



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Robb Erickson
Councilmember Bryan Lantzzy
Councilmember Kay Bower
Councilmember Todd Arvidson

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Utility Clerk
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Brad Olivarri, Interim Water Manager
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Librarian
Karen Ford, Finance/HR

City Commission Representatives Present:

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
David Krawczynski, Vice-Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

Other City Commissioners in Attendance:

Ken Kneupper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
Jesse Valdez, Water Commissioner
David Dauer, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Karen Diaz, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council members present, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 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

Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Texas Pledge of Allegiance.

4. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

- a) Thank you from Inge Yohey, Garden Ridge resident, to Officer Oehler, Garden Ridge Police Department, for being attentive and helpful while responding to a call for service.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you was received from Inge Yohey, Garden Ridge resident, to Officer Oehler, Garden Ridge Police Department, for being attentive and helpful while responding to a call for service.

- b) Thank you from David and Diana Padden, Garden Ridge residents, to Officer McKay and the Garden Ridge Police Department for exhibiting extra efforts and outstanding service.**

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- c) Thank you from Robert and Hannah Inglis, 20720 Timber Rose Drive, to the Garden Ridge Police Department for always doing an amazing job to protect and serve the City.**

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- d) Thank you from Cyndie Segovia, Garden Ridge resident and Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair, to Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for his continuing extra efforts and patience.**

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5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

No one signed up to speak.

6. Consent Agenda

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION, BUT COMMENTS HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

a) Approval of Minutes:

- i. February 6, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting**
- ii. February 11, 2019 City Council Special Meeting**

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2019.

c) Ordinance No. 218-032019 An Ordinance amending the Early Voting Clerk provisions for the General Election on May 4, 2019 for the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of electing the Mayor and Aldermen to City Council, Places Two and Three; such election shall be a joint election between the City of Garden Ridge and the Comal Independent School District; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.

- d) **Consider the appointment of Marisa Spencer as City Secretary with no probationary period required.**

ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson to approve the Consent Agenda items a) – d).

Motion Rescinded: Councilmember Erickson rescinded his motion.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to pull item d) from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the Consent Agenda items 6. a), b), and c). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Business Items

The following items are for discussion, consideration and action.

a) Action on items pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Bower stated she concurs with appointing Marisa Spencer as City Secretary with no probationary period required. Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw stated he was very proud to be a part of this recommendation. Councilmember Lantzy thanked Mayor Thompson and Nancy Cain, City Administrator, for allowing Marisa Spencer, Interim City Secretary, the time to learn in the position, adding she is an asset to the City.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Consent Agenda item 6. d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Staff Reports

i. City Administrator Monthly Activity Report

- **Community Center usage and financial report, Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor construction projects, City Council Idea/Suggestions, communication efforts, Citizen Concern/Input, and upcoming events.**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated CPS Energy will be replacing the street light at Hickory Bend and FM 2252 with another decorative street light by the end of this month. She stated the Household Hazardous Waste and Spring Clean-Up Event will be held Saturday, April 6th from 8am-2pm with shredding services from 10am-1pm.

Councilmember Erickson expressed his appreciation and thanked Mike with Republic Services.

ii. Police Department Monthly Activity Report

- **Traffic Enforcement, criminal activity within City, and Code Compliance Enforcement.**

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, spoke regarding the Children's Advocacy Center Purse Bingo Event scheduled for March 16. He also reminded everyone about the Refuse To Be A Victim® class on Saturday, March 9, adding to call the Police Department to reserve a slot.

iii. Public Works Monthly Activity Report

- **Street and right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility and easement maintenance, City facility maintenance, Animal Services (domestic and wild), Oak Wilt, Public Works Projects, and City parking lots.**

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly activity report. He spoke regarding new dog beds at the animal shelter (see attached pictures). Councilmember Bower added the dog beds came from Kuranda Pet Beds®, and they are great for all pets.

iv. Water Department Monthly Activity Report

- **Water pumping/usage from City wells, water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).**

Brad Olivarri, Interim Water Manager, stated he is continuing to work with the Water Commission on improving the Water Department monthly reports. He spoke regarding ongoing and future maintenance quotes he provided to City Council.

