



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair James Mueller
Vice-Chair Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Joseph Haltaman
Commissioner Dr. Richard Carmichael
Commissioner Don Stone
Commissioner Brenda Reynolds
Mayor Robb Erickson, Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent: None

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist
Michelle Hinojosa, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Kay Bower, City Councilmember

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Water Commissioners present, Chair Mueller called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 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 Mueller 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. Minutes for October 26, 2021, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to approve the minutes for the October 26, 2021, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Utility Department Monthly Activity Report.

i. Water Pumping/usage from City wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and answered questions from the Commission.

2. Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at the November City Council Meeting.

Chair Mueller updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Commission discussed at the November City Council Meeting.

c) Recommendations

1. Request for water leak adjustment for 21926 Park View Dr. for the billing period of March 23, 2021 – April 23, 2021.

i. Review and make recommendation regarding the request.

The Commission reviewed the leak adjustment request for 21926 Park View Dr. submitted by James Hahn. Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, answered questions from the Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to recommend to City Council the approval of a leak adjustment credit of \$892.84 for 21926 Park View Dr. for the billing period of March 23, 2021 – April 23, 2021. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Water Commission activities and projects.

i. Discuss and make possible recommendations for Water Rate Structure for commercial development.

The Commission discussed the Water Rate Structure for commercial development.

ii. Discuss and make possible recommendations on the amount of Transferable Water Rights for proposed QuikTrip development.

The Commission discussed the amount of Transferable Water Rights for proposed QuikTrip development.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, to recommend to City Council the approval of a requirement of 2.83 acre feet of Transferable Edwards Aquifer Water Rights for the proposed QuikTrip development. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects list and receive update from Commissioners.

The Commissioners updated the Commission on their activities and projects.

iv. Discuss and make possible recommendations on future meetings or direction regarding Water Commission activities and projects.

The Commission had none at this time.

v. Discuss and make possible recommendations on scheduling monthly Water Commission Regular meetings.

Chair Mueller discussed scheduling monthly Water Commission Regular meetings.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to schedule the Water Commission Regular meetings to be conducted on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Harshbarger requested to review the leak adjustment process. Commissioner Dr. Carmichael requested to review Ordinance No. 7.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Mueller announced the next Water Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

6. Citizen Comment Period:

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Dr., spoke regarding the library event, the proposed QuikTrip development, and water rates for commercial development.

7. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, to adjourn. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further

business, the Tuesday, November 16, 2021, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by Chair Mueller.


James Mueller
Chair

ATTEST:


Michelle Hinojosa
Utility Clerk

NOVEMBER 16, 2021
WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
SECOND CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

NAME

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SUBJECT

1. Kay Becker

8947 Harder Ridge Drive

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- airport & ac. / water

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