



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES

CHARTER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Nadine Knaus
Vice-Chair Shawn Willis
Commissioner Armando Diaz
Commissioner Autumn Flanagan
Commissioner Johnell Holly
Commissioner Wayne Mudge
Commissioner Jim Sturch
Commissioner Dianna Tillery

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Elizabeth Templeman

City Staff and City Councilmembers Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Charlie Zech, City Attorney
Mayor Robb Erickson
Councilmember Jesse Valdez
Councilmember Kay Bower

A quorum of the City Council was in attendance at the meeting to listen and receive information, but did not consider or take action on any item posted on the agenda.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the Charter Commissioners present, Chair Knaus called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Charter Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022, in the City Council Chambers of Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Knaus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

4. Business Items

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

a) First Draft of the Proposed City Charter.

City Attorney Charlie Zech reviewed the proposed charter template.

The Commission agreed by consensus to accept the preamble of the proposed charter template.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Sturch, to accept the City Council-Manager form of government as stated in the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 1.01 Form of Government of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 1.02 Boundaries of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan, to accept Section 1.03 Extension and Reduction of Boundaries of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 2.01 General Powers of the City of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, to accept Section 3.01 Composition; Term Subsection A. of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.01 Composition; Term Subsection B. of the proposed charter template with the following amendment: revise to two (2) year terms. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Willis, seconded by Commissioner Mudge, to accept Section 3.02 Limitations on Terms of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed revisiting Section 3.03 Qualifications of City Council and Section 5.02 Filing for Office during a future meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.04 Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem of the proposed charter template with the following amendments: revise wording to only allow the Mayor to vote in the case of a tie and add wording regarding the power of veto authority that is currently provided for Type A General Law Cities. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Announce Date, Time, and Location for Next Meeting.

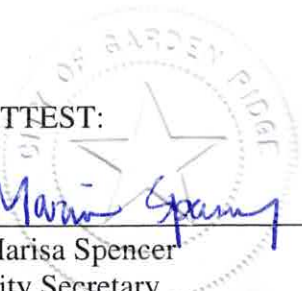
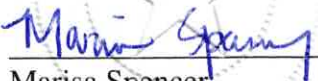
Chair Knaus stated the next Charter Commission Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

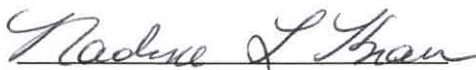
5. Citizen Comment Period: No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Willis, seconded by Commissioner Tillery, to adjourn. The Commission voted seven (7) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Charter Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Chair Knaus.

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Nadine Knaus
Chair