

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 12951 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas. This was an open meeting, subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas.

Council

Present: Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor  
Paul Friedrichs, Mayor Pro Tem  
Edward Villanueva  
Alex Blue  
Bert Buys  
Cynthia Massey

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, City Administrator  
Grace Tamez, City Secretary

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Member Buys led the invocation. Mayor Schoolcraft led the pledge to the U.S. flag and the Texas flag.

OPEN SESSION:

**2. Citizens to be Heard.**

No one signed up to speak on this item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**3. Discussion of and action on an Ordinance No. 582 of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas amending Code of Ordinances Chapter 66 Signs, Article V Sign Classifications; Permit, Section 66-51 Commercial Signs: Projecting, Wall and Hanging, or In or On Windows, Subsection (d) Commercial Signs In/On Windows or Doors; declaring a public purpose; authorizing the City Administrator to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

On December 10, 2015 City Council proposed ordinance stipulating size, no more than fifty percent coverage of the area of the window or door and number, a maximum of eight signs allowed on the window or doors. Address, hours of operation, method of payment, professional association, security company, government notices and open or closed status are excluded from the maximum number limit.

Motion was made by Council Member Massey, second by Mayor Pro Tem Friedrichs, to discuss and act on this item as written.

Discussion included supporting local business by not regulating window signs, overregulating versus no regulations, and maintaining Helotes' esthetic standards.

Motion to amend was made by Council Member Massey, second by Mayor Pro Tem Friedrichs, to approve the ordinance as proposed with the stipulation that the size paragraph, the percentage limits, be removed.

Motion to approve carried: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays – Council Member Buys, Council Member Blue; 0 Abstain.

The approved ordinance stipulates a total of eight (8) window signs allowed.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items marked with an asterisk (\*\*\*) on the consent agenda were voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Friedrichs, second by Council Member Blue, to approve items 4, 5, 6, and 7 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

- 4.\*\* Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 10, 2015. (Staff)**
- 5.\*\* Approval of the Fisscal Year Ending FYE 2016 City of Helotes Revenue, Expense, and Encumbrance Report dated January 4, 2016. (Staff)**
- 6.\*\* Approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas repealing Resolution No. 266 and amending adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 Standards and Applications in anticipation of the receipt of Street Maintenance Sales Tax revenues; establishing fund balance policies and procedures for non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned funds; authorizing revenue and expense appropriations and budget adjustments for street maintenance for FYE 2016; authorizing the City Administrator to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**
- 7.\*\* Approval of an Ordinance No. 583 of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas amending Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 86 *Traffic and Vehicles*, Article II *Vehicle Operation*, Section 86-11 *Speed Limits On Streets and Highways*, Subsections (c) and (e) and Section 86-16 *Stop Signs*, Subsection (b) to enforce vehicular speed, signage, and other rules of the road within the Hearthstone PUD Subdivision; authorizing the City Administrator to implement the provisions of this Ordinance; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; incorporating recitals; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

8. **Discussion of and action on a request for amendment of a previously approved creative sign application by B-Daddy's Barbeque for wall signage, pursuant to Code of Ordinances Chapter 98, Sec. 98-72(g) *Old Town Helotes Special District Sign Regulations*, on property located at 14436 E. Bandera Rd., Helotes, Texas 78023, more particularly described as CB 4524 P-28A ABS 645. (Applicant)**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Friedrichs, second by Council Member Blue, to discuss and act on this item as written.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

9. **Discussion of and action to approve the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation (EDC) FYE 2016 Strategic Work Plan constituting the EDC Plan, pursuant to Article Four *Functional Corporate Duties and Requirements*, Section 4.1 of the EDC Bylaws. (EDC)**

Motion was made by Council Member Massey, second by Council Member Villanueva, to discuss and act on this item as written.

General consensus was to remove the Hausman Road Expansion from the "Projects" (page 2) and make minor grammatical corrections on page 8 and on the "History" pages.

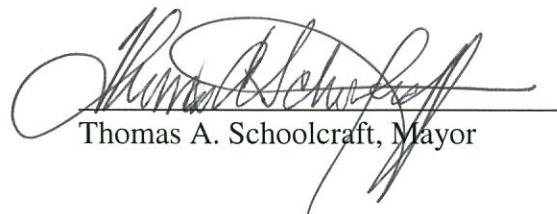
Motion to approve carried unanimously.

***Adjourn.***

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Grace Tamez, City Secretary

  
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Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

