

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 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
Bert Buys, Mayor Pro Tem
Edward Villanueva
Alex Blue
Cynthia Massey
Paul Friedrichs

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, City Administrator
Steve Peña, City Attorney
Grace Tamez, City Secretary

1. Call to Order.

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

Richard Fulk, Cedar Springs HOA President, introduced himself to the Council.

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 Councilmember Friedrichs, second by Councilmember Villanueva, to approve items 3, 4, 5, and 6 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 12, 2013. (Staff)**

4. Approval of the City of Helotes Revenue and Expense Report dated January 16, 2014. (Staff)**

5. Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas calling for a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for the purpose of electing one (1) Alderman Place 1, one (1) Alderman Place 2, and one (1) Alderman Place 4; providing for early voting and for notice of the Election; making provisions for the conduct of the Election; authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute a**

Contract for Election Services with Bexar County, Texas; and resolving other matters incident and related to such Election. (Staff)

5 cont. *Aprobación de una Ordenanza de la Ciudad de Helotes ordenando y proveyendo aviso de una Elección General llevándose a cabo el Sábado, 10 de Mayo de 2014 para el propósito de elegir a un (1) Concejal Lugar 1, un (1) Concejal Lugar 2, y un (1) Concejal Lugar 4; previendo votación adelantada y para aviso de la elección; haciendo provisiones para el conducto de la elección; autorizando al Alcalde a ejecutar un Contrato para Servicios de Elección con el Condado de Bexar, Texas; y resolver otros asuntos incidentes y relacionados a tal elección. (Personal)*

6. Approval of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas amending City of Helotes Code of Ordinances Chapter 86 *Traffic and Vehicles*, Article II *Vehicle Operation*, Section 86-11 *Speed limits on streets and highways* to reduce the speed limit on Bandera Road (S.H. 16); authorizing the City Administrator, Chief of Police, Code Enforcement Officer, and City Engineer 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:

7. Presentation by Anne Burger Entrekin, Managing Director of First Southwest Company, and discussion of debt instruments available to the City of Helotes and the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation and the issuance thereof to fund the following capital improvement projects:

- **S.H. 16 (Bandera Rd.) Water / Sewer Project;**
- **F.M. 1560 / Circle A Trail Realignment Project;**
- **Helotes Creek Linear Park Transportation Enhancement Project; and**
- **F.M. 1560 – Helotes Creek Tributary A Bridge Crossing.**

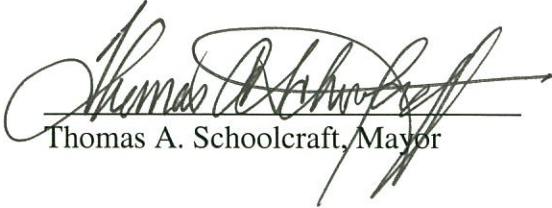
Ms. Anne Burger Entrekin, Managing Director of First Southwest Company discussed debt instruments available to the City. The presentation also included legal requirements and use for the following instruments; General Obligation Bonds (GO's), Certificates of Obligation (CO's), Contractual Obligations, Tax Notes/Bond Anticipation Notes with maturity of seven years or one year, Revenue Bonds, and Contract Revenue Bonds.

The current interest rates and the City's current debt obligations, 2002 CO's, and 2007 CO's, were also discussed. Ms. Burger Entrekin praised the City because its credit rating had recently been upgraded from A+ to a AA rating.

The total cost to the City for the noted projects has not been finalized. General consensus was to place this item on a future agenda for further discussion and include details regarding the cost and the projected dates for construction on the listed projects.


8. Adjourn.

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

ATTEST:



Grace Tamez, City Secretary