- **Update on tank overflow occurrence findings.**

Brad Olivarri, Interim Water Manager, spoke regarding information on training and equipment services from MICRO-COMM. Councilmember Erickson inquired about the training and equipment services from MICRO-COMM. Brad Olivarri, Interim Water Manager, stated the training would occur over the next couple of months primarily to add more fail safes that would ensure equipment management is as redundant as possible.

v. Library Monthly Activity Report

- **Upcoming events.**

Linda Crosland, Librarian, reviewed the Library's upcoming events.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding Mrs. Bippert's plan for hosting a coding class for tweens, stating if anyone knows of companies that would like to be involved or sponsor this program to notify him or Linda Crosland, Librarian.

c) City Engineer Projects Status Reports

i. CIP Project for 2015

1. Update on Warranty Items

ii. FM 2252 Sewer and Water Project

iii. Drainage:

1. Creekview

2. Sumac Circle

3. Bindseil Lane

iv. Municipal Parkway

v. City of Selma Water CCN

vi. MS4 Permit Preparation

Dan Mummert, City Engineer, reviewed the Trihydro Corporation – Engineering Report for March 2019 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

d) City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

i. Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

- 1. Ordinance No. 13-032019 An amended comprehensive Planning and Zoning Ordinance for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; establishes a Planning and Zoning Commission; establishes a board of adjustment; regulates and restricts the use and location of buildings and outbuildings, exterior lighting, fencing and landscaping; includes definitions, divides the City into zoning districts with regulations for each; sets special use permit requirements; sets broadcast and reception antenna rules; adopts a map of the City showing the boundaries and classifications of zoning districts; incorporating sign regulations herein; prescribes a penalty of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$2000.00**

for violation of this Ordinance; and repeals Ordinance 13-122018 adopted on December 5, 2018.

a. **Receive recommendation to amend Ordinance No. 13-122018 as follows:**

- 1) **4.1.1.2. Farm and ranch outbuildings and accessory buildings (including but not limited to Barns, Sheds, Tool Rooms, Greenhouses, Cabanas, Gazebos, and Structures other than a primary residence).**
- 2) **4.1.1.3. Farm and ranch outbuildings and accessory buildings, including detached garages, shall not be used as a dwelling unit. Any use as a residence, apartment, guesthouse or servant's quarters temporarily or permanently; including short term and long term rental, or any other type of residential use or occupancy by a single family, individual or group of individuals is prohibited.**
- 3) **4.1.1.4. Any use of a vehicle, boat, tent, trailer, utility trailer, recreational vehicle, or any other type of vehicle having sleeping accommodations as temporary or permanent accessory living quarters or for any other type of residential use or occupancy is prohibited.**
- 4) **5.1.2. Residential outbuildings and accessory buildings (including but not limited to Garages, Sheds, Tool Rooms, Greenhouses, Cabanas, Gazebos, and Structures other than a primary residence).**
- 5) **5.1.2.1. Residential outbuildings and accessory buildings, including detached garages, shall not be used as a dwelling unit. Any use as a residence, apartment, guesthouse or servant's quarters temporarily or permanently; including short term and long term rental, or any other type of residential use or occupancy by a single family, individual or group of individuals is prohibited.**
- 6) **5.1.3.1. Any use of a vehicle, boat, tent, trailer, utility trailer, recreational vehicle, or any other type of vehicle having sleeping accommodations as temporary or permanent accessory living quarters or for any other type of residential use or occupancy is prohibited.**

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed amendments to section 4 and section 5 of Ordinance No. 13-122018, held a public hearing to amend the Ordinance, and unanimously approved the recommendation of these amendments to City Council. The City Council discussed their comments and concerns with various aspects of the proposed amendments. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the current ordinance revision process and stated protecting the community without inhibiting citizen's rights is important.

The City Council agreed by consensus to send these amendments back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review and discussion.

b. Hold a public hearing to receive comments for or against amending Ordinance No. 13-122018.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. and invited anyone from the public to come up to the podium if they have any comments about these changes to the Ordinance.

Five (5) citizens spoke during the public hearing and provided comments for and against amending Ordinance No. 13-122018 (see attached).

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

c. Take action on amending Ordinance No. 13-122018 with approval of Ordinance No. 13-032019.

No action taken.

2. Planning and Zoning Commission Place 4 vacancy.

a. Receive recommendation for the appointment of Jesus Valdez to fill the vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2019.

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission interviewed two candidates for their vacancy and unanimously recommends Jesus Valdez to fill the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 4 vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2019.

b. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to appoint Jesus Valdez to the Planning and Zoning Commission Place 4 vacancy with term expiring September 30, 2019. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Proposed Northeast Bible Church Master Plan for future expansion.

a. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed Northeast Bible Church Master Plan for a future expansion, adding that all documents were in order and the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the proposed Northeast Bible Church Master Plan for a future expansion.

b. Take action on proposed Northeast Bible Church Master Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the proposed Northeast Bible Church Master Plan. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Dr. Miller provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's February meetings. He also spoke regarding the technical committee meeting with Freese and Nichols, Inc., and thanked City Council for their patience and support. He stated Vice-Chair Hausheer will be providing the Planning and Zoning Commission monthly report to the City Council in April.

The City Council thanked Chair Dr. Miller and the Planning and Zoning Commission for their continued hard work, patience, and time commitment.

ii. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Thompson stated the Quarry Commission did not meet in February.

iii. Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Thompson stated the Water Commission did not meet in February.

iv. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's February meeting. He stated the Commission is continuing to work on their Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge and hopes to present this to City Council in April or May.

Councilmember Lantzy inquired about any new updates regarding deer management in the City of Garden Ridge. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the trapping process has started. Councilmember Erickson

thanked the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission for their work and spoke regarding obtaining further information on brown-headed cowbirds. Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw spoke regarding trapping hogs. Mayor Thompson thanked Vice-Chair Krawczynski and the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

v. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Status of new park areas.

Shelby Trial, Parks Committee Chair, spoke regarding plans for the new park areas. He encouraged residents to participate in establishing and naming new park areas, adding the Parks Committee and *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* will be beginning the work on the park in the Regency Oaks Subdivision on March 30th and everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Shelby Trial, Parks Committee Chair, thanked the Sima family for loaning their playground equipment and stated the Parks Committee will be returning the equipment this Friday.

2. Receive recommendation on naming pocket park in Oak Meadows Subdivision.

3. Take action on recommendation.

Mayor Thompson stated these items were placed on the agenda just in case the subdivision was ready to provide a recommendation; however, these items will be moved to the City Council April agenda for discussion and possible action.

4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial spoke regarding the use of CIP funds for City Parks. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated this topic could be addressed later on the agenda during the Update on CIP projects.

Lisa Swint, Parks Committee, spoke regarding misinformation and speculation about using parks for deer management. The City Council agreed by consensus that the City has not and will not conduct deer management in any of the City's Parks. Lisa Swint, Parks Committee, thanked City Council for their support.

vi. Volunteer Garden Ridge!

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Shelby Trial, *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 290 hours for the month of February, adding this is equivalent of almost two full-time employees. He spoke regarding Jan Martin, Comal Master Gardeners, and the Gardens of Garden Ridge workday that is the third Thursday of each month. He stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* has a new email address of volgardenridge@gmail.com.

Mayor Thompson thanked Shelby Trial and all volunteers that continuously put their time and effort into the City. Mayor Thompson stated the City is looking for a new administrator for *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, adding the previous administrator left great framework and encouraged anyone interested to contact him or City Hall.

e) Approvals/Authorizations/Reports/Discussion

i. Ordinance No. 24-032019 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing regulations for the use of City parks and recreational areas controlled by the City of Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas; providing a permit for those who are authorized to use the facilities; regulating possession and use of alcoholic beverages in these facilities; establishing policies governing permit fees, hours of availability, closing times, and cleanup requirements; providing for repeal and superseding of Ordinance No. 24 approved on July 3, 2001; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing for publication and severability.

Mayor Thompson stated City Council received a few different versions due to responses, comments, and concerns from Councilmembers. Councilmember Bower thanked Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, for her

patience in going over this with her. Councilmember Bower and Councilmember Erickson spoke regarding the requirement of pets always being on a leash.

1. Take action on Ordinance No. 24-032019.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve Ordinance No. 24-032019 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing regulations for the use of City parks and recreational areas controlled by the City of Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas; providing a permit for those who are authorized to use the facilities; establishing policies governing permit fees, hours of availability, closing times, and cleanup requirements; regulating possession and use of alcoholic beverages in these facilities; providing for repeal and superseding of Ordinance No. 24 approved on July 3, 2001; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing for publication and severability. Mayor Thompson asked for a roll call vote:

- Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw – aye
- Councilmember Erickson – nay
- Councilmember Lantzy – nay
- Councilmember Arvidson – aye
- Councilmember Bower – nay

The motion failed.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Erickson to approve Ordinance 24-032019 with the second sentence of Section 6. d) removed. During the discussion of the motion, Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw clarified that Ordinance 18 will still be in effect; therefore, Ordinance 18 will still have to be followed. Mayor Thompson asked for a roll call vote:

- Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw – aye
- Councilmember Erickson – aye
- Councilmember Lantzy – aye
- Councilmember Arvidson – aye
- Councilmember Bower – aye

The motion carried unanimously.

ii. City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy Manual.

Mayor Thompson stated City Council approved the City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy Manual on February 11; however, City Council received additional minor policy changes to review. Mayor Thompson stated acting on these additional minor policy changes would change the official approval date to March 6, 2019.

1. Take action on minor policy changes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Erickson, to approve the City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy Manual with the minor policy changes as written. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Take action on expenditure for short-term and long-term disability insurance and inclusion in budget amendment.

Mayor Thompson stated City Council discussed the expenditure for short-term and long-term disability insurance during the special meeting, and since it has a budget implication City Council has to take action on the expenditure and inclusion in budget amendment. Karen Ford, Finance/HR, reviewed the expenditure for short-term and long-term disability insurance and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the expenditure for short-term and long-term disability insurance and inclusion in budget amendment. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Karen Ford, Finance/HR, provided City Council with an update on the rollout and implementation of the new City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy Manual. She stated three (3) information sessions are set for next week to go over the new policies with all employees, adding the Personnel Policy Manual will be effective on March 17, 2019.

f) Updates

i. City Administrator Report on Projects.

1. Update on CIP projects.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated City Council was provided with an updated spreadsheet and she will continue providing a monthly update on these projects. Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, stated they are close to finishing work on the Community and Event Center while also obtaining quotes for various items for Paul Davis Park projects.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the group working hard to get well under their anticipated projections using these CIP restricted funds, adding they are taking expenditures, selection, and long-term usage very seriously. Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the park project regarding water could be added under Park Enhancements if City Council wanted that addition.

The City Council agreed by consensus to add the park project regarding water in order to bring water into the park for human consumption as well as landscape work.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated she will provide a dollar amount at the April City Council meeting on where the City stands with these restricted funds.

2. Update on City use of password management system.

Mayor Thompson stated City administration has deemed the use of a password management system as a very important project to safeguard the City, adding these extra security measures could be easy to just ignore.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, spoke regarding the benefits of providing City employees with a password management system and stated she wanted to make City Council aware that she is researching and comparing the various password management systems in order to pick the best fit for the City's needs.

ii. Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the Northeast Partnership trip to Austin on February 21 where he was able to speak with representatives about a variety of topics of concern. He stated two of these topics included revenue caps on small cities and difficulties with TxDOT.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the increasing number of citizens expressing safety concerns on FM 3009. Mayor Thompson stated he requested these citizens to begin preparing letters to legislators and he requested for Councilmembers to forward any concerns they receive to him so he can prepare to escalate the issue. Mayor Thompson stated since this relates to item 5. TxDOT Coordination and item 6. GRES Traffic Flow and FM 3009 Safety, both of those topics would be discussed now.

Mayor Thompson explained he and Chief Eberhardt have had discussions and meetings with Dr. McKenna, Comal Independent School District, where they offered many alternatives to improve safety on FM 3009 and Municipal Parkway; however, the school district does not want to implement any of them.

Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding the suggestions they discussed with Dr. McKenna that would help in reducing the number of vehicles stopped on FM 3009 waiting to turn onto Municipal Parkway. Chief Eberhardt stated they were all denied without much consideration to any of the suggestions.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding how the City has been unable to get any help from the school district and stated if there is not an agreed upon solution by next council meeting the City will step up their proactive efforts of preventing accidents from occurring due to this dangerous situation.

Councilmember Arvidson suggested to get the president of the school board and superintendent involved. Councilmember Erickson agreed, adding it is time to elevate this issue. Mayor Thompson stated this issue is of extreme importance regarding safety concerns and will continue to be pursued.

Mayor Thompson thanked Chief Eberhardt for his time, effort, and dedication he has spent on this.

3. City Facility Update.

a. Audio/Visual Upgrades and Streaming.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the new equipment in the Council Chambers, City Hall Lobby, and the Council Chambers Conference Room. Mayor Thompson stated since Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, has been the primary interface of this project, she would provide additional details and information regarding the next stage of integrating live streaming and archiving of meetings.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, stated the equipment aspect of this project is substantially complete with only minor programming and minimal adjustments left to be made. She stated she has been working with the software provider to build the interface and web portal as well as learning all of the functions and features included in the software while waiting for the encoder to arrive in order to connect these working pieces.

4. Ordinance Revision Process.

Mayor Thompson stated the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance is currently in the revision process by the Planning and Zoning Commission, Freese and Nichols, Inc., and City staff. He also stated the Water Commission is discussing revisions to the Water Ordinance.

5. TxDOT Coordination.

Mayor Thompson discussed this item during item 2. Citizen Contact Report.

6. GRES Traffic Flow and FM 3009 Safety.

Mayor Thompson discussed this item during item 2. Citizen Contact Report.

iii. City Council Projects.

1. Adopt a highway program for “Families of Garden Ridge” along FM 2252 (Erickson).

Councilmember Erickson stated the next cleanup will be Saturday, April 6th from 9am-11am and this scheduled cleanup is part of the Don't mess with Texas® Trash-off Annual Cleanup. He stated the area includes both sides of FM 2252 from FM 3009 to Weber Autowerks. He spoke regarding contacting Northeast Bible Church to obtain permission to park in their parking lot and about advertising for the annual cleanup. Councilmember Erickson thanked Lisa Richter and Tammi Driscoll and encouraged everyone to let him know if they would like to volunteer.

2. City of Garden Ridge Farmers Market (Erickson).

Councilmember Erickson spoke regarding information he obtained through further discussions and research, stating this project takes a lot more than what was entailed. He spoke regarding New Braunfels Farmers Markets being privately run. Councilmember Erickson stated he would still like to pursue this event; however, he would need more involvement. City Council agreed by consensus to allow Councilmember Erickson to continue pursuing a City of Garden Ridge Farmers Market and suggested the formation of a volunteer group to reduce the use of limited City staff.

3. Dog park in Paul Davis Park (Erickson).

Councilmember Erickson spoke regarding the process and expenses that go along with formation of a dog park, adding the first step is proving there is an actual interest for a dog park before going forward. He spoke regarding temporary options to find out the degree of interest, and Mayor Thompson suggested that Councilmember Erickson discuss these items with Eric Lowman, Animal Services, for further information and options.

4. City website updates and maintenance (Erickson).

Councilmember Erickson stated the City has a great website but needs a variety of more high-resolution pictures. He encouraged everyone to spread the word and send any high-resolution pictures to Marisa Spencer, City Secretary.

5. Open Records Requests (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy stated Nancy Cain, City Administrator, and Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, have since answered his questions regarding Open Records Requests and this item could be removed from the agenda.

6. City Meeting Security (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding safety concerns for residents that attend City meetings and stated he would like to address this further with Chief Eberhardt and Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney. The City Council discussed leaving this item on future agendas and changing the wording to Security for Citizens.

7. Update on Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC Project (Arvidson).

Councilmember Arvidson stated he will be receiving an update from someone that attended the hearing this morning and will report back to City Council in April.

8. Social Media (Arvidson).

Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding cyber bullying and requested information on options to eliminate this behavior. Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, stated the City can only control the content and information on the City's website as well as the City's social media pages. She stated another option would be to disseminate information through outlets like the monthly grapevine. Councilmember Lantzy stated this topic could also be considered during discussions regarding security for citizens. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the complexity of this issue and maintaining their current approaches.

9. Marketing Plan for the City (Bower).

Councilmember Bower spoke regarding the benefits of creating a marketing plan and the consideration of professional assistance, adding she would like City Council to consider the idea of pursuing this. The City Council discussed the benefits, cost, and speaking with developers. Mayor Thompson suggested Councilmember Bower continue looking into this idea, obtaining more information about what is involved, and speaking with various developers.

g) Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Bower requested the update on City-funded monument for Paul Davis Park be placed back on the agenda and suggested to discuss fencing for Paul Davis Park either during the Parks Committee section or as a separate agenda item if necessary.

Councilmember Lantzy requested to change the wording of his City Council Project to Security for Citizens.

Councilmember Erickson requested to keep his four (4) City Council Projects on the agenda.

8. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding growth in Comal County, bond elections, and Garden Ridge Elementary School.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding a Marketing Plan for the City of Garden Ridge and the water tower at FM 2252 and FM 3009.

9. 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:

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“AAMPO”)

Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts

City Commissions (Planning and Zoning, Quarry, Water, and Wildlife Management Advisory)

City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts

Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary

Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)

Garden Ridge Lions Club

Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol

Greater Bexar County Council of Cities

Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph

Northeast Partnership

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw stated Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association voted to give scholarships to qualified individuals in the Garden Ridge Police Department and Bracken Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Thompson reminded everyone that the GRCPAAA Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

10. Executive Session

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session:

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

- 1. To seek legal advice in connection with Plaza Oaks Subdivision/Whisper Oak water services agreement.**
- 2. To consult with and receive legal advice on the application of Code of Criminal Procedures requirements related to Ordinance 217-012019.**

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 9:51 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 10:00 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to consult with the City Attorney on the two (2) items stated above.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 11:01 p.m.

11. Business Items (continued)

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 Thompson asked if any Councilmembers wanted to recall any items posted for Executive Session to allow for any action they wanted to take.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Erickson, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to direct the City Administrator to execute the water services agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Plaza Oaks. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

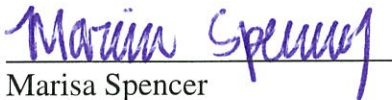
12. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, March 6, 2019, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary











MARCH 6, 2019, CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.

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