

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
Dan Bellinger, Lieutenant
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

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, November 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) Davenport High School Theatre Department Presentation.**

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the Davenport High School Theatre Department and students performed a segment from their upcoming Fall Musical-Chicago.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Hilbert Lieke, 21025 Hickory Bend, spoke regarding development in the City of Garden Ridge.

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 October 10, 2023, City Council Special Meeting.**b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – September 30, 2023.**

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

6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee anniversaries and City Staff recognitions. She stated there were over 360 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of October and spoke regarding the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and the Employee/Council Christmas Party.

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.

Lieutenant Bellinger 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 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. Creation of a Technical Committee to provide guidance and recommendations regarding the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to undeveloped properties along FM2252/FM3009.

1.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Manager Nancy Cain stated the Commission recommends the creation of a Technical Committee to provide guidance and recommendations regarding the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to undeveloped properties along FM2252/FM3009.

1.2. Discuss and take action, including appointment of committee membership.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the Technical Committee, including a recommendation regarding the appointment of committee membership and establishing a reasonable timeframe for the committee to provide City Council with an update on their progress.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to create a Technical Committee to provide guidance and recommendations regarding the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to undeveloped properties along FM2252/FM3009, to appoint the following members to serve on the Technical Committee: Chair Jacaman and Vice-Chair Diaz of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Councilmember Valdez, City Planner Bryce Cox, City Attorney Cynthia Trevino, City Manager Nancy Cain, and City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and to direct the Technical Committee to provide City Council with an update on their progress no later than March 2024. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

City Manager Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's meeting.

b) Water Commission:

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in October and there are no updates at this time.

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) 2024 Bulk Dumpster Schedule.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the proposed 2024 Bulk Dumpster Schedule and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the proposed 2024 Bulk Dumpster Schedule as presented. 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. 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.

3. 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.

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

Councilmember Valdez stated there are no additional updates related to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

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

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

6. City Welcome Signage (Bower and Smith).

Mayor Erickson thanked Councilmember Bower for her hard work and efforts related to City Welcome Signage and introduced Michael Bruck from Maguire Iron, Inc. Mr. Bruck spoke regarding applying the City logo to the Schoenthal Road Well Site Water Storage Tank and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus for City Staff to proceed with finalizing a proposed contract and renderings for City Council to take action on in December.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the 2024 bulk dumpster schedule.

Janet Fleckenstein, 9412 Gardenia Bend Drive, spoke regarding development within the City of Garden Ridge.

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13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

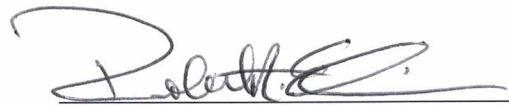
The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

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 and Garden Ridge Women's Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Great Springs Project, 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 Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce upcoming events and the Garden Ridge Community and Event Center. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

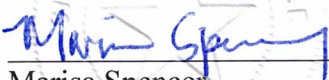
14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, November 1, 2023, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.



Robb Erickson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary