

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting on Thursday, March 26, 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 Massey 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.

RECOGNITION:

3. Proclamation presented by Mayor Thomas A. Schoolcraft to the City of Helotes Dispatch Center in observance of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week 2015 dated April 12 – 18, 2015.

Mayor Schoolcraft presented the proclamation to Angela Bocconcelli, Dispatch Supervisor.

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 Council Member Villanueva, second by Council Member Friedrichs, 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 of March 12, 2015. (Staff)**

5. Approval of the City of Helotes Revenue and Expense Report dated March 20, 2015. (Staff)**

- 6.** Approval of an interdepartmental budget adjustment transferring \$15,000.00 from General Fund No. 01-530-5330 *State Court Fees* to 01-540-5227 *Plat Filing Fees*. (Staff)
- 7.** Approval of the following items for First Choice Emergency Room located, generally, at the Southeast corner of the Cedar Trail and Bandera Road (S.H. 16) intersection, real property more particularly described as CB 4478B Blk 19 Lot 1A Helotes Crossing Com'l Sub'd (Applicant):
- a) A Traffic Impact Analysis, pursuant to Code of Ordinances Chapter 78 *Subdivisions, Article II Subdivision Regulations, Division 1 Generally, Section 78-39 San Antonio Unified Development Code Adopted; Amendments; and*
 - b) A request for a variance from Code of Ordinances Chapter 78 *Subdivisions, Article I In General, Section 78-3 Dedication of Right-of-Way by Subdividers* requiring the dedication of right-of-way adjacent to State-maintained streets, roads, or highways.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

8. Presentation by the Texas Department of Transportation and discussion of and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas supporting the F.M. 1560 Realignment Project and the Project's final design; authorizing Mayor Thomas A. Schoolcraft to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)

Jonathan Bean, TxDOT Director of Planning and Development, presented the proposed realignment project design. The realignment will provide a safe and efficient operation of traffic operating within or near the intersection of F.M. 1560 and S.H. 16.

F.M. 1560 will connect to S.H. 16 behind the Shell station where only a right turn will be allowed onto S.H. 16. Traffic needing to head north on S.H. 16 will travel a short distance to make a left hand turn. Four stop signs will be added at the current F.M. 1560 / S.H. 16 intersection (nearest to City Hall). The portion of F.M. 1560 in front of City Hall will be turned over to the City once the project is completed. The project is expected to cost approximately five million dollars. Bids will be let in January 2016 and, after construction begins, the project should be completed in approximately 18 months.

The FM 1560 realignment project began in 2008 when Helotes Economic Development Corporation commissioned a traffic study. Applications for funding were submitted to the MPO and, in 2012 after the MPO identified funding for the realignment project; City Council approved Resolution No. 277 approving the project. Approval of this item supports the design and allows TxDOT to continue to the next phase.

Motion was made by Council Member Buys, second by Mayor Pro Tem Massey, to approve this item as written.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

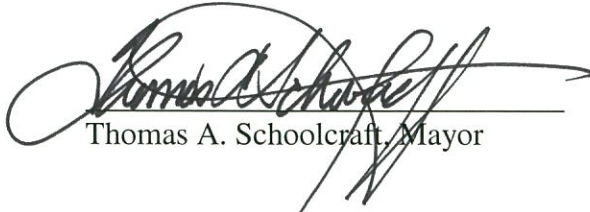
Adjourn.

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Grace Tamez, City Secretary



Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

