



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember Kelly Smith (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)
Councilmember Jesse Valdez
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent: None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary
Christine Green, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commissioners Present:

Jim Mueller, Chair, Water Commission
Karen Diaz, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Dr. Jim Miller, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Roy Leatherberry, 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, November 2, 2022, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. Proclamations/Presentations

a) Davenport High School Band Presentation

Students from Davenport High School Band spoke regarding upcoming performances and thanked the community for their support.

b) Eagle Scout Ryan Johnson Certificate of Recognition

c) Eagle Scout Charlie Hogue Certificate of Recognition

Mayor Erickson stated the Eagle Scout Certificates of Recognition will occur next month due to a school conflict.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the investigation of former Mayor Thompson.

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 October 12, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting.**

b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – September 30, 2022.**

c) **Approval of the Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2022 for the City of Garden Ridge.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-c). The City Council voted four (4) 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 461.50 hours for October. She provided City Council with updates regarding First Friday, bulk dumpsters, leadership training, and the Employee/Council Christmas party.

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.**

Library Director 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 monthly activity report and spoke regarding FM 2252 TxDOT Project and Land Development Projects.

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

a) **Planning and Zoning Commission:**

1. **Receive monthly activity update as applicable.**

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

b) **Water Commission:**

1. **Request for water leak adjustment for 7933 Garden North for the billing period of March 23, 2022 – April 23, 2022.**

1.1. **Receive recommendation from the Water Commission.**

Chair Mueller stated the Commission recommends approval of a \$589.66 water loss adjustment for 7933 Garden North for the billing period of March 23, 2022 – April 23, 2022.

1.2. Discuss and take action on request.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and approve a \$589.66 water loss adjustment credit for 7933 Garden North for the billing period of March 23, 2022 – April 23, 2022. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

c) Parks Committee:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Rod Chamberlain, 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) Charter Commission.

City Administrator Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Charter Commission and presented a recommendation consisting of nine (9) residents that have indicated they are willing to serve on the Charter Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to appoint Nadine Knaus, Diana Tillery, Autumn Flannagan, Jim Sturch, Johnell Holly, Armando Diaz, Liz Templeman, Shawn Willis, and Wayne Mudge to serve on the Charter Commission. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) 2022 Garden Ridge Deer Survey Results from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

Mayor Erickson reviewed the 2022 Garden Ridge Deer Survey Results from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

c) 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

Mayor Erickson provided a preview of the 2023 Texas Legislative Session as it relates to cities.

d) Update on utility work being conducted in TxDOT right-of-way along FM 3009.

City Administrator Nancy Cain and Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz provided City Council with an update on utility work being conducted in TxDOT right-of-way along FM 3009.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge.

2. Economic Development/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce (Smith and Erickson).

Councilmember Smith provided updates related to Economic Development/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

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

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee.

4. Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department (Valdez and Erickson).

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

5. Council Liaison to Comal ISD (Arvidson and Erickson).

Councilmember Arvidson provided updates related to Council Liaison to Comal ISD.

6. City Welcome Signage (Bower and Erickson).

Councilmember Bower provided updates related to City Welcome Signage.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Valdez announced that Deputy Director Sonia Jimenez, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, will provide a presentation to City Council in February.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the investigation of former Mayor Thompson and a recent San Antonio Water System (SAWS) main break.

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 Pro-Tem Swint and Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the new Comal ISD Superintendent. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding Eagle Scouts and Davenport High School events. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association Annual Car Show. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, County/City Officials Luncheon, Northeast Partnership, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, and Comal ISD.

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 seek legal advice regarding pending litigation, Cause No. C2022-0615B, Michael C. Domgard II vs. City Council for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property – Comal CAD Property ID 73532.**

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 7:37 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 7:45 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 8:37 p.m.

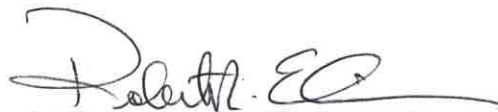
15. Business Items

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

There being no further business, the Wednesday, November 2, 2022, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.



Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary