

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 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
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commissioners Present:

Roy Leatherberry, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Dr. Jim Miller, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Jim Sturch, Charter 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, March 1, 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) Garden Ridge Lions Club Appreciation Day Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to the Garden Ridge Lions Club declaring March 6, 2023, as Garden Ridge Lions Club Appreciation Day.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Chris Jimenez, Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding upcoming events.

Chip Utterback, 8515 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding concerns related to Briggs Pit.

Cheryl Bither, 9925 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Women's Club and thanked the community for a great turnout at their Valentine's Day event.

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 February 8, 2023, City Council Special Meeting.**
- b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2023.**
- c) **Contract between City of Garden Ridge and MVBA, LLC dba Accounts Receivable Collections Group.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, 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 thank you notes recognizing City Staff. She stated there were 217 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of February and spoke regarding First Friday.

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 Administrator Nancy Cain 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 February.

b) Water Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in February.

c) Charter Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in February.

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. 143-032023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting a one hundred twenty (120) day extension of an existing exclusive franchise agreement known as Ordinance No. 143-012020 between the City of Garden Ridge and BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP/DBA Republic Services of San Antonio for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service which expires on March 31, 2023, and authorizing the City Administrator to continue negotiations and development of an exclusive franchise agreement between the two parties during said extension period.**

City Administrator Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Municipal Solid Waste Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Republic Services and stated City Council will take action on the extension during the April City Council Meeting.

- b) **Award of Bank Depository and Collateral Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and First United Bank.**

Finance/HR Director Christine Green and City Administrator Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Bank Depository and Collateral Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and First United Bank.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the award of Bank Depository and Collateral Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and First United Bank and to authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement on the City's behalf. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) **Aggregate Mining Operations adjacent to the City of Garden Ridge.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding aggregate mining operations adjacent to the City of Garden Ridge.

- d) **2023 Texas Legislative Session.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding attending the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

- e) **Ordinance No. 237-032023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, declaring unopposed candidates in the May 6, 2023, General Election elected to office; canceling the General Election; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

City Secretary Marisa Spencer spoke regarding the certification of unopposed candidates.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 237-032023 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, declaring unopposed candidates in the May 6, 2023, General Election elected to office; canceling the General Election; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

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

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Bower provided updates 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 provided updates related to City Welcome Signage.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Mayor Erickson stated Superintendent Dr. Chapman, CISD, will present the district's proposed bond at the April City Council Meeting.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding elections and an update related to the State of the City.

John McCaw, 21918 Paseo Corto Drive, thanked City Council for their hard work and volunteerism.

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, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Bower spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Women's Club. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the Boy Scouts Adopt-A-Highway Program. Mayor Pro-Tem Swint spoke regarding the Hill Country Alliance Leadership Institute. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program, Northeast Partnership, and ongoing discussions with Comal County.

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.

1. On a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter: Guadalupe Readymix Permit Applications.

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 7:50 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 8:00 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 9:08 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.

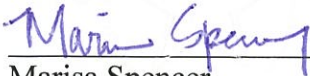
16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, March 1, 2023, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.



Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary