

Commissioners Present:

Chair William Pohl
Vice-Chair Nathan Dorsey
Commissioner Don Stone
Commissioner Keven Harshbarger
Commissioner Steven Stedman
Mayor Lisa Swint, Ex-Officio

Commissioners Absent:

Commissioner Dr. Richard Carmichael

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Michelle Hinojosa, Administrative Coordinator
Monica McCaslin, Utility Clerk
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Robyn Achu, Finance-HR Director

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Water Commissioners present, Chair Pohl called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Water Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pohl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Citizen Comment Period

No one signed up to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) Educational Outreach

1. Guest Speaker Dr. Larry Sunn, Rain Harvesting Consultant with Rain Bees

Dr. Larry Sunn, Rain Harvesting Consultant with Rain Bees, reviewed a presentation related to rain harvesting and addressed questions from Commissioners.

b) Approvals

1. Minutes for March 18, 2025, Water Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Stedman, seconded by Vice-Chair Dorsey, to approve the Minutes for the March 18, 2025, Water Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports/Updates

1. Utility Department Monthly Activity Report.

i. Water Pumping/usage from City wells, Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs



and/or projects, and Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and answered questions from the Commission.

2. Items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at the City Council Regular Meetings.

Chair Pohl provided the Commission with an update on items applicable to the Water Commission discussed at City Council Meetings.

3. Water Rate Analysis Update.

Robyn Achu, Finance-HR Director, updated the Commission on the Water Rate Analysis.

4. Ordinance No. 61-Drought Management Plan.

The Commission discussed possible revisions to Ordinance No. 61-Drought Management Plan.

5. Ordinance No. 159-Landscape and Irrigation System Requirements.

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d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Chair Pohl requested to discuss Ordinance No. 61-Drought Management Plan, Ordinance No. 159-Landscape and Irrigation System Requirements, Capital Improvement Projects, and the Vista Ridge pipeline connections.

Vice-Chair Dorsey requested to discuss Ordinance No. 61-Drought Management Plan.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Pohl announced the next Water Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

6. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Water Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by Chair Pohl.



William Pohl
Chair

ATTEST



Michelle Hinojosa
Administrative Coordinator