

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
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Dan Bellinger, Assistant 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, May 1, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. Presentations/Proclamations

a) Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to City Secretary Marisa Spencer and Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist Cyndi Simmons declaring May 5-11, 2024, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

b) National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Chief Eberhardt, Assistant Chief Bellinger, and the Garden Ridge Police Department declaring May 12-18, 2024, as National Police Week and declaring May 15, 2024, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

c) Citizen Commendation Awards.

Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding an incident in which community members assisted a police officer while he was in a physical altercation on the side of the road with two actively resisting subjects, and presented a Citizen Commendation Award to Stanley Dorman, Carolyn Dorman, and George Mata for their selfless act of bravery.

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 April 3, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – March 31, 2024.

c) Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-c). 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 recognitions and employee anniversaries. She stated there were 225.5 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of April and spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Networking Mixer, First Friday, Shred Day, Board of Adjustment Meeting, 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. Petition by Eric Fischer for three (3) Specific Use Permits for The Revival to be located on a 1.707-acre tract and a 1.40-acre tract totaling 3.107 acres zoned as Community Commercial (CC) District, and further located at 19186 FM 2252, Garden Ridge, Texas.**

1.1. Receive recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Jacaman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the petition by Eric Fischer for a Specific Use Permit for The Revival to allow an indoor/outdoor bar area serving beer, wine, and mixed drinks with inside and outside seating on premises.

Chair Jacaman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the petition by Eric Fischer for a Specific Use Permit for The Revival to allow up to four (4) pickleball courts on premises.

Chair Jacaman stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends denial of the petition by Eric Fischer for a Specific Use Permit for The Revival to allow up to four (4) food trucks with electric and water hookups on premises.

1.2. Set City Council public hearing date.

Mayor Erickson stated there was not sufficient time between the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and City Council meeting to satisfy legal requirements for notice publication; therefore, City Council will conduct public hearings and consider this item for action on June 5, 2024.

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:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

9. 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 Pro-Tem Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment on Garden Ridge.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Erickson).

Councilmember Smith provided updates related to Economic Development.

4. Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce (Smith and Bower).

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Bower provided updates related to Council Liaison to Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

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

Councilmember Valdez provided updates related to Council Liaison to the Water Company/Utilities Department.

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

Councilmember Arvidson provided updates related to Council Liaison to Comal ISD.

7. Animal Services Enhancements (Bower and Erickson).

Councilmember Bower provided updates related to Animal Services Enhancements.

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

11. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

12. 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).

Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts. Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Swint spoke regarding Great Springs Project, Hill Country Alliance, and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

13. Executive Session

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session:

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) Pending or Contemplated Litigation and 551.071(2) – Consultation with City Attorney on the following items:

1. Notice of Claim Letter pursuant to Texas Tort Claims Act;
2. In The Matter Of The Application Of Heidelberg Materials Southwest AGG LLC For Edwards Aquifer Protection Permit No. 13001861, TCEQ Docket No. 2024-0549-EAQ, and matters related thereto;
3. State law matters related to the development of a Truck Route Ordinance; and matters related thereto.

Mayor Erickson announced the City Council will recess at 7:26 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m., to discuss and seek legal advice on the items stated above.

Mayor Erickson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:52 p.m.

14. Business Items

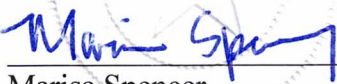
The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to request Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) to have its motion to overturn Executive Director's Decision corrected to remove the City of Garden Ridge's name from the filing in TCEQ Docket No. 2024-0549-EAQ. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, May 1, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Robb Erickson
Mayor