

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
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Charlie Zech, 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, January 3, 2024, 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 Volleyball, Football, and Band**

Mayor Erickson honored students and faculty from Davenport High School Volleyball, Football, and Band.

4. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

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 December 6, 2023, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – November 30, 2023.**
- c) Approval of Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2023 for the City of Garden Ridge.**
- d) Resolution No. 514-012024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, as required by the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended.**



Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-d). 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 274 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of December and spoke regarding the Bulk Dumpster Schedule and Comal County's Pop-Up Tax Office.

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.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Facilities Foreman Eric Lowman and Utilities Foreman Duane Scognio 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:

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 December.

c) Parks Committee:

City Manager Nancy Cain 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) Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Lease Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and the Garden Ridge Lions Club. 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).

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Valdez provided 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.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Thomas Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding Household Hazardous Waste Events.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding the Forest of Garden Ridge Homeowner's Association.

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:

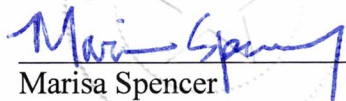
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club 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 Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce upcoming events. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

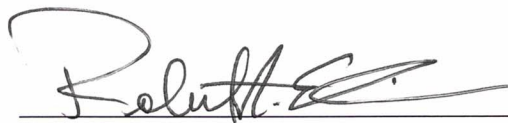
14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, January 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Robb Erickson
Mayor