

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Lisa Swint
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Arvidson

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Dan Bellinger, Assistant Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
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, December 4, 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) Introduction/Recognition of Krendra Harralson-Mrs. Texas Universe TCP.**

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Smith introduced and recognized Krendra Harralson-Mrs. Texas Universe.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding aggregate production operations.

Tom Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding the holiday schedule for garbage/recycling service.

Bradford Heasley, 8830 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding golf carts in the City of Garden Ridge.

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 November 6, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Approval of Minutes for the November 19, 2024, City Council Special Meeting.**
- c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – September 30, 2024.**
- d) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – October 31, 2024.**



e) Approval of Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2024 for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve consent agenda items a)-e). The City Council voted four (4) 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 128.41 *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* hours for the month of November and spoke regarding upcoming events.

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.

Assistant Chief Bellinger 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 Crippen 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 two (2) Specific Use Permit Extensions for The Revival, located at 19186 FM 2252 on 3.107 acres zoned as Community Commercial (CC) District.

1.1. Receive recommendation and take action on The Revival #1 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Restaurant or Cafeteria, Bar/Tavern: To be allowed an indoor/outdoor bar area serving beer, wine, and mixed drinks with inside and outside seating on premises.

Chair Jacaman stated the Commission recommends approval of the petition by Eric Fischer for a 9-month extension to The Revival #1 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Restaurant or Cafeteria, Bar/Tavern.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and authorize a 9-month extension to The Revival #1 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Restaurant or Cafeteria, Bar/Tavern: To be allowed an indoor/outdoor bar area serving beer, wine, and mixed drinks with inside and outside seating on premises. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

1.2. Receive recommendation and take action on The Revival #2 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Amusement, Commercial (Outdoors): To be allowed up to four (4) pickleball courts on premises.

Chair Jacaman stated the Commission recommends approval of the petition by Eric Fischer for a 9-month extension to The Revival #2 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Amusement, Commercial (Outdoors).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and authorize a 9-month extension to The Revival #2 062024 Specific Use Permit Authorized for Amusement, Commercial (Outdoors): To be allowed up to four (4) pickleball courts on premises. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Jacaman provided City Council with an update on items discussed during the Commission's meeting.

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 21320 Waterwood Drive, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Chair Pohl stated the Commission recommends denial of the variance to stage 2 watering restrictions for 21320 Waterwood Drive.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and deny the variance to stage 2 watering restrictions for 21320 Waterwood Drive. The City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Smith). The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Economic Development Presentation by Aaron Farmer, The Retail Coach, LLC. (presentation only)

Aaron Farmer, The Retail Coach LLC, presented a retail recruitment and development strategy and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to direct the City Manager and City Attorney to work with Aaron Farmer to finalize a contract and scope of work for City Council consideration during the January 7, 2025, City Council meeting. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Ordinance No. 168-102013 An Ordinance of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing city employees to use golf carts or utility vehicles on certain public streets; authorizing members of the public to use golf carts on certain public streets only when such use is in participation of the city sponsored annual 4th of July parade; authorizing members of the public to use golf carts or recreational off-highway vehicles on certain private streets in gated subdivisions; and providing for an effective date; repealer clause; preemption clause; severability; and proper notice and meeting.

City Manager Nancy Cain and Assistant Chief Bellinger spoke regarding Ordinance No. 168 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

- c) **Resolution No. 529-122024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the City's acceptance and participation in the 2024 Recreational Trails Grant awarded to the City of Garden Ridge by Texas Parks and Wildlife; and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary.**

City Manager Nancy Cain spoke regarding Resolution No. 529 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Resolution No. 529-122024 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the City's acceptance and participation in the 2024 Recreational Trails Grant awarded to the City of Garden Ridge by Texas Parks and Wildlife; and authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents necessary. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) **Consulting Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Jill Shackelford.**

The City Council provided input related to a Consulting Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Jill Shackelford.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to direct the City Manager to coordinate with Jill Shackelford to provide City Council with a presentation during the January 7, 2025, City Council meeting related to her background, services, scope of work, and deliverables. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- e) **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 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).**

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

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Valdez requested to discuss the City Council Projects agenda item.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Marc Mulkey, 7634 Ramble Ridge, spoke regarding the development process in the City of Garden Ridge.

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.

Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce events. Councilmember Swint spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Lion's Club. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership for Economic Development.

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

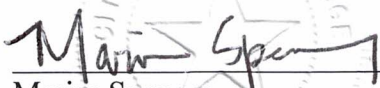
The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

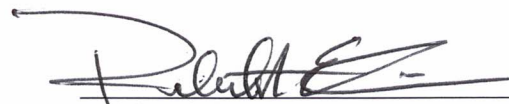
Mayor Erickson stated there are no updates at this time and the City Council did not reconvene in closed session.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, December 4, 2024, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary


Robb Erickson
Mayor