

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent: None**City Staff Present:**

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Courtney Billi, Assistant City Secretary
Tina Ynfante, Finance/HR Assistant
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 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 Texas Pledge.

3. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

4. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Reschedule June City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to reschedule the June City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, June 13, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Reschedule July City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to reschedule the July City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, July 11, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Membership.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to continue the City Partner Membership with Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



d) Canvass the results of the May 6, 2023, Special Election and declare results of said election.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the canvass reports prepared by Comal County Elections Office for the City of Garden Ridge Special Election. She stated 768 ballots were cast in the May 6, 2023, Special Election, with 588 votes cast for Proposition A and 168 votes cast against Proposition A, equating to 21.11% voter turnout. She stated Robb Erickson was unopposed declared elected for Mayor, Lisa Swint was unopposed declared elected for Place Two, and Jesús "Jesse" Valdez was unopposed declared elected for Place Three.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve the canvass and acceptance of the election results declaring home rule status for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Resolution No. 501-052023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, ordering and declaring that the home rule charter approved by a majority vote of the Garden Ridge citizens on May 6, 2023, is adopted.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve Resolution No. 501-052023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, ordering and declaring that the home rule charter approved by a majority vote of the Garden Ridge citizens on May 6, 2023, is adopted. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Issue Certificates of Election and Administer Oaths of Office to Lisa Swint for City Council Place Two, Jesús "Jesse" Valdez for City Council Place Three, and Robb Erickson for Mayor.

Mayor Erickson issued Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office were administered to Lisa Swint for City Council Place Two, Jesús "Jesse" Valdez for City Council Place Three, and Robb Erickson for Mayor.

g) Election of Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year period expiring May 2024.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to elect Councilmember Lisa Swint as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year period expiring May 2024. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

h) Designation of authorized signers on bank accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge with First United Bank and TexPool.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to designate Mayor Erickson, Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, City Manager Nancy Cain, City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and Chief Eberhardt as authorized signers on bank accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge with First United Bank and TexPool. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

i) Announcement of reception immediately following adjournment.

Mayor Erickson announced there will be a reception immediately following adjournment.

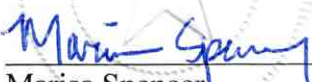
5. Citizen Comment Period

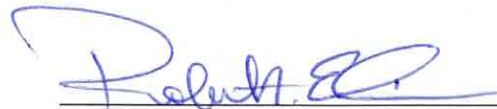
No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, May 17, 2023, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor