cibolo Police Department will host a ceremony to honor those men and women in law enforcement who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Friday, May 19

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Meet at Council Chambers Parking Lot – RSVP with City Secretary’s Office

Saturday, May 20

Park Tour-South Route 8:00 a.m.- noon. (South of Elbel Road)
Meet at Council Chambers Parking Lot – RSVP with City Secretary’s Office

HOLD THE DATE

May 21-27 EMS Week

Sunday, May 21

EMS Golf Tournament – Tee off 9:00 a.m.
Olympia Hills Golf Course

Monday, May 22

14th Annual Hog Wild –7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by DNRBH&Z. Held at Texas State University Student Center, 301 Student Drive

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

Ribbon Cutting McGarrell Orthodontics 4:30 p.m.
6051 FM 3009 # 248

CVLGC Joint Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m.
Schertz Civic Center Bluebonnet Hall
Monday, May 29
City Offices Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

Friday, June 30
TML Legislative Wrap-up 7:45a – 2:30 p.m.
Contact Brenda or Donna to register – Event held at the Double Tree by Hilton Austin.

- Announcements and recognitions by City Manager (B. James)

No announcements were provided.

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.

Discussion by the Council of any item not on the agenda shall be limited to statements of specific factual information given in response to any inquiry, a recitation of existing policy in response to an inquiry, and/or a proposal to place the item on a future agenda. The presiding officer, during the Hearing of Residents portion of the agenda, will call on those persons who have signed up to speak in the order they have registered.

Mayor Carpenter recognized the following who spoke:

- Ms. Laura Torres, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator for CASA of Central Texas, who came forward providing information on CASA and the roles volunteers play and the need for volunteers in Guadalupe County. She stated that on May 13th and May 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. they are hosting a Schertz training class, at the Schertz GVEC Community Room, 908 Curtis Avenue. She encourages those to get involved and become a volunteer.

Presentation

- Presentation regarding the Hal Baldwin Scholarship Award Recommendations. (B. James/S. Gonzalez)

Mayor Carpenter recognized Assistant to the City Manager Sarah Gonzalez who stated that back in February Council appointed the members to serve on the scholarship committee. At the end of April, they closed out the application process. Six applications were received. The Hal Baldwin Scholarship Committee met today to go over the six applications and they concluded and made a recommendation to Council that a full scholarship in the amount of

\$5,000 be awarded to Ms. Grace Harper of St. John Paul II Catholic High School, and who was the first student to win from this school. Ms. Gonzalez stated on May 23, 2017 the Committee and Council will award and present the scholarship.

- Presentation by DXE Medical – AED Donation to BVYA (D. Wait/J. Mabbitt/K. Burnam)

Mayor Carpenter stated that this has been postponed to the May 23rd meeting.

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 of the Regular Meeting of May 2, 2017. (J. Kessel/B. Dennis)
2. **Boards, Commissions and Committee Member Appointments** – Consideration and/or action regarding the appointment of Mr. John Baker as a regular member to the Historical Preservation Committee. (B. Dennis/Mayor/Council)

Mayor Carpenter recognized Councilmember Thompson who moved, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards to approve consent agenda items 1-2. **The vote was unanimous with Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards, Councilmembers Davis, Gutierrez, Larson, Thompson, Kiser and Crawford voting for and no one voting no. Motion passed.**

Roll Call Vote Confirmation

Mayor Carpenter recognized City Secretary Brenda Dennis who provided the roll call votes for agenda items 1-2.

Requests and Announcements

3. Announcements by City Manager.

No further announcements were made.

4. Council members to request that items be placed on a future agenda. No discussion of the merits of the item may be taken at this time. Should a Council Member oppose placement of the requested item on a future agenda, the Mayor, without allowing discussion, shall ask for the consensus of the other City Council members to place or not place the item on a future agenda.

Mayor Carpenter recognized Councilmember Kiser who asked for information regarding the current employee pension plan. Executive Director Brian James stated that Finance Director James Walters will be presenting this at the June 6th Council meeting under the Financial report.

5. Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

- City and community events attended and to be attended
- City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments (see assignments below)
- Continuing education events attended and to be attended
- Recognition of actions by City employees
- Recognition of actions by community volunteers

Mayor Carpenter recognized Councilmember Davis who complimented staff: the Marshal Department, Public Works and other departments and volunteers, for a successful Love Where You Live cleanup event held this past Saturday.

Mayor Carpenter recognized Councilmember Thompson who commended the Parks and Recreation Department on the park dedication ceremony held earlier this evening. He stated that Parks Director Chuck VanZandt mentioned that we spent \$90,000 cleaning out the trees. He also stated that until you walk there and see what it is like you really don't recognize the impact. He believes that it is the best \$90,000 the City has spent in a long time and will benefit our residents greatly.

Mayor Carpenter echoed the comments from Councilmember Thompson regarding the new park they opened today. It is a beautiful piece of land with dozens of Oak Trees that are hundreds of years old, if not older. This is a gorgeous place. Many years from now when that area is developed there will be beautiful pieces of green space, approximately 13 acres.

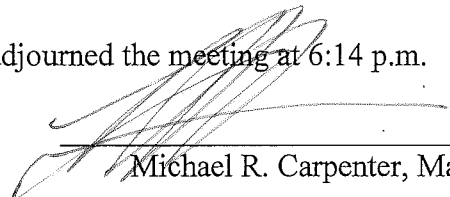
Mayor Carpenter congratulated the volunteers and the winners of the Schertz Sweetheart Court from the Sweetheart Court Coronation this past week. The event was outstanding and the young ladies that competed were remarkable. He wished they all could have won, but there are only four ambassador positions and those four that won, he has all the confidence that they will represent the city well.

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

- Update regarding the Woman Hollering Creek Sewer Project. (B. James/K. Woodlee)


Adjournment

As there was no further business, Mayor Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.



Michael R. Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Dennis, City Secretary

