



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember John McCaw
Councilmember Jesse Valdez
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
Karen Ford, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Linda Crosland, Librarian
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commissioners Present:

Karen Diaz, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Kerim Jacaman, Vice-Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Dr. Jim Miller, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Roy Leatherberry, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Jerry Barucky, Chair, Quarry Commission
Mike Shands, Quarry Commissioner
Keven Harshbarger, Vice-Chair, Water Commission
Don Stone, Water Commissioner

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

4. Proclamations

a) Hill Country Night Sky Month

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Comal County Friends of the Night Sky declaring October 2021 as Hill Country Night Sky Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

b) Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Crisis Center of Comal County declaring October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Ellie Truan, Crisis Center of Comal County, thanked the City of Garden Ridge for raising awareness about domestic violence and spoke regarding the services and resources provided by the Crisis Center of Comal County.

5. Presentations

a) Comal Independent School District (CISD) – Superintendent Andrew Kim

Superintendent Andrew Kim spoke regarding Comal Independent School District Election Propositions and answered questions from Councilmembers.

b) Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Area Engineer Will Lockett

Area Engineer Will Lockett spoke regarding Texas Department of Transportation Projects and answered questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council recessed at 7:10 p.m. for a short break and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

6. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

a) Thank you note from Naomi Johnson to Utility Clerk Michelle Hinojosa and Assistant City Secretary/Public Relations Kat Balbi.

City Administrator Nancy Cain stated a thank you note was received from Naomi Johnson to Utility Clerk Michelle Hinojosa and Assistant City Secretary Kat Balbi for providing an excellent customer service experience.

b) Thank you note from Communities In Schools of South Central Texas to the City of Garden Ridge.

City Administrator Nancy Cain stated a thank you note was received from Communities In Schools of South Central Texas to the City of Garden Ridge for assisting with the pack the bus supply drive.

c) Thank you card from Tracey Blackwell to Officer Pelata.

City Administrator Nancy Cain stated a thank you note was received from Tracey Blackwell to Officer Pelata and the Garden Ridge Police Department for their efforts throughout the community.

d) Thank you note from Kay Bower to Public Facilities Tech Stanley Georg and Volunteer Linda Potts.

City Administrator Nancy Cain stated a thank you note was received from Kay Bower to Public Facilities Technician Stanley Georg for his attention and timely response to a concern at Paul Davis Park and to Volunteer Linda Potts for her ongoing efforts in removing trash from roadways.

e) Recognition of Employee Service Years with the City of Garden Ridge.

City Administrator Nancy Cain recognized employees with October anniversary dates for their hard work, dedication, and tenure with the City. This recognition included: Jacq Marino-1 year, Marisa Spencer-6 years, Duane Scognio-8 years, Stanley Georg-11 years, Manual Troncoso-13 years, and Linda Crosland-14 years.

7. Citizen Comment Period

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Davenport High School.

William Slaughter, 9011 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding Davenport High School.

8. Consent Agenda

THESE ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

a) Approval of Minutes for the September 1, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting.

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – August 31, 2021.

c) Resolution No. 480-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung as the official newspaper of the City of Garden Ridge.

d) Resolution No. 481-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, nominating a candidate for the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Staff Reports

a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report.

City Administrator Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on FM 2252 development.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Karen Ford provided City Council with an update regarding the American Rescue Plan and spoke regarding the upcoming annual audit and personnel updates.

c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department.

d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department.

Mayor Erickson thanked the Police Department, Bracken Volunteer Fire Department, City Staff, Davenport High School, and the community for everyone's efforts in making the DHS Homecoming Parade a huge success.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

City Administrator Nancy Cain reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department.

f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Librarian Linda Crosland reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

10. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

City Engineer Sam Johnson reviewed the Trihydro Engineering Report and spoke regarding the FM 2252 TxDOT Project, FM 2252 Wastewater Project, and Land Development Projects.

11. City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

Chair Diaz provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting.

b) Quarry Commission:

Chair Barucky provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting.

c) Water Commission:

Vice-Chair Harshbarger provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting.

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in September and there is nothing to report at this time.

e) Parks Committee:

City Administrator Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on the Parks Committee's projects.

f) *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*

City Administrator Nancy Cain stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 254 hours for the month of September.

12. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

- a) Resolution No. 482-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the City of Garden Ridge as a “Purple Heart City”.**

Librarian Linda Crosland spoke regarding the process for designating the City of Garden Ridge as a “Purple Heart City” and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve Resolution No. 482-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the City of Garden Ridge as a “Purple Heart City”. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Resolution No. 483-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement from the State Infrastructure Bank; authorizing the City Administrator to act on behalf of the City of Garden Ridge in all matters relating to the loan agreement.**

City Administrator Nancy Cain spoke regarding the loan agreement from the State Infrastructure Bank and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember McCaw, to approve Resolution No. 483-102021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the execution of a loan agreement from the State Infrastructure Bank; authorizing the City Administrator to act on behalf of the City of Garden Ridge in all matters relating to the loan agreement. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) City of Garden Ridge Salary Uniformity for the positions of Finance/HR, Public Works Director, and Librarian.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the City of Garden Ridge Salary Uniformity for the positions of Finance/HR, Public Works Director, and Librarian. He answered questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the City of Garden Ridge Salary Uniformity for the positions of Finance/HR, Public Works Director, and Librarian as presented. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) Update on 2021 Property Tax Statements.**

City Administrator Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on the 2021 Property Tax Statements prepared by Comal County Tax Assessor Collector and answered questions from Councilmembers.

13. Updates

- a) City Council Projects.**

- 1. City of Garden Ridge 50th Anniversary (Bower).**

Councilmember Bower spoke regarding the City of Garden Ridge 50th Anniversary.

- 2. Pet Registrations at National Night Out (Bower).**

Councilmember Bower provided City Council with an update regarding Pet Registrations at National Night Out.

14. Discussion of Future Agenda Items: None at this time.

15. Citizen Comment Period: No one wished to speak.

16. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Garden Ridge Women's Club, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Northeast Partnership.

Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Annual Open Car Show. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership, Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, and working with Davenport High School Booster Club for the placement of the mascot on the water tower.

17. Executive Session

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session:

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) and 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney and 551.072 – Deliberations About Real Property.

- 1. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person and legal advice on same: wastewater utility easement acquisition and property acquisition for city building project and related matters.**
- 2. To receive legal advice on Texas Opioid Settlement participation documents.**
- 3. A matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 regarding possible computer/data breach (Mayor's Access & PC) and related investigation.**

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 8:52 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:02 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney to discuss and seek legal advice on Texas Opioid Settlement participation documents.

Mayor Erickson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:17 p.m.

18. Business Items

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

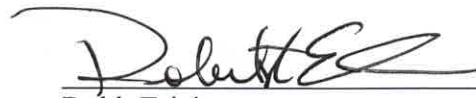
The City Council agreed by consensus to direct City Staff to prepare a Resolution joining with the State of Texas and political subdivisions of the state as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreements secured by The Office of the Attorney General.

19. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, October 6, 2021, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor