



City of Garden Ridge

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

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING, AUGUST 30, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a City Council Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted on August 25, 2017 before 6:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen's Participation – Limited to 30 minutes.

Rules for Citizen's Participation:

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all of their Meetings. The City Council offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. As a courtesy to your fellow citizens and out of respect for our elected officials, we request that if you speak, you follow these guidelines:

- a) Respect and courtesy:
 - i. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
 - ii. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
 - iii. Show the City Council courtesy by ending your speaking at the time allotted below.
- b) Speaking:
 - i. First citizen comment period
 - a. You are required to sign up to speak.
 - b. You are limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.
 - ii. Business item period
 - a. You are required you to sign up to speak.
 - b. You are limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.
 - iii. Second citizen comment period
 - a. You are not required to sign up.
 - b. You are limited to two (2) minutes per citizen.
 - iv. State your name and address before your comments begin.
 - v. Citizens are only allowed to speak once, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

*NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject **must be limited** to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.*

5. Business Items:

- a) Proposed 2017 Property Tax Rate
 - i. Presentation on tax rate proposal
 - ii. Public Hearing to receive comments
 - iii. Announce date, time and place of:
 - a. City Council vote on the 2017 Property Tax Rate (Wednesday, September 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas)
- b) Approval and recognition:
 - i. Officer Joseph Thoemke for completing 6 month probationary period on September 1, 2017, which is a 5% salary increase fee on that date.
 - ii. Chris Graef, Water Rep., for completing 90 day probationary period on September 9, 2017, which is a 5% salary increase fee on that date.
- c) Approval of Resolution 421-082017 nominating a candidate for the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors.
- d) Discussion on redefining the definition of structure as it pertains to City Zoning Ordinance 13 and possible direction to City Staff (Councilmember Bower).
- e) Discussion regarding usage of electronic devices during City Council and Commission meetings (Councilmember Bower).
- f) Discussion regarding beautification of water storage tank and possible future park at FM 3009 and Schoenthal Road (Councilmember Bower).

6. Citizen's Participation: - Limited to 20 minutes.
See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 4.

7. Executive Session

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the duties, roles, and responsibilities related to City Council School Liaison and to seek or receive legal advice regarding same.

8. Business Items (continued)

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.

9. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required:

Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized:

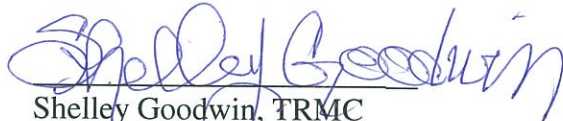
The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matter listed below, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 55, of the Texas Government Code.

Executive Sessions Authorized:

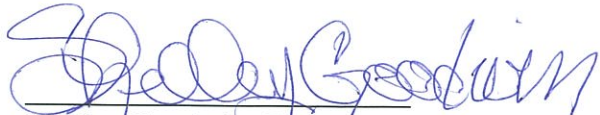
This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of the other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 5:40 pm August 24, 2017 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Nancy Cain
City Administrator

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police

Date: 21 July 2017

Copies:

Reference: Officer Thoemke's Probation

Mrs. Cain,

Officer Thoemke will complete his 6 month probation period on 1 September 2017. I would like to remove him from the probation status and place him on normal officer status. His pay should be adjusted for the 5% increase at this point. There are no indications at this time that the probation period should be increased.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Eberhardt".

Chief of Police



City of Garden Ridge

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August 23, 2017

To: Mayor Thompson and City Council

Ref: Removal from Probation. Christopher Graef.

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council,

I am recommending Christopher Graef be removed from probation for the position of Water Service Representative I. Mr. Graef has been a very hard worker, a good addition to the staff and has his Class "D" Ground Water treatment operator License, he is studying for his Class "C" license. I am proposing a wage increase to \$17.92 per hour as was approved his date of hire. The effective date for his probation removal would be August 28, 2017. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Royce E. Goddard
Water Manager.

Cc. City Administrator, Nancy Cain
City Secretary, Shelley Goodwin
City Finance/HR, Karen Ford

A RESOLUTION NOMINATING A CANDIDATE FOR THE
COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge has been notified of the upcoming Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge is entitled to vote and may nominate a candidate by resolution for inclusion on the official ballot for the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge desires to nominate a candidate and submits the nomination before October 15, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS:

That, the City of Garden Ridge nominates Randy Maschek, 22024 Senna Hills Dr., Garden Ridge, Texas as a candidate for the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election and directs that an original copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Rufino H. Lozano, Chief Appraiser, Comal Appraisal District.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, this 30th day of August, 2017.

