

Commissioners Present:

Chair Kerim Jacaman
Vice-Chair Karen Diaz
Commissioner Dr. Jim Miller
Commissioner Joe Maloney
Commissioner Gwen Estrada
Commissioner Richard Howard
Commissioner Darren Bates

Commissioners Absent:

None

City Staff and City Councilmembers Present:

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Mayor Robb Erickson
Councilmember Jesús Valdez

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the Planning and Zoning Commissioners present, Chair Jacaman called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Planning and Zoning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jacaman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizen Comment Period:

Sonia Jimenez, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (AAMPO), spoke regarding findings and recommendations contained in the Garden Ridge Walkable Community Workshop Report.

4. Business Items

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

a) Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2024, Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Bates, to approve the Minutes for May 8, 2024, Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) An amendment to the City of Garden Ridge Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 13-032023) Section 2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District and Section 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to the boundaries and location of the District, development within the District, and other matters in connection therewith.

1. Hold a public hearing.

Chair Jacaman opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

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

Chair Jacaman closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.



2. Discuss and make a recommendation.

The Commission discussed the zoning text amendment related to the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Bates, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Miller, to recommend to City Council the approval of the proposed amendment to the City of Garden Ridge Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 13-032023) Section 2.04.02. Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District and Section 2.06.15. Development in the Natural Features Overlay (NFO) District related to the boundaries, location, and development within the District, with an addition to Section 2.06.15., B. Buildings and Site Development, 1. Street Frontage Buffer stating, "The evergreen trees shall also be native to Texas." The Commission voted four (4) for and two (2) opposed (Commissioner Estrada and Commissioner Howard). The motion passed by a vote of 4-2.

c) Garden Ridge Walkable Community Workshop Report Subcommittee Update.

Commissioner Maloney and Commissioner Dr. Miller provided the Commission with an update regarding the Garden Ridge Walkable Community Workshop Report findings related to speed limits and marked crosswalks.

d) Items applicable to the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed at City Council meetings.

Chair Jacaman provided the Commission with an update on items applicable to the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.

e) Ordinance No. 210-102022 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting board and commission policies and procedures; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

1. Discuss expiring terms (September 30, 2024) of Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates.

Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates expressed their desire to continue serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

2. Make a recommendation to City Council for consideration of reappointment.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Dr. Miller, seconded by Commissioner Howard, to recommend to City Council the reappointment of Commissioner Jacaman, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Bates to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2026. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Future Agenda Items.

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Commissioner Maloney requested to discuss possible review of ordinances related to the Commission.

2. Announce date, time, and location for next meeting (Sept. 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

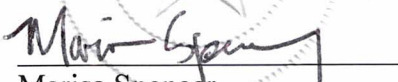
Chair Jacaman stated the next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

5. Citizen Comment Period: No one wished to speak.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, August 14, 2024, Planning and Zoning Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by Chair Jacaman.

ATTEST:


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Kerim Jacaman
Chair