

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting Thursday, February 22, 2018 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.

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

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, City Administrator
Celina Perez, City Secretary
Susan Darst, Assistant to City Administrator

1. Call to Order.

Mayor Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Boy Scouts from Troop 211 and Troop 903.

Mayor Pro Tem 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.

CONSENT AGENDA (ITEM NOS. 3 - 5): All items marked with an asterisk (**) on the consent agenda were voted on by one motion. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Buys, second by Council Member Friedrichs, to approve items 3, 4, and 5 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

- 3.** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 8, 2018. (Staff)**
- 4.** Approval of the Quarterly Investment Reports for the City of Helotes and the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for the quarter ending December 31, 2017. (Staff)**
- 5.** Approval of the City of Helotes Police Department Racial Profiling Report dated February 12, 2018 for the 2017 Calendar Year. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. **Discussion of and direction on an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas amending Chapter 66 *Signs* of the Municipal Code of Ordinances; 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)**

Discussion focused on sections pertaining to exempted signage and prohibited signage. Council debated over LED signs and teardrop type banners. Additionally, clarification was discussed on sections pertaining to menu board signage and canopy signage.

Frank Garza, City Attorney, recommended minor changes, as per state law, to Section 66-47 *Political Signage*, Subparagraph (2) and changes as per case law to, Section 66-61 *Nonconforming Signage*, Subparagraph (b).

7. **Discussion of and action on the EDC Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2018 Strategic Work Plan, as mandated by Article IV, Section 4.1 of the EDC Bylaws. (Staff)**

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

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion of and action on the Old Town Helotes Special District Pedestrian Bridge Project, including, but not limited to, the completion of pedestrian bridge structural revisions, a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR), and a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for modification of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and the lowering of the proposed elevation of the pedestrian bridge to a height comparable to the existing vehicular bridge. (Staff)**

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

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting into closed session at 8:21 p.m. after reading the caption below.

9. **Closed Session in accordance with Texas Government Code 551.071 *Consultations with Attorney* and 551.087 *Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations*. In addition to the matters listed below, any matter scheduled for Open Session may be discussed in Closed Session, as appropriate and authorized by law:**

- **Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations on the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) modification and/or removal of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Critical Habitat designation from 15030 Bandera Rd., Helotes, TX 78023 for economic development purposes.**

Mayor Schoolcraft convened the meeting into open session at 9:28 p.m. and announced that no action had been taken in closed session.


10. **Discussion of and action on the City of Helotes Economic Development Corporation's (EDC) modification and/or removal of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Critical Habitat designation from 15030 Bandera Rd., Helotes, TX 78023 for economic development purposes. (Staff)**

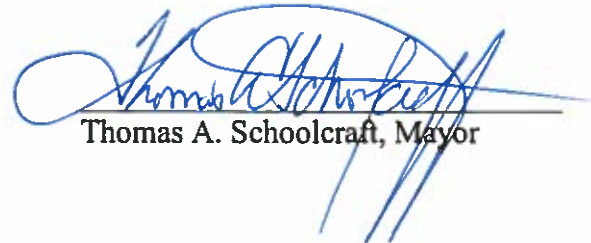
No action was taken on Item 10.

Adjourn

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 9:29 pm.

ATTEST:


Celina Perez, City Secretary


Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