Larry Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

900 S. SEGUIN AVENUE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 78130

RUFINO H. LOZANO, RPA-RTA
CHIEF APPRAISER

July 25, 2017

Ms. Nancy Cain
City of Garden Ridge
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

REF: Board of Directors Election

It is time to begin the Board of Directors election process for the 2018-2019 term. Each voting entity may nominate candidates for each position by resolution as stated in the tax code quoted below:

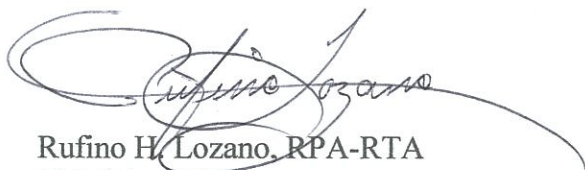
Section 6.03(g) of the Texas Property Tax Code states "Each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district that is entitled to vote may nominate by resolution adopted by its governing body one candidate for each position to be filled on the board of directors. The presiding officer of the governing body of the unit shall submit the names of the unit's nominees to the chief appraiser before October 15."

Each candidate must be eligible to serve as stated in the tax code quoted below:

Regarding eligibility, Section 6.03(a) states "To be eligible to serve on the board of directors, an individual other than a county assessor-collector serving as a nonvoting director must be a resident of the district and must have resided in the district for at least two years immediately preceding the date the individual takes office. An individual who is otherwise eligible to serve on the board is not ineligible because of membership on the governing body of a taxing unit. An employee of a taxing unit that participates in the district is not eligible to serve on the board unless the individual is also a member of the governing body or an elected official of a taxing unit that participates in the district."

For your convenience we have attached a list of the current Board of Directors and whether or not the member is willing to serve again. Please submit the names of your nominees to this office no later than October 15, 2017 so they may be placed on the official ballot.

Sincerely,



Rufino H. Lozano, RPA-RTA
Chief Appraiser

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

900 S. SEGUIN AVENUE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 78130

RUFINO H. LOZANO, RPA-RTA
CHIEF APPRAISER

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>WILL ACCEPT 2018-2019 NOMINATION</u>
Chairman	Dan Krueger	Yes
Vice Chairman	Wade Cleary	Yes
Secretary	Randy Maschek	Yes
Member	Nancy Pappas	Yes
Member	John Tyler	Yes

COMAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

900 S. SEGUIN AVENUE
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 78130

RUFINO H. LOZANO, RPA-RTA
CHIEF APPRAISER

August 8, 2017

Nancy Cain
City of Garden Ridge
9400 Municipal Parkway
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

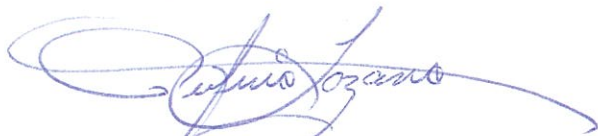
REF: Board of Directors Election

Section 6.03(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code states 'The chief appraiser shall calculate the number of votes to which each taxing unit other than a conservation and reclamation district is entitled and shall deliver written notice to each of those units of its voting entitlement before October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Below is the voting calculation worksheet that indicates the number of votes you are eligible to submit in the upcoming election of the Board of Directors for Comal Appraisal District. The official ballot will be mailed to each entity no later than October 30, 2017.

TAXING UNITS	2016 TAX LEVY	PERCENTAGE	VOTES
COMAL I.S.D.	\$148,195,326.93	0.53693	2685
COMAL COUNTY	\$49,330,506.99	0.17873	894
NEW BRAUNFELS I.S.D.	\$44,524,321.08	0.16132	807
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS	\$25,176,935.03	0.09122	456
CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE	\$2,160,840.83	0.00783	39
CITY OF SCHERTZ	\$3,859,068.00	0.01398	70
BOERNE I.S.D.	\$1,279,112.23	0.00463	23
CITY OF BULVERDE	\$895,165.58	0.00324	16
CITY OF FAIR OAKS	\$447,525.59	0.00162	8
CITY OF SELMA	\$66,121.44	0.00024	1
CITY OF SPRING BRANCH	\$53,230.69	0.00019	1
WIMBERLEY I.S.D.	\$14,978.14	0.00005	0
	\$276,003,132.53	100.00000	5000

Sincerely,



Rufino H. Lozano, RPA-RTA
Chief Appraiser