

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
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Charles Zech, City Attorney

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 Tuesday, June 13, 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) Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award.

Mayor Erickson presented the Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award to City Secretary Marisa Spencer, Assistant City Secretary Courtney Billi, Utility Clerk Michelle Hinojosa, and Court Clerk Shannon Del Toro.

4. Citizen Comment Period:

RoseGail Leatherberry, 20711 FM 3009, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library and Friends of the Library nonprofit organization.

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 May 3, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Approval of Minutes for the May 17, 2023, City Council Special Meeting.**
- c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – April 30, 2023.**
- d) 2024 Comal Appraisal District Budget.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Erickson stated he would like to reorder the agenda and consider agenda item 9. i) at this time.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

i) Status of negotiations between the City of Garden Ridge and Republic Services regarding the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling services.

Tom Armstrong, Manager of Municipal Sales, and Bill Rich, General Manager, spoke regarding the status of negotiations between the City of Garden Ridge and Republic Services regarding the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling services. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rich addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to continue the negotiation process between the City of Garden Ridge and Republic Services.

6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee anniversaries and a thank you note recognizing City Staff. She stated there were 254 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of May and spoke regarding tree trimming, First Friday, AAMPO Walkable Community Workshop, and the FY2024 Budget and Tax Rate Schedule.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu 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.

Mayor Erickson stated he would like to reorder the agenda and consider agenda item 9. b) at this time.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

b) Bid Award for Wrecker Service and Vehicle Storage.

1. Receive recommendation regarding bid proposals.

Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding the process for soliciting bids and stated he recommends awarding the bid for wrecker service and vehicle storage to Johnny's Wrecker Service for a period of five (5) years.

2. Take action to award bid.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to award the bid to Johnny's Wrecker Service for Wrecker Service and Vehicle Storage for a period of five (5) years. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

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 Engineer Sam Johnson reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

- 1. Petition by Eric T. Fischer for rezoning from Resident-Agriculture (RA) District also known as Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District also known as Community Commercial (CC) District, on a 1.707 acre tract of land out of the George M. Dolson Survey 96, Abstract 120, Comal County, Texas, and being out of a called 1.734 acre tract described in Document No. 201406013130 of the Official Public Records of Comal County, Texas. The property is located adjacent to FM 2252 south of 19295 FM 2252 in Garden Ridge, Texas.**

Eric T. Fischer presented his petition and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

1.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Diaz stated the Commission recommends approval of the petition by Eric T. Fischer for rezoning from Resident-Agriculture (RA) District also known as Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District also known as Community Commercial (CC) District.

1.2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

No one wished to speak and City Secretary Marisa Spencer stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

1.3. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve the petition by Eric T. Fischer for rezoning from Resident-Agriculture (RA) District also known as Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District also known as Community Commercial (CC) District, on a 1.707 acre tract of land out of the George M. Dolson Survey 96, Abstract 120, Comal County, Texas, and being out of a called 1.734 acre tract described in Document No. 201406013130 of the Official Public Records of Comal County, Texas, and adjacent to FM 2252 south of 19295 FM 2252 in Garden Ridge, Texas. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Petition by Guadalupe Ready Mix c/o Jeffrey L. Earl, Attorney for Applicant, for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for construction and operation of a concrete batch plant, on seven and one-half (7.5) acres leased out of A-671 SUR-95 E Woodruff, Acres 34.083, owned by Lehigh Hanson Materials South, LLC. The property is zoned Industrial Zone (Z-1) District also known as Heavy Industrial (HI) District and located at 20762 FM 2252, Garden Ridge, Texas.**

A Representative was not in attendance to present the petition.

2.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Diaz stated the Commission recommends denial of the petition by Guadalupe Ready Mix c/o Jeffrey L. Earl, Attorney for Applicant, for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for construction and operation of a concrete batch plant due to the submitted site plan not complying with regulations contained in Ordinance No. 13-122018 related to the maximum height of structures, screening requirements, and impervious cover regulations.

2.2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

No one wished to speak and City Secretary Marisa Spencer stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

2.3. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and deny the petition as submitted by Guadalupe Ready Mix c/o Jeffrey L. Earl, Attorney for Applicant, for the issuance of a Special Use Permit for construction and operation of a concrete batch plant on seven and one-half (7.5) acres owned by Lehigh Hanson Materials South, LLC, and located at 20762 FM 2252, due to the submitted site plan not complying with regulations contained in Ordinance No. 13-122018 related to the maximum height of structures, screening requirements, and impervious cover regulations. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Diaz provided City Council with an update on items discussed during the Commission's meeting.

b) Water Commission:

Chair Mueller provided City Council with an update on items discussed during the Commission's meeting.

c) Parks Committee:

Rod Chamberlain, Parks Committee, provided City Council with an update on the committee's projects.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Petition by Scott Stewart for a variance to Ordinance No. 22-022020, Section 4. Through Truck Traffic Regulations, to allow access onto property located at 23355 Bat Cave Road.

Chief Eberhardt and City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the petition by Scott Stewart for a variance to Ordinance No. 22-022020 to allow access onto property location at 23355 Bat Cave Road.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to deny the petition by Scott Stewart for a variance to Ordinance No. 22-022020, Section 4. Through Truck Traffic Regulations. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Resolution No. 502-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

City Manager Nancy Cain presented the Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve Resolution No. 502-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Resolution No. 503-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

City Manager Nancy Cain presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Resolution No. 503-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- e) **Resolution No. 504-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.**

City Manager Nancy Cain presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve Resolution No. 504-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- f) **Resolution No. 505-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Water/Sewer Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023.**

City Manager Nancy Cain presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Water/Sewer Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023, and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Resolution No. 505-062023 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2023 Water/Sewer Capital Improvements Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2022, through September 30, 2023. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- g) **Comal County Tax Office Passport Services and Ribbon Cutting.**

Councilmember Bower spoke regarding the Comal County Tax Office Passport Services and Ribbon Cutting.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to the 2023 Texas Legislative Session.

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 provided updated related to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

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

Councilmember Arvidson requested to consider discussing chronic wasting disease with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, welcomed Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu to the City of Garden Ridge and spoke regarding the Hog Wild Local Government Seminar, park trails, and garbage services.

Roy Leatherberry, 20711 FM 3009, spoke regarding garbage services.

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:

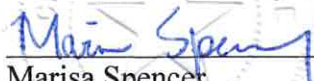
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club, 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.

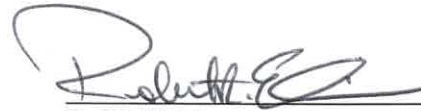
Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding Eagle Scouts. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Tuesday, June 13, 2023, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor