The City of Devers

City Council

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Steve Horelica called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mary Clayton		X		
Steve Horelica	X			
Anthony D. Jones	X			
Vivienne Kirkland	X			
Maria Sanchez	X			
Jason Weatherford	X			

II. INVOCATION was given by Vivienne Kirkland.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Steve Horelica led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

IV. ACKNOWLEGEMENT OF GUESTS AND VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no guests or public comment.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jason Weatherford

SECONDER: Anthony D. Jones

AYES: Jones, Kirkland, Sanchez, & Weatherford

B. Approve Paying Bills

A motion was made to approve paying the bills.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Vivienne Kirkland
SECONDER: Maria Sanchez
AYES: Jones, Kirkland, Sanchez, & Weatherford

VI. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Regular Session

1. Consider and take action on an ordinance regulating hazardous buildings.

A motion was made to adopt Ordinance 2019-313 regulating hazardous buildings.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jason Weatherford
SECONDER: Vivienne Kirkland
AYES: Jones, Kirkland, Sanchez, & Weatherford

2. Reading and signing of Mayor's proclamation banning the STAAR Assessment inside the city limits of Devers.

Mayor Steve Horelica read and signed his proclamation banning the STAAR Assessment inside the city limits of Devers.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Jason Weatherford
SECONDER: Anthony D. Jones
AYES: Jones, Kirkland, Sanchez, & Weatherford

Proclamation Banning the STAAR Assessment

Inside the City Limits of Devers, Texas

Whereas, the STAAR is an assessment and not a test,

Whereas parents have the right to refuse assessments for the child, including STAAR,

Whereas the STAAR is not designed to diagnose or identify learning differences,

Whereas the STAAR does not effectively measure gaps in student knowledge,

Whereas, the STAAR is discriminatory against students with special needs and those who are non-native English speakers,

Whereas the basic skills of reading and writing have been replaced with STAAR-focused curriculum created by the same company that creates and sells STAAR,

Whereas days devoted to STAAR, make up STAAR, practicing STAAR, benchmarks and mock STAAR equates to several weeks of lost educational time,

Whereas administrators and teachers have been unduly threatened by the TEA to increase STAAR scores,

Whereas administrators and teachers have pressured children and their parents with retention based solely on STAAR scores,

Whereas STAAR is not graded by certified teachers,

Whereas music, creative writing, drama, P.E. and art classes have been reduced to focus on STAAR prep,

Whereas the TEA refuses to provide an actual accounting of the true cost of STAAR including material, training, administration, prep and ancillary costs,

Whereas the STAAR is not grade level appropriate,

Whereas the STAAR causes severe stress in students, teachers, and families in our community,

Therefore, I, Steve Horelica, Mayor of Devers, Texas, do hereby ban the STAAR from being given inside the city limits.

Steve Horelica, Mayor

3-12-2019

Date