



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WATER COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair James Mueller
Vice-Chair Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Joseph Haltaman
Commissioner Dr. Richard Carmichael
Commissioner Don Stone
Commissioner William Pohl
Mayor Robb Erickson, Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant Position

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist
Michelle Hinojosa, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Water Commissioners present, Chair Mueller called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Mueller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen Comment Period: None wished to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) Approvals

1. Minutes for November 15, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2022, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Utility Department Monthly Activity Report.

i. Water Pumping/usage from City wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and answered questions from the Commission.

2. Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at the December 2022 and January 2023 City Council Meetings.

Chair Mueller updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Commission discussed at the December 2022 and January 2023 City Council Meetings.

c) Recommendations

1. Water Pressure Regulations.

i. Review and make possible recommendations on Water Pressure Regulations.

Commissioner Haltaman spoke regarding Water Pressure Regulations. Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, answered questions from the Commission.

2. Drought Water Restrictions (Ordinance No. 61-082022).

i. Review and make possible recommendations on Drought Water Restrictions (Ordinance No. 61-082022).

Chair Mueller spoke regarding recommendations on Drought Management Plan, Ordinance No. 61-082022. The Commission discussed meeting with City Staff to gather additional information.

3. Water Commission activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner's activities and projects list and receive update from Commissioners.

The Commissioners updated the Commission on their activities and projects.

ii. Discuss and make possible recommendations on future meetings or direction regarding Water Commission activities and projects.

The Commission had none at this time.

4. 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.

i. Receive recommendation and consideration for appointment of Water Commissioner Place 1, William Pohl, with term expiring September 30, 2024.

No action required at this time.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Dr. Carmichael requested additional information related to funding in lieu of water rights and the Wastewater System.

Vice-Chair Harshbarger requested to schedule tours with Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, to receive information related to critical infrastructure (water well sites) and related security devices and measures.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

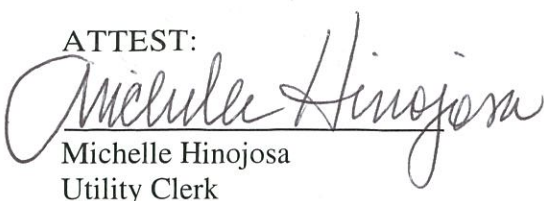
Chair Mueller announced the next Water Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

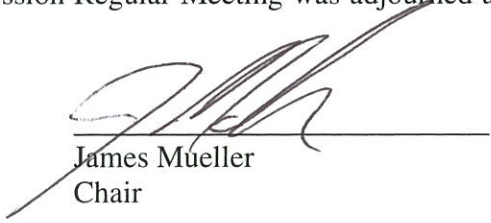
6. Citizen Comment Period: None wished to speak.

7. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Carmichael, seconded by Commissioner Haltaman, to adjourn. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Tuesday, January 17, 2023, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by Chair Mueller.

ATTEST:


Michelle Hinojosa
Utility Clerk


James Mueller
Chair