

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Lisa Swint
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Kay Bower

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Dan Bellinger, Assistant Chief of Police

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 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. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

4. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Reschedule July City Council Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to reschedule the July City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, July 9, 2024. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Membership.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson to continue the City Partner Membership with Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. There being no second to the motion, the motion died.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, to not continue the City Partner Membership with Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. The City Council voted two (2) for (Councilmember Valdez and Mayor Pro-Tem Swint) and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Arvidson). The motion passed by a vote of 2-1.

c) Canvass the results of the May 4, 2024, General Election and declare results of said election.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the canvass reports prepared by Comal County Elections Office for the City of Garden Ridge General Election. She stated 393 ballots were cast in the May 4, 2024, General Election, equating to 10.57% voter turnout. She stated Kelly Smith and Todd Arvidson were unopposed for Place One and Place Four, and Brian Reyes received 63.61% of votes cast for Place Five.



Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the canvass and acceptance of the election results declaring Kelly Smith as City Council Place One, Todd Arvidson as City Council Place Four, and Brian Reyes as City Council Place Five. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Issue Certificates of Election and Administer Oaths of Office to Kelly Smith for City Council Place One, Todd Arvidson for City Council Place Four, and Brian Reyes for City Council Place Five.

Mayor Erickson issued Certificates of Election and Oaths of Office were administered to Todd Arvidson for City Council Place Four and Brian Reyes for City Council Place Five. Mayor Erickson stated City Secretary Marisa Spencer will administer the Oath of Office to Kelly Smith for City Council Place One at a later date.

Councilmember Reyes took his place at the dais.

e) Election of Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year period expiring May 2025.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to elect Councilmember Todd Arvidson as Mayor Pro-Tem for a one-year period expiring May 2025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Designation of authorized signers on bank accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge with First United Bank and TexPool.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to designate Mayor Erickson, Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, City Manager Nancy Cain, City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and Chief Eberhardt as authorized signers on bank accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge with First United Bank and TexPool. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

g) Announcement of reception immediately following adjournment.

Mayor Erickson announced there will be a reception immediately following adjournment.

5. Citizen Comment Period

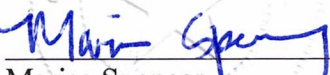
Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Davenport High School.

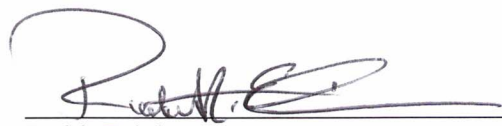
Barbara Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, welcomed Councilmember Reyes.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, May 15, 2024, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor