

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Todd Arvidson

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
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, March 6, 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. Presentations/Proclamations

- a) **Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.**

Mayor Erickson presented the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Director's Association to Library Director Linda Crosland.

Library Director Linda Crosland thanked the City of Garden Ridge for their continued support and spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library.

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 February 7, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.**
b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2024.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-b). The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Nancy Cain reviewed employee recognitions and employee anniversaries. She stated there were 95 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of February and spoke regarding First Friday, Shred Day, and FM 2252 City Sign.

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 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. Development Application by Comal Independent School District for a zoning change (rezoning) from Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Public and Institutional (P) District, for an 18.00-acre tract known as Lot 1, Block 1, Comal ISD Garden Ridge, located at 9401 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. The property is further described as the location of Garden Ridge Elementary School.**

1.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Jacaman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Development Application by Comal Independent School District for a zoning change (rezoning) from Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Public and Institutional (P) District.

1.2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Erickson opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

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

Mayor Erickson closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

1.3. Discuss and take action.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve the Development Application by Comal Independent School District for a zoning change (rezoning) from Agriculture and Agricultural Homestead (AG) District to Public and Institutional (P) District, for an 18.00-acre tract known as Lot 1, Block 1, Comal ISD Garden Ridge, located at 9401 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Jacaman 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 February.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Request for water loss adjustment for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023.

Mayor Erickson stated the Water Commission recommended approval of a water loss adjustment in the amount of \$1,244.20, but City Council tabled this item until the customer could be in attendance to address questions and concerns.

Tim McNealy, 20950 Klein Circle, spoke regarding this water loss adjustment request and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

City Council discussed the water loss adjustment as it relates to requirements contained in Ordinance No. 54 and providing a partial adjustment.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to modify the Water Commission's recommendation and approve a water loss adjustment credit in the amount of \$1,138.24 for 20950 Klein Circle for the billing period of July 21, 2023 – August 23, 2023. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District Technical Committee Update.

Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Jacaman and City Manager Nancy Cain provided City Council with an update related to the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District Technical Committee.

c) Resolution No. 516-032024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing and affirming the creation of the City Events Committee; providing for the purpose, organization, appointment, and duties of the committee and other matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Erickson and City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding Resolution No. 516-032024 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve Resolution No. 516-032024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing and affirming the creation of the City Events Committee; providing for the purpose, organization, appointment, and duties of the committee and other matters in connection therewith. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge.

2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Mayor Erickson and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint stated there are no additional updates at this time.

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/Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

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

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Valdez stated there are no additional updates at this time.

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

Mayor Erickson stated there are no additional updates at this time.

6. Animal Services Enhancements (Bower and Erickson).

Councilmember Bower provided updates related to Animal Services Enhancements.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding Aggregate Production Operations impacting Garden Ridge and mailbox thefts.

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:

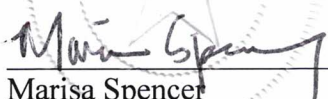
100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe),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

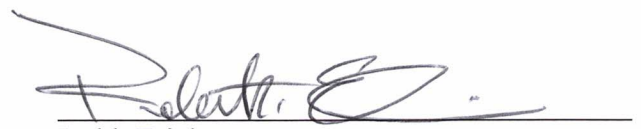
Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding the 100 Club of Comal County. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding Davenport High School JROTC. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, March 6, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor