



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Brenda Reynolds

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Michelle Hinojosa, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director

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, January 18, 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:

Tony Overman spoke regarding Transferable Water Rights for future development within the City of Garden Ridge.

5. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

1. Minutes for November 16, 2021, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2021, 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 December and January City Council Meeting.

Chair Mueller updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Commission discussed at the December and January City Council Meeting.

c) Recommendations

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations on the amount of Transferable Water Rights for proposed Pensionmark Office Center development.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, discussed the amount of Transferable Water Rights for proposed Pensionmark Office Center development.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Harshbarger, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to recommend to City Council to approve the transfer at minimum 8.23 acre feet of Edwards water rights for Phase I prior to filing of the final plat for the project and at minimum 12.66 acre feet of Edwards water rights to the City of Garden Ridge prior to the issuance of building permits related to Phase 2 of the Pensionmark Office Center development. The Commission voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed (Commissioner Dr. Carmichael). The motion passed by a vote of three (3) to one (1).

2. Water Commission activities and projects.

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

The Commissioners had none at this time.

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

The Commissioners updated their projects.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Dr. Carmichael requested to review the Transferable Water Rights in Ordinance No. 7 and potential to offset water rates for future developers. Vice-Chair Harshbarger requested to review the Water Rate Review and Implementation or Development Process and the Leak Adjustment Procedures with the new water rates.

2. Reschedule Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Haltaman, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to reschedule the next Regular Meeting to Wednesday, February 16, 2022. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting.

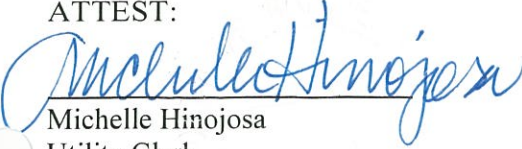
Chair Mueller announced the next Water Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

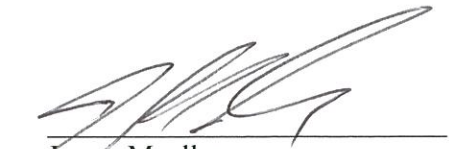
6. Citizen Comment Period: None wished to speak.

7. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Haltaman, to adjourn. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. by Chair Mueller.

ATTEST:


Michelle Hinojosa
Utility Clerk


James Mueller
Chair