

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2015 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
Cynthia Massey, Mayor Pro Tem
Edward Villanueva
Alex Blue
Bert Buys
Paul Friedrichs

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 2. Public Hearing to give all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on the proposed annexation of the following parcels of real property:**
- a) An approximate 20.076 acre parcel located at 10905 Paloma, San Antonio, Texas, 78254, more particularly described as CB 4450 P-4C ABS 467;**
 - b) An approximate 34.31 acre parcel generally located on Galm Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78254, more particularly described as CB 4450 P-81A TR 4 Survey 80 ABS 467 and CB4450 P-81B TR 1 Survey 80 ABS 467;**
 - c) An approximate 34.33 acre parcel located at 11821 Galm Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78254, more particularly described as CB 4450 PT of P-4A Survey 80 ABS 467 refer to: 04450-000-0041 and CB 4450 PT of P-4A ABS 467 refer to: 81600-467-0040 refer to: 04450-000-0043; and**
 - d) An approximate 33.57 acre parcel generally located on Galm Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78254, more particularly described as CB 4450 P-81 TR 3 Survey 80 ABS 467 and CB 4450 P-81C TR 2 Survey 80 ABS 467.**

Mayor Schoolcraft opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. No one signed up to speak on items (a) to (d) above. Mayor Schoolcraft closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

3. Citizens to be Heard.

No one signed up to speak on this item.

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 Massey, second by Council Member Blue, to approve items 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2015. (Staff)**

5. Approval of the City of Helotes Revenue and Expense Report dated March 9, 2015. (Staff)**

6. Contingent upon City Council approval of annexation and in conformance with City Council Ordinance No. 560 *Chapter 380 Economic Development and Annexation Agreement*, approval of a final plat for Bricewood Subdivision Unit-1, being 32.7134 acres out of Tract 1 of 99.20 acres and Tract 2 being 3.0 acres out of the called 100 acre tract of land the Eastern half of Section Five, Volume 6591, Pg. 259 of the Official Public Records of Real Property Records of Bexar County, Texas. (Applicant)

This item was discussed after item number 11.

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

Council Members expressed concern regarding lack of Planning and Zoning Commission input during the development phase of this project. Rick Schroder, City Administrator, noted that this item involved extenuating circumstances, including location outside the Helotes city limits and an approved development agreement, not usually found in a routine plat approval.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Ordinance No. 562 of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas declaring unopposed candidates in the May 9, 2015 General Election for the office of Mayor, Council Member Place 3, and Council Member Place 5 as elected; declaring that the General Election is cancelled; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith; providing a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. (Staff)**

Aprobación de Ordenanza N°. 562 del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Helotes, Texas declarando electos a los candidatos únicos en la Elección General del 9 de Mayo de 2015 en las posiciones de Alcalde, Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 3, y Miembro del Consejo, Lugar 5; declarando que se cancelará la Elección General; revocando todas las ordenanzas o piezas de ordenanzas en conflicto; estipulando una cláusula de separabilidad; y estipulando una fecha de vigencia. (Personal)

- 8.** Approval of an Alamo Area Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Helotes and other municipalities, emergency services districts, Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agencies, military installations, and volunteer fire departments to provide for mutual aid assistance authorized under V.T.C.A. Government Code Section 418.109, 42 USC 1856(a), and other applicable law. (Staff)**
- 9.** Approval of Ordinance No. 563 of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas amending Chapter 78 *Subdivisions*, Appendix D *Major Thoroughfare Plan* of the Municipal Code of Ordinances; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; repealing any other Code provisions, ordinances, or parts of ordinances, and other provisions in conflict herewith; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- 10. Presentation by CPS Energy on and discussion of CPS Energy's Smart Grid Initiative, including, but not limited to, smart meter technology and its use within the City of Helotes. (Staff)**

Roland Hinojosa introduced Rayford Smith, Paul Flannigan, and John Leal, all from CPS Energy. Rayford Smith made the presentation. CPS plans to upgrade the analog electric and gas system to a digital, intelligent system. The smart meter technology is intended to cut (future) costs and provide better customers benefits. The system will read meters electronically, detect outages, reduce customer estimations, allow remote connections, allow customers to track use, and increase operational efficiencies. A customer will be allowed to opt out of the system but will incur a monthly cost to cover manual reading. Estimated installation in Helotes is 2016.

- 11. Discussion of and action on a request for a variance to Chapter 66 *Signs*, Sec. 66-50 *Commercial signs: multi-tenant shopping center, business park or office complex (monument-type)* of the Municipal Code of Ordinances for a multi-tenant monument sign for Franklin Development Company located at 18591 E. Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, more particularly described as CB 4576 P-1 ABS 360. (Applicant)**

Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend disapproval of the variance at their March 25, 2015 meeting. Since that meeting, the applicant amended the sign to comply with the codes and a variance is no longer required.

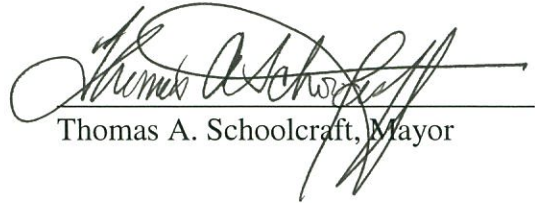
Motion to amend was made by Mayor Pro Tem Massey, second by Council Member Blue, to approve the sign as presented in the amended drawing.

Motion to approve as amended carried unanimously.

Item number 6 was discussed after item number 11.

Adjourn.

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.


Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

ATTEST:


Grace Tamez, City Secretary

