



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Don Stone

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist
Michelle Hinojosa, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Jesse Valdez, 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 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: None wished to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

1. Minutes for March 15, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, to approve the minutes for the March 15, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted four (4) 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 April City Council Meeting.

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

c) Recommendations

1. Transferable Water Rights.

i. Discuss and make possible recommendations to amend Ordinance No. 7.

The Commission requested this item be placed on a future agenda.

ii. Discuss and make possible recommendations on discounting or offsetting water rates for future developers who transfer water rights to the City of Garden Ridge.

The Commission requested this item be placed on a future agenda.

2. Discuss and make possible recommendations on the Review/Development process for Water Rates.

Vice-Chair Harshbarger discussed ongoing efforts to gather data for the Review/Development process for Water Rates.

3. Discuss and make possible recommendations on the AMI Incentives.

Commissioner Reynolds discussed opportunities to educate the community regarding water conservation.

4. Discuss and make possible recommendations on the Leak Adjustment Process.

The Commission discussed the proposed recommendations on the Leak Adjustment Process.

5. Water Commission activities and projects.

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

The Commissioners updated the Commission on their activities and projects.

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

The Commission had none at this time.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Chair Mueller requested to review Ordinance No. 54.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Mueller announced the next Water Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

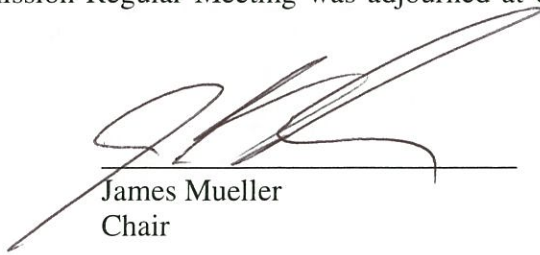
6. Citizen Comment Period: None wished to speak.

7. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Vice Chair Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, to adjourn. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. by Chair Mueller.

ATTEST:


Michelle Hinojosa
Utility Clerk


James Mueller
Chair