



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023, 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
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary
Christine Green, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commissioners Present:

Jim Mueller, Chair, Water Commission
Nadine Knaus, Chair, Charter Commission
Roy Leatherberry, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Dr. Jim Miller, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Michael Crow, 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, January 4, 2023, 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) Introduction/Swearing in of Police Officers.

Chief Eberhardt conducted a swearing in ceremony and introduction of new Police Officers.

4. Citizen Comment Period

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

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, thanked City Council and City staff for their hard work and spoke regarding emergency preparedness.

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 December 7, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – November 30, 2022.**
- c) **Resolution No. 497-012023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, as required by the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-c). 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 employee anniversaries and a thank you note recognizing City Staff. She stated there were 382 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of December and spoke regarding an upcoming pop-up tax office, property adjacent to Paul Davis Park, and the City's bond rating.

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 Facilities Foreman Eric Lowman reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Facilities Department. Utilities Foreman Duane Scognio reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Utilities 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 City Engineer monthly activity report.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in December.

b) Water Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in December.

c) Charter Commission:

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

d) Parks Committee:

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) Ordinance No. 210-102022 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting board and commission policies and procedures; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

1. Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Water Commission.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the interview process as outline in Ordinance No. 210-102022 and stated the Interview Panel recommends the appointment of William Pohl to the Water Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Interview Panel's recommendation and appoint William Pohl to the Water Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2024. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding attending the 2023 Texas Legislative Session with Northeast Partnership.

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. Great Springs Project (Swint and Valdez).

Mayor Pro-Tem Swint and Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to the Great Springs Project.

The City Council agreed by consensus to support moving forward with preparing and submitting an application for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Recreational Trails Grant. The City Council agreed by consensus to support moving forward with conducting a Walkable Community Workshop.

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

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Bower provided updated related to Economic Development and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

4. 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.

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

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

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

Councilmember Arvidson and Mayor Erickson provided updates related to Comal ISD.

7. City Welcome Signage (Bower and Erickson).

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

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Michael Crow, 8315 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding bulk dumpsters.

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding pets and children at Paul Davis Park.

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 spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Women's Club. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the Boy Scouts Adopt-A-Highway Program. Councilmember Bower and Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, County/City Officials Luncheon, and Northeast Partnership.

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 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 7:13 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m., to discuss and seek legal advice on the item stated above.

Mayor Erickson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:20 p.m.

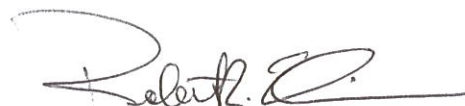
15. Business Items

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.

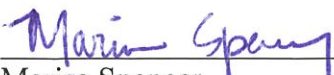
16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, January 4, 2023, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.



Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary