



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES CHARTER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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
Commissioner Elizabeth Templeman

Commissioners Absent: None

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 Monday, December 12, 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) Discuss and Draft Proposed City Charter.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to not include absences in Section 3.05 Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted seven (7) for and one (1) opposed (Commissioner Tillery). The motion passed by a vote of 7-1.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.05 Vacancies, Forfeiture and Filling of Vacancies with the following amendment: revise Subsection D to be consistent with state law as applicable to Type A General Law Cities. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Willis, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.06 Powers of the City Council of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Templeman, seconded by Commissioner Sturch, to accept Section 3.07 Prohibitions Subsection A. of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.07 Prohibitions Subsection B. of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 3.07 Prohibitions Subsection C. of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 3.08 Meetings of the City Council of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Flanagan, to accept Section 3.09 Quorum of the proposed charter template with the following amendment: change “four” to “three” to remain consistent with a non-voting Mayor. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Willis, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, to accept Section 3.10 Rules of Procedures; Abstentions of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Commissioner Mudge, to accept Section 3.11 Passage of Ordinances in General of the proposed charter template as revised. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sturch, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 3.12 Authentication, Recording, Codification, Printing and Distribution Subsection A. of the proposed charter template with the following amendment: remove the wording regarding indexing and placing in a book kept open for public inspection. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Section 3.12 Authentication, Recording, Codification, Printing and Distribution Subsection B. of the proposed charter template with the following amendments: revise the first sentence to be applicable to future codification and remove the last sentence. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Tillery, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to accept Section 3.13 Investigations by the City Council of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to accept Article VIII Legal Provisions Section 8.01 Service of Process Against the City, Section 8.02 Pending Matters, Section 8.03 Property Not Exempt From Special Assessments, and Section 8.06 No Waiver of Immunity of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Mudge, seconded by Commissioner Templeman, to accept Article IX Transitional Provisions Section 9.01 Effective Date, Section 9.02 Continuation of Elective Offices, and Section 9.03 Continuation of Operation of the proposed charter template. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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

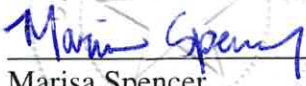
Chair Knaus stated the next Charter Commission Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

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


6. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Vice-Chair Willis, to adjourn. The Commission voted eight (8) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Monday, December 12, 2022, Charter Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Chair Knaus.

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Nadine Knaus
Chair