

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELOTES CITY COUNCIL

The City of Helotes City Council met for a regular meeting Thursday, February 14, 2019 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  
Cynthia Massey, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jim Meadows  
Alex Blue  
Bert Buys  
Paul Friedrichs

Staff Present: Rick Schroder, City Administrator  
Celina Perez, City Secretary  
Susan Darst, Assistant to the City Administrator  
Joshua Mair, Public Works Supervisor

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Schoolcraft called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and recognized Emily Kodosky with Boy Scouts Pack 888. Upon completing attendance of this evenings Council meeting, Emily will earn the Arrow of Light badge, being the first female scout in Helotes to do so.

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 - 4): All items marked with an asterisk (\*\*) on the consent agenda were voted on by one motion. Motion was made by Council Member Meadows, second by Council Member Friedrichs, to approve items 3 and 4 on the consent agenda. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated January 24, 2019. (Staff)**

**4. Approval of the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2019 City of Helotes Revenue and Expense, Balance Sheet, and Encumbrance Reports dated February 6, 2019. (Staff)**

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

5. **Discussion of and action on a request by Mexitron, LLP for approval of a shade structure, pursuant to Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 98 Zoning, Article IX Architectural Review by Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council, for Swiftwater Car Wash located at 12420 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, more particularly described as BCAD Prop. ID No. 987993. (Applicant)**

(Note: On February 5, 2019 the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the aforementioned request. In May 2017, the Commission approved a similar structure for The Wash Tub, on the condition that the structure's color be beige. The Commission unanimously recommended approval of the proposed shade structure for Swiftwater Car Wash, on the condition that the fabric and frame be an "earth tone" color, instead of the proposed blue color.)

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

Discussion was held on the proposed blue color of the shade structure. The majority of Council felt they could not regulate color choice and agreed the proposed blue color was acceptable. The remainder of Council believed they could regulate color as prescribed by the *Munsell Color System* diagram in the City's design guidelines and felt the proposed blue color was bright and garish, and such a color was not keeping with the "Texas Hill Country" color scheme. Specifically, Council Member Blue voiced opposition to the proposed blue color, citing past instances where Council regulated colors in order to keep with the hill county style. Despite their branding color, Council toned down the red color in the Auto Zone, The Wash Tub, and Kentucky Fried Chicken. He emphasized there should be consistency and the proposed shade structure should be an earth tone color as the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Schoolcraft called for a vote.

Motion to approve the proposed blue color of the shade structure for Swiftwater Car Wash carried: 3 Ayes - Council Member Meadows, Council Member Buys, and Council Member Friedrichs; 2 Nays - Council Member Blue and Mayor Pro Tem Massey.

6. **Discussion of and action on a request by Abiso Helotes Crossing, LP for approval of a conceptual design plan for Helotes Crossing Shopping Center located at 12423 Bandera Road, Helotes, Texas 78023, more particularly described as BCAD Prop. ID No. 239951, including, but not limited to, the following:**

- **Site plan;**
- **Building design;**
- **Exterior lighting; and**
- **Signage. (Applicant)**

(Note: On February 5, 2019 the Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the conceptual design plan for Helotes Crossing Shopping Center on the following conditions: the stone wainscoting on the two (2) center columns on the front elevation be the same height as the stone on the other columns; a stone wainscot be continued fully along both sides elevations of the building at a height of 3' more or less; all exterior lighting be full cut-off; and the monument sign have a minimum of 2' of landscaping around the base of the sign.)

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

Mayor Schoolcraft advised a revised elevation rendering and monument sign plan was on the dais for Council to review. The applicant had made the necessary changes as requested by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**7. Presentation by City Staff and discussion of and action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Helotes, Texas approving the submission of a grant application to the State Homeland Security Project Grant Program for the Old Town Helotes Special District Security Bollards, Public Address System, and Safety Surveillance Project; authorizing the City Administrator to take all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Resolution; incorporating recitals; providing for severability; and adopting an effective date. (Staff)**

Susan Darst, Assistant to the City Administrator, and Joshua Mair, Public Works Supervisor, gave a presentation on the State Homeland Security Project Grant Program application. The objective of the grant project is to protect citizens at community events held in the Old Town Helotes Special District by installing Traffic Bollards and a Public Address System. The grant application also included a trailer mounted, mobile elevated Surveillance Tower.

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

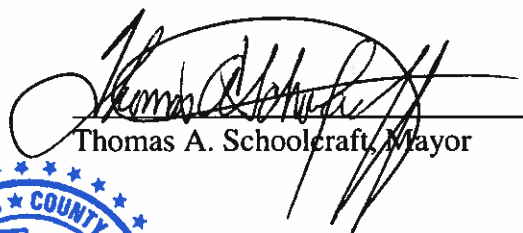
Motion to approve carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

With no more business to come before Council, Mayor Schoolcraft adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Celina Perez, City Secretary

  
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Thomas A. Schoolcraft, Mayor

