

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting Thursday, February 27, 2020 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  
Alex Blue, Mayor Pro Tem  
Alan Holmes  
Bert Buys  
Cynthia Massey  
Paul Friedrichs

Staff Present: Marian Mendoza, City Administrator  
Celina Perez, 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.

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 Council Member Friedrichs, second by Council Member Buys, to approve items 3 through 5 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

- 3.\*\* Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 13, 2020. (Staff)**
- 4.\*\* Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Helotes to participate in the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Staff)**
- 5.\*\* Approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Helotes to participate in an Interlocal Participation Agreement for the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative and authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreement for such purpose. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

6. Discussion of and action on a request by Cross Development SF San Antonio Bandera, LLC for a variance to Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 94 *Vegetation* requiring parking lot shading and street tree planting prior to the issuance of a building permit for Service First Automotive Center located at 12596 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, more particularly described as BCAD Prop. ID No. 1273906. (Applicant)

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

Discussion included the three (3) variance areas requested by the applicant. Council Member Blue was not in agreement with eliminating the planting of a tree in the middle of the parking lot, as this area was back to back parking spaces, and did not interfere with vehicle maneuvering.

Speaking on this item was James Pool, Development Manager. Planting a tree in the middle parking lot would eliminate 4 parking spaces. The loss of the spaces would require a variance on parking regulations. After another round of discussion, the majority of Council believed the three (3) variance areas were acceptable. Council Member Blue did not concur with the assessment that a tree took up 4 parking spaces in the middle parking lot, but yielded to the consensus of Council.

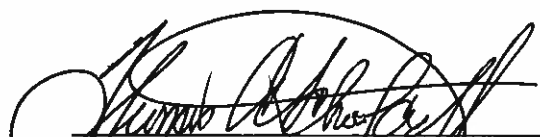
Motion to approve the variance on landscaping requirements, specifically, allowing for the waiver of tree planting in the service bay waiting area, the middle parking lot area, and the area along Hausman Road. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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Celina Perez, City Secretary

  
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Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

