

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Jesús Valdez
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
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, April 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. Presentations/Proclamations

a) Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to representatives from CASA of Central Texas declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

b) Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to representatives from CASA of Central Texas, SJRC/Belong, Bikers Against Child Abuse San Antonio Chapter, Child Protective Services (CPS), Child Protective Investigations (CPI), and Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

c) National Library Week Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Library Director Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library declaring April 7-13, 2024, as National Library Week.

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 March 6, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – February 29, 2024.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-b). The City Council voted three (3) 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 86 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of March and spoke regarding First Friday, Free Mulch Day, Shred Day, NFO District Technical Committee, and Events Committee.

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. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in March.

b) Water Commission:

- 1. **Ordinance No. 61-082022 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing the Drought Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge; establishing trigger points and demand reduction measures; providing a variance procedure; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

1.1. Receive recommendation and take action on variance to Stage 2 watering restrictions for 22216 Quiet Moon, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Chair Mueller stated the Water Commission recommends denial of the variance to Stage 2 watering restrictions for 22216 Quiet Moon.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and deny the variance to Stage 2 watering restrictions for 22216 Quiet Moon, Garden Ridge, Texas. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Garden Ridge Police Department 2024 Cadet Sponsorship Proposal.

Mayor Erickson, City Manager Nancy Cain, and Chief of Police Ron Eberhardt spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Police Department 2024 Cadet Sponsorship Proposal and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve and implement the Garden Ridge Police Department 2024 Cadet Sponsorship Proposal. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Ordinance No. 23-042024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, providing for regulations and requirements of peddlers, solicitors, and in certain circumstances, canvassers; establishing protections for homeowners desiring to avoid peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers; providing for severability; establishing a penalty; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Erickson, City Manager Nancy Cain, and Chief of Police Ron Eberhardt spoke regarding Ordinance No. 23-042024 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 23-042024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, providing for regulations and requirements of peddlers, solicitors, and in certain circumstances, canvassers; establishing protections for homeowners desiring to avoid peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers; providing for severability; establishing a penalty; and providing for an effective date. The City Council voted three (3) 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 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

No one wished to speak.

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:

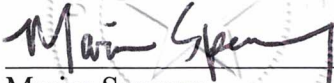
100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe),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

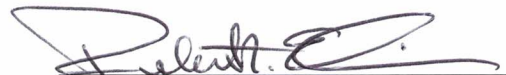
Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Families of Garden Ridge Adopt-A-Highway Program and Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, April 3, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Robb Erickson
Mayor