

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Megan Santee, 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, October 2, 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) Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Representatives from the Crisis Center of Comal County thanked the City of Garden Ridge for their continued support and spoke regarding the Crisis Center of Comal County.

b) Hill Country Night Sky Month Proclamation

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Comal County Friends of the Night Sky declaring October 2024 as Hill Country Night Sky Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Michelle Molina, Comal County Friends of the Night Sky, thanked the City of Garden Ridge for their continued support and spoke regarding the Comal County Friends of the Night Sky.

c) Davenport High School Theatre Department Presentation

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the Davenport High School Theatre Department and students performed a segment from their upcoming Fall Musical-Mamma Mia.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission.



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 August 26, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.**
- b) Approval of Minutes for the September 4, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – August 31, 2024.**
- d) Resolution No. 527-102024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung as the official newspaper of the City of Garden Ridge.**
- e) Ordinance No. 13-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance; establishing a planning and zoning commission and a board of adjustment; setting rules and regulations; providing for penalties; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**
- f) Ordinance No. 54-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a comprehensive water company for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions and statement of organization; establishing a water commission, general policies, regulations and rules, and rates and billing cycles; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**
- g) Ordinance No. 143-102024 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-g). 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 147 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of September and spoke regarding First Friday, Trunk-or-Treat, and Community and Event Center upgrades.

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 Hank Krippen 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 September.

b) Water Commission:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Pohl provided City Council with an update on items discussed during the Commission meeting.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Reschedule January 2025 City Council Regular Meeting.

The City Council discussed rescheduling the January 2025 City Council Regular Meeting due to the New Year's Day Holiday.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to reschedule the January 2025 City Council Regular Meeting to Tuesday, January 7, 2025. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.

The City Council agreed by consensus to not submit a nomination to the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.

c) Status of recruitment process for City Manager and provide direction to staff as needed.

The City Council discussed the status of recruitment process for City Manager.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

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

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

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Swint provided updates related to Economic Development.

4. 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.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson and Councilmember Reyes provided updates related to Council Liaison to Comal ISD.

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 Pro-Tem Arvidson spoke regarding Eagle Scouts. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership for Economic Development. Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events.

14. 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. Petition for Declaratory Judgment (Eric Fischer v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause #: C2024-1164B).
2. Notice of Claim Letter pursuant to Texas Tort Claims Act (Craig Dillard v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause #: C2024-1193E).

Mayor Erickson stated there are no updates at this time and the City Council did not reconvene in closed session.

15. Business Items

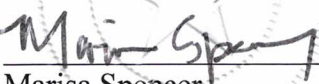
The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

Mayor Erickson stated there are no updates at this time and the City Council did not reconvene in closed session.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, October 2, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor