

MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING
May 16, 2017

A Special Town Hall Meeting was held by the Schertz City Council of the City of Schertz, Texas, on May 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the Norma J. Paschal Elementary Cafeteria, 590 Savannah Drive, 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:

Executive Director Brian James
Executive Director Kyle Kinateder
City Secretary Brenda Dennis
Fire Chief David Covington
City Engineer Kathy Woodlee
GIS Coordinator Tony McFalls
Finance Director James Walters
Municipal Court Administrator Patty Veliz
Public Affairs Director Linda Klepper
Director of Planning/Comm. Dev. Lesa Wood
Marketing/Comm. Mgr. Melissa Geedman
Chief Building Official Gilbert Durant
Environmental Health Manager Jesse Hamilton
Deputy Marshal Steve Pulaski
Parks & Rec Director Chuck VanZandt
Sr. Admin. Asst. Sandy Bryant
Sr. Support System Engineer Eric Haugen

City Manager John Kessel
Executive Director Dudley Wait
City Attorney Clarissa Rodriguez
Deputy City Secretary Donna Schmoekel
Assistant Public Works Director Jimmy Hooks
IT Director Myles Clauser
Library Director Melissa Uhlhorn
Assistant Finance Director Chad Garcia
Marshal Michael Harris
Animal Services Manager Shanna O'Brien
Asst. Bus. Office Mgr. Rodolfo Rosales
Police Officer J. Ortiz
Senior Planner Bryce Cox
Code Enforcement Officer Thomas Brooks
Deputy Marshal William Sutton
Asst. Parks & Rec Director Lauren Shrum
EMS Operations Mgr. Toni Bradford
Client Services Tech I Ray Nichols

Meet and Greet (6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Call to Order – City Council Special Town Hall Meeting

Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States. (Councilmember Kiser)

Councilmember Kiser provided the opening prayer and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flags of the United States and Texas.

Welcome and Introduction

- Mayor Michael Carpenter

Mayor Carpenter welcomed everyone and encouraged the attendees to complete their comment cards at the end of the meeting and drop them off with a staff member. He provided a verbal outline of how the evening events would be presented.

Mayor Carpenter recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Cedric Edwards and stated that this concept and idea was brought forward by him to bring these types of meeting out to the citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edwards came forward expressing his appreciation for everyone attending and recognized all the staff members present that made this happen. He welcomed everyone in attendance.

Presentations regarding the specific topics:

• **Central Schertz Development Updates.**

Mayor Carpenter recognized Director of Planning and Community Development Lesa Wood who provided information on updated plans for this area. Information presented included the following:

Residential Development:

- Approximately 67 acres of new residential development approved or under construction.
- A total of 176 new single family residential lots.
- Projects include: Misty Woods, Mesa Oaks Estates, and Bindseil Farms

• **Bindseil Farms Subdivision:**

- Includes 84 Single Family Residential Lots, ultimate extension of Live Oak Road.

• **Misty Woods Subdivision and Mesa Oaks Estates Subdivision:**

- Misty Woods is 36 Single Family Residential Lots
- Mesa Oaks Estates is 56 Single Family Residential Lots

Commercial Development:

- 9 new commercial projects
- Approximately 195,115 square feet of new commercial:
 - 27,640 square feet Medical Offices
 - 14,650 square feet Retail/Commercial
 - 19,500 square feet Offices
 - 113,325 square feet Hotels
- Brake Check
- Schertz Parkway Medical Office – Savannah Drive & Schertz Parkway
- Schertz Business Park
- Starbucks & Retail Space – Elbel Road & FM 3009
- Murphy Express – Elbel Road & FM 3009
- Staybridge Suites

- Candlewood Suites
- Focal Point Vision
- **Park Updates.**

Mayor Carpenter recognized Parks Director Chuck VanZandt and Assistant Parks Director Lauren Shrum who provided information regarding the following:

- Schertz Aquatics Center
- Pickrell Park Pool Improvements
- Heritage Oaks Parks – 11700 Longleaf Parkway
- Community Playscape Restroom – Schertz Playscape. 629 Westchester Dr
- Rhine Valley Park – 9958 Mulhouse Drive
- Palm Park, 200 Block of FM 78
- No Name Park – 3100 Block of Schertz Parkway
- Hilltop Park – 6300 Block of Jimmy Walker
- Homestead Park

Program Updates

- Trunk or Treat & Movie in the Park
- 2017 Music & Movies in the Park
 - June 3 – Pirates! The Band of Misfits & Pool Party
 - October 28 – Hotel Transylvania 2
 - December 9 – Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Crescent Bend Nature Park Programs

- Bird Watching activities
- Scouting activities
- Master Naturalist activities

Awards Received:

- Lone Star Programming Award
- Texas Maintenance Achievement Award

Sidewalk & Trail Projects:

- \$1.1 million in sidewalk construction, trail construction, and bike lane striping (6.97 miles)
- Schertz’ project has been recommended for funding by the MPO’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees

Next steps include MPO presentation of the projects at the Transportation Policy Board meeting on Monday May 22, a funding recommendation at the TAC meeting on June 2^d, and Transportation Policy Board action on the funded project at their meeting on Monday June 26, 2017.

Mayor Carpenter took the opportunity to introduce the Councilmembers who were present; each Councilmember stood and was recognized.

- **Public Safety Facility Update (Fire Station #3).**

Mayor Carpenter recognized Fire Chief David Covington who provided information regarding proposed future facilities, existing coverage areas and information regarding the new Fire Station No. 3 and its proposed coverage area. Chief Covington also explained that Fire Station No.3 will have community rooms.

- **Schertz Parkway Repair Update.**

Mayor Carpenter recognized City Engineer Kathy Woodlee who provided information regarding Schertz Parkway improvements – Maske Road to Live Oak Road.

Points of Interest included:

Scope

- All travel and turn lanes to be reconstructed between Maske Road and Live Oak Road. Intent is to preserve curb and median improvements.
- Reconstruct asphalt pedestrian trail
- Widen Live Oak Road at intersection to provide dual west-bound lanes (optional)

Project to be bid with alternative road sections – asphalt and concrete

Current Project Schedule:

- ✓ 50% Design – mid April 2017
- 100% Design – mid May 2017
- Construction Start – Summer 2017
- Construction Period 6-9 months – complete Spring 2018

- **FM Road Updates.**

Mayor Carpenter recognized City Engineer who provided information regarding the following:

FM 1103 Schertz:

- Two Projects
 - Bridge over IH 35 – replace existing bridge, construct new turnarounds, and intersection operational improvement.
 - Project design complete
 - TxDOT scheduling construction to begin springs/summer 2017
 - Look for updates from City regarding construction schedule, possible rerouting of traffic
- IH 35 to Old Wiederstein Road – expand to 4 lanes with medians, turn lanes, sidewalk, and bike lanes.

FM 1103 Schertz:

- TxDOT currently completing environmental clearance
- Right of Way acquisition process (12-18 months)
- Utility relocations
- Construction

FM 1518 IH 10 to FM 78:

- City of Schertz Bond - \$5 Million
- TxDOT Contribution - \$5 Million
- Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO) – Federal Funding - \$9.5 Million
- Project currently programmed for 2021 - \$19.5 Million
- Surveying and conceptual Design Process
- Strategic improvements (key intersections) to be completed first

Traffic Signal Improvements:

- New signal – Schaeffer Road at FM 1518
Installed, flash mode coming soon, fully operational 1-2 weeks later
- New Signal – Deer Creek at FM 3009
Fully Operational
- Existing Signal – East Live Oak at FM 3009
Under Review
- FM 78
TxDOT evaluating modifications of signals during train passing

Other Improvements:

- FM 3009 sidewalks
Completing handrails and cleaning up
Be on the lookout for a celebration event

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.

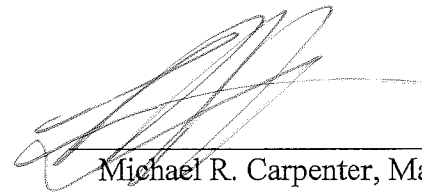
Mayor Carpenter recognized the following citizens who spoke:

- Ms. Beverly Landry, 3601 Macon Avenue who addressed concerns regarding trash on Schertz Parkway. She wanted to know who is in charge of picking up the trash. Executive Director Brian James addressed her concerns and let her know that he would look into it.

- Ms. Cynthia Patterson, 3533 Peachtree Lane who expressed concerns regarding the intersection of Woodland Oaks and Schertz Parkway.
- Mr. Rodney Phillips, 2441 Woodbridge Way who addressed concerns regarding traffic lights.
- Ms. Helen Lafitte, Schertz Police department who invited everyone to join them tomorrow to recognize the fallen officers at a Police Memorial being held at 10:00 a.m. at the Schertz Civic Center.
- Mr. Edward Fair, 2584 Cove Trail who addressed concerns regarding traffic visibility obstructions.

As there were no further questions or comments, Mayor Carpenter thanked the residents for attending/participating and all the City Staff members for making this a very successful meeting. He stated members of Council and staff are available should the residents wish to speak to them. He also stated that he is placing his cards on the back table and encouraged those to reach out to him.

Mayor Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Michael R. Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Brenda Dennis, City Secretary