



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember Kelly Smith
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/Communications Specialist
Christine Green, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Librarian
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commissioners Present:

Jim Mueller, Chair, Water Commission
Jerry Barucky, Chair, Quarry Commission
Johnell Holly, Quarry Commissioner
Dr. Miller, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Darren Bates, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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, July 13, 2022, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

Mayor Erickson introduced Marcy Bousum, Roger Bousum, and Lee Jackson as the winners of the 50th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt and invited them to the dais for a ceremonial call to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Marcy Bousum and Lee Jackson, along with Mayor Erickson, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. Presentations

a) Davenport High School Presentation.

Principal DeLoach spoke regarding Davenport High School and Coach Zimmerhanzel spoke regarding Davenport High School Athletics.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Bill Swint, 8440 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding potential impacts of proposed development plans.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding potential impacts of proposed development plans.

Kevin Wuest, 20400 FM 2252, spoke regarding potential impacts of proposed development plans.

Janice Rose, 20469 FM 2252, spoke regarding potential impacts of proposed development plans.

5. 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 May 25, 2022, City Council Special Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – May 31, 2022.**
- c) Designate Comal County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate 2022 Tax Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.**
- d) 2023 Comal Appraisal District Budget.**
- e) Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Plan and Budget.**
- f) Approval of employee benefits for fiscal year 2023 and authorization for the City Administrator to negotiate contracts with Texas Municipal League IEBP.**
- g) Request from Garden Ridge Elementary School for an exception to Ordinance No. 22, Section 6. Pedestrian Traffic. to allow pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am on Tuesday, August 23, 2022-Friday, August 26, 2022, and on Friday, November 11, 2022.**

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

6. Staff Reports

a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report.

City Administrator Nancy Cain reviewed thank you notes recognizing City Staff, employee anniversaries, and stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 398 hours for June. She provided City Council with an update on the Shred Event and spoke regarding AT&T outages, First Friday, and the budget/tax rate adoption process.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Christine Green spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Finance/HR Department.

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.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz 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.

7. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

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

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

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

b) Quarry Commission:

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

c) Water Commission:

1. Receive recommendation regarding the Leak Adjustment Process.

Chair Mueller reviewed the proposed amendments to the Leak Adjustment Process and stated the Commission recommends the proposed amendments be incorporated into Ordinance No. 54.

1.1. Discuss and take action on the Leak Adjustment Process.

The City Council discussed the proposed amendments and agreed by consensus to table action on this item until the Water Commission has a chance to review additional recommendations submitted by Councilmember Valdez.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:

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

e) Parks Committee:

Dr. Jim Miller, Parks Committee, provided City Council with an update on the committee's projects and efforts.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Resolution No. 489-072022 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, dissolving the Quarry Commission and repealing Resolution No. 104-092002 that established the Quarry Commission.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Resolution No. 489-072022 and the dissolution of the Quarry Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Resolution No. 489-072022 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, dissolving the Quarry Commission and repealing Resolution No. 104-092002 that established the Quarry Commission. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Ordinance No. 233-072022 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, dissolving the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission and repealing Ordinance No. 196-032018 that established the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Ordinance No. 233-072022 and the dissolution of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 233-072022 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, dissolving the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission and repealing Ordinance No. 196-032018 that established the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) City of Garden Ridge 50th Anniversary.

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Bower provided updates regarding the City of Garden Ridge 50th Anniversary.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Meeting with Comal County officials concerning new residential development on Bat Cave Road and the impacts on Garden Ridge (Erickson and Swint).

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint spoke regarding meeting with Comal County officials concerning new residential development on Bat Cave Road and the impacts on Garden Ridge.

2. “What’s Developing in Garden Ridge” (Valdez).

Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the “What’s Developing in Garden Ridge” presentation.

3. Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee Update (Valdez).

Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.

4. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Arvidson and Smith).

Councilmember Arvidson and Councilmember Smith spoke regarding mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge and communication efforts with developers and community members.

City Attorney Cynthia Trevino addressed questions from Councilmembers regarding annexation laws and development agreements.

5. Traffic along FM 3009 (Bower).

Councilmember Bower stated there is nothing additional to report at this time.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Smith requested to discuss annexation and possible options related to development agreements.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding enforcement of water restrictions and wildlife in the City.

Bev Kokos, 22903 FM 3009, spoke regarding annexation.

13. 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, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, County/City Officials Luncheon, Northeast Partnership, and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

14. 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 receive legal advice regarding proposed revisions to Ordinance No. 7 and any potential liability issues.

2. To seek legal advice regarding pending litigation, Cause No. C2022-0615B, Michael C. Domgard II vs. City Council for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.
3. To consult with and receive legal advice regarding variance and Special Use Permit processes related to development project: Guadalupe Readymix – proposed Concrete Batch Plant at 20762 FM 2252.

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 9:03 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m., to discuss and seek legal advice on the items stated above.

Mayor Erickson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 10:19 p.m.

15. 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.

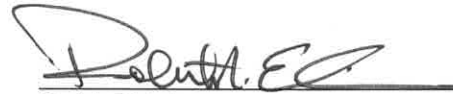
No action taken.

16. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, July 13, 2022, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor