



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES
QUARRY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Johnell Holly
Vice-Chair Jerry Barucky
Commissioner Mike Shands
Commissioner Albert Haddad
Commissioner Wayne Mudge
Commissioner Armando Diaz
Councilmember John McCaw, Ex-officio (Arrived at 6:09pm)

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner David Biersner (Excused Absence)

City Staff, City Councilmembers, or Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Quarry Commissioners present, Chair Holly called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Quarry Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 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: Chair Holly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

1. Approval of Minutes for March 18, 2021, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Shands, to approve the March 18, 2021, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting Minutes. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Review and discussion on the monthly Hanson Quarry blasting analysis data reported by Vibra-Tech. Discussion with Hanson Servtex and blasting contractors on recent quarry operations, including any unusual blasts that occurred during reported month/s and/or current month.

David Lerner, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the March blast analysis. He stated that 11 shots occurred during the month of March and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance No. 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.135 occurred on March 30th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 112 dB occurred on March 2nd at the Holly Residence.

David Lerner, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the April blast analysis. He stated that 9 shots occurred during the month of April and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance No. 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.155 occurred on April 22nd at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 113 dB occurred on April 19th at the Warden Residence.

David Larner, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the May blast analysis. He stated that 12 shots occurred during the month of May and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance No. 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.163 occurred on May 14th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 118 dB occurred on May 6th at the Warden Residence.

David Larner, Vibra-Tech, presented and discussed the June blast analysis. He stated that 10 shots occurred during the month of June and none of the blasts exceeded the limits of Ordinance No. 34. He reported the highest PPV reading of 0.203 occurred on June 18th at the Warden Residence and the highest Air Overpressure of 113 dB occurred on June 24th at the Warden Residence.

2. Review individual citizen blast report/s, follow up on citizen blast report/s and/or assign Quarry Commissioner contact with citizen/s, as necessary.

David Larner, Vibra-Tech, spoke regarding the four citizen blast reports received from March through June and answered questions from the Commission.

3. Discussion on number of, placement, and location of monitors and other matters related to monitoring of blasts by Vibra-Tech and notification to residents of monitor placements. Discuss placement of roving monitor which is currently at the Baker residence.

The Commission discussed moving the roving monitor to the Midla Residence.

4. Items applicable to the Quarry Commission discussed at the April, May, June, and July City Council Regular Meetings.

Chair Holly provided the Commission with an update on the items discussed at the April, May, June, and July City Council Regular Meetings.

c) Recommendations

1. Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022.

i. Review request and make recommendation to City Council.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, presented the Partial Exemption Permit submitted by Buckley Powder Co. to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Haddad, seconded by Commissioner Shands, to recommend to City Council to approve the request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

i. Discuss and accept the resignation of Commissioner Haddad.

ii. Interview possible candidates for Quarry Commission, Place 1 vacancy (term expiring September 30, 2021).

iii. Make recommendation to City Council for appointment of commissioner.

The Commission had no candidates to interview.

iv. Discuss expiring terms (September 30, 2021) of Commissioner Mudge, Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Shands.

The Commission discussed the expiring terms of Commissioner Mudge, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Shands and the Commissioners indicated their desire to serve another term on the Quarry Commission. The Commission discussed Terms of Office detailed in Ordinance No. 210 as it relates to Commissioner Shands and Commissioner Mudge due to them exceeding the term limits.

v. Make recommendation to City Council for consideration of reappointment.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Barucky, seconded by Commissioner Shands, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Diaz to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Quarry Commission with the term expiring September 30, 2023. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Barucky, seconded by Commissioner Haddad, to recommend to City Council to grant a variance for good cause to the term limits of Ordinance 210 to allow Commissioner Shands and Commissioner Mudge to serve an additional two (2) year term on the Quarry Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2023. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

vi. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

The Commission had none at this time.

d) Education/Training

1. Review "Quarry Terminology".

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, spoke regarding presenting a glossary of terminology for the Commission at an upcoming meeting.

2. Discuss "Blasting Educational Materials" with Vibra-Tech, Hanson representatives, blasting contractors, and the public.

Nicholas Reittinger, Vibra-Tech, presented an updated "Blasting Educational Materials" and answered questions from the Commission.

3. Discuss future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed a possible Grapevine article about the "Blasting Education Materials".

e) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input for items on upcoming agendas.

The Commission had none at this time.

2. Announcement of next Quarry Commission Regular Meeting.

Chair Holly announced the next Quarry Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

3. Citizen Comment Period:

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding a citizen blast impact report that she submitted.

4. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Shands, seconded by Commissioner Mudge, to adjourn. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Monday, July 12, 2021, Quarry Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:38p.m. by Chair Holly.

ATTEST:



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary



Johnell Holly
Chair