



City of Garden Ridge

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

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Lisa Swint (left at 9:22 p.m.)
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

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

City Commission Representatives Present:

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

Other City Commissioners in Attendance:

Karen Diaz, Vice-Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Kitty Owen, Planning and Zoning Commissioner
Ken Kneupper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
Shannon Drichta, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
Jerry Barucky, Vice-Chair, Quarry Commission
Keven Harshbarger, Vice-Chair, Water Commission

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 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 and the Texas Pledge.

4. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

a) Certificate of Appreciation from Homes For Our Troops to the Garden Ridge Police Department.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a Certificate of Appreciation was presented to the Garden Ridge Police Department in recognition of their support to Homes For Our Troops.

b) Award from Boy Scout Den 5-Pack 343 to Officer McMahan.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a “My Hero Award” was presented to Officer McMahan by Boy Scout Den 5-Pack 343 for serving the community.

c) Thank you note from Jeremiah McKinney to City Council, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners, City Administrator Nancy Cain, City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and Assistant City Secretary Kat Balbi.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from Jeremiah McKinney to City Council, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners, City Administrator Nancy Cain, City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and Assistant City Secretary Kat Balbi for his enjoyable experience while being on the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

d) Recognition of Water Manager Jacob Parsons for completion and release from probationary period.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, recognized and congratulated Water Manager Jacob Parsons for completion and release from his 180-day probationary period on October 18, 2019.

e) Recognition of Employee Service Years with the City of Garden Ridge.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, recognized City employees with anniversary dates in the month of November for their hard work, dedication, and tenure with the City of Garden Ridge. This recognition included: Chief Ron Eberhardt-5 years and Steven Steinmetz-19 years.

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Mayor Thompson reviewed the rules for Citizen Comment Period.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding Veterans, Ordinance No. 210, Paul Davis Park, and House Bill 2840.

Tristan Arvidson, 20506 Bat Cave Road, spoke regarding the status of his Eagle Scout project at the pocket park located on Fairview Circle.

Dave Lefforge, 21919 Castano Cove, spoke regarding the water rate structure, water conservation, and water usage.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding trapping feral hogs in Georg Ranch.

6. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes for the October 2, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – September 30, 2019.**
- c) Reschedule the January 1, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting to January 2, 2020.**
- d) Destruction of City Records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.**
- e) Request submitted by Garden Ridge Elementary School to change the date from Friday, November 8, 2019, to Monday, November 11, 2019, in previously granted exception to Ordinance No. 22 Section 6. Pedestrian Traffic. to allow pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am.**
- f) Resolution No. 457-112019 A Resolution of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing an expenditure for the purchase and installation of security cameras at Paul Davis Park; payment of monthly monitoring fees and maintenance of security cameras from the restricted use municipal court child safety fund; and establishing an effective date.**
- g) Approval of Chief Eberhardt’s recommendation for the purchase, installation, and monitoring of security cameras at Paul Davis Park.**
- h) Resolution No. 458-112019 A Resolution of votes cast to elect directors for the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2020-2021.**

Mayor Thompson stated in the interest of the City Council requesting to shorten the length of meetings, action items that are straightforward or routine will be placed in the consent agenda and sent to Councilmembers in advance to review and request clarification from City Staff if needed. He stated these items and any supporting documents will still be included in the packet available to the public on the City's website prior to the meeting with adequate time for citizens to discuss these items with their Councilmembers

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

7. Staff Reports: The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding the implementation of electronic utility billing, encouraging residents to sign up for this service. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the benefits of electronic billing.

b) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the police department monthly activity report and reported that Detective Spiller announced his retirement effective the first week of January 2020. Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding the addition of the Fairview Circle pocket park to the Child Safety Zone Map, officers wearing blue lapel pins during the month of November indicating they have donated at least \$50 to cancer research and raising awareness by participating in "No-Shave November", and officers participating in community help week at Bracken United Methodist Church where they interacted with over 350 children over the course of two days.

c) Public Works Monthly Activity Report.

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the public works monthly activity report and spoke regarding trapping feral hogs, including addressing questions and comments from Councilmembers.

d) Water Department Monthly Activity Report.

Jacob Parsons, Water Manager, reviewed the water department monthly activity report and spoke regarding the number of laptops reads, leak adjustment requests, meter flow tests, and repairing a fire hydrant. He addressed questions and comments from Councilmembers and requested that Chief Eberhardt provide further information regarding the fire hydrant. Chief Eberhardt stated this is an active investigation since the broken fire hydrant was due to a hit and run incident and requested anyone that had information regarding this incident to contact the police department.

Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding a citizen recognizing Water Manager Jacob Parsons for his professionalism.

e) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, reviewed upcoming events at the Garden Ridge Library and spoke regarding the Veterans' Day Tribute on Friday, November 8th at 10:30am in the City Council Chambers. She also thanked all who contributed in making the Halloween Trunk or Treat event successful with over 400 people in attendance.

8. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

Pat Lackey, City Engineer, reviewed the Trihydro Corporation – Engineering Report for November 2019 and addressed questions from Councilmembers. The topics of discussion included the following items: FM 2252 TxDOT Project, FM 2252 Wastewater and Water Project, The Woods of Garden Ridge / Bindseil Lane Drainage Project, Plaza Oaks Water Line, City Transportation Master Plan, T. Blackwell Office Building, Northeast Bible Church, 2019 GIS and Water Model Update, and Zoning Map Update.

9. City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

a) Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Dr. Miller stated Chance Sparks with Freese and Nichols, Inc. is scheduled to attend the Commission's meeting on Tuesday, November 12th to discuss the Draft Zoning Ordinance and legislative updates.

b) Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

c) Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Water Commission Place 2.

1.1. Receive recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Richard Carmichael to the Water Commission Place 2 with term expiring September 30, 2021, and to waive the 6-month residency requirement under qualifications for office in Ordinance No. 210.

Chair Valdez stated the Commission interviewed Dr. Richard Carmichael and spoke regarding his background and experience. Chair Valdez stated the Commission unanimously voted to recommend the appointment of Dr. Richard Carmichael to the Water Commission Place 2 with term expiring September 30, 2021. Chair Valdez also stated that Dr. Carmichael will meet the 6-month residency requirement on December 6, 2019; however, the Commission unanimously voted to recommend that City Council waive the 6-month residency requirement under qualifications for office in Ordinance No. 210.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding granting waivers and exceptions, recommending that City Council not engage in these unless needed in cases where there are no other viable options. Mayor Thompson stated the City is very fortunate to have Dr. Carmichael willing to serve; however, a viable option would be for City Council to make his appointment effective December 6, 2019.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and appoint Dr. Richard Carmichael to the Water Commission Place 2 effective December 6, 2019, with term expiring September 30, 2021. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Water Rate Structure.

2.1. Receive recommendation regarding water rates.

Chair Valdez summarized the presentation provided to City Council in the meeting packet. He spoke regarding the background, assumptions and data input, water rate options, analysis of alternatives and decision criteria, and the water commission recommendations. Chair Valdez stated the Water Commission unanimously voted to recommend to City Council a 14 percent increase across all tiers to the water rate structure.

The City Council discussed the last water rate increase being five (5) years ago, the Water Company having a revenue neutral goal, and water usage. Mayor Thompson and the City Council thanked Chair Valdez, Vice-Chair Harshbarger, and the Water Commission for their hard work, knowledge, and dedication seen in their thorough presentation and detailed discussions during their Commission meeting.

2.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and increase the water rate structure by 14 percent across all tiers effective with the November-December billing cycle and reflected on the January 2020 utility bills. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2.3. Receive recommendation for the review of water rates annually.

Chair Valdez stated the Commission recommends an annual review of water rates to be presented to City Council in November of each year.

2.4. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation for the annual review of water rates to be presented to City Council in November of each year. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Valdez provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's October meeting and stated the Commission rescheduled their November meeting to Tuesday, November 19th due to Thanksgiving.

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4.

1.1. Accept the resignation of Jeremiah McKinney from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation and accept the resignation of Jeremiah McKinney from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4. During the discussion of the motion, the City Council discussed what an asset Mr. McKinney has been to the Commission and City due to his professional knowledge and background being a Wildlife Biologist. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

1.2. Receive recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Denise Miner-Williams to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4 with term expiring September 30, 2020.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski stated the Commission interviewed Dr. Denise Miner-Williams and spoke regarding her background and experience. Vice-Chair Krawczynski stated the Commission unanimously voted to recommend the appointment of Dr. Denise Miner-Williams to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4 with term expiring September 30, 2020.

1.3. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation and appoint Dr. Denise Miner-Williams to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Place 4 with term expiring September 30, 2020. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's October meeting. He spoke regarding education sessions, feral hogs, deer management, and the Wildlife Management Plan.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to create a thank you letter regarding Craig Hensley's professionalism and dedication throughout his tenure as the Wildlife Biologist for Comal County to be signed by the Wildlife Commissioners and City Councilmembers and sent to both Mr. Hensley and his supervisor.

e) Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Dr. Jim Miller, Parks Committee, spoke regarding the annual Christmas tree lighting event, volunteers, equipment at pocket parks, event planning, and working with the Public Works Department as well as the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding reserving the Community and Event Center for a longer period of time before and after the annual Christmas tree lighting event to allow more time to prepare, set up, and take down decorations.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Parks Committee for their efforts in completing the park on Fairview Circle.

f) Volunteer Garden Ridge!

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Dr. Jim Miller, *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*, spoke regarding using the web-based application called SignUpGenius as a new outreach effort to recruit additional volunteers.

10. Approvals/Authorizations: The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

a) Feral Hogs.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the City's efforts in reducing any further property damage by feral hogs. Mayor Thompson stated the City has received letters from citizens petitioning for the City to allow professionals to hunt in the City limits and he requested City Attorney Cynthia Trevino to address this.

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, spoke regarding the discharge of firearms in City limits being a violation of City Ordinance No. 83 and stated that Ordinance No. 83 is consistent with the general limitations of authority provided for in Section 229.002 of the Local Government Code.

1. Review and discuss proposal for feral hog trapping services.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding the proposal for feral hog trapping services from Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services LLC. The City Council discussed timing and procedures for trapping feral hogs.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the date this proposal was received, which was after the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's October meeting, and the sense of urgency regarding feral hogs, adding those were the only factors in why this item was not able to follow the regular process of the Commission reviewing first and subsequently making a recommendation to City Council. Mayor Thompson recommended City Council consider implementing the proposal in Georg Ranch first to determine the effectiveness and authorize City Administrator Nancy Cain to contract on behalf of the City with a cap of \$10,000 from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission line item, which would give her authority to make the decision regarding timing and implementing these services in Trophy Oaks as well.

2. Take action on proposal and authorize City Administrator to execute any documents associated with the services.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the proposal for feral hog trapping services submitted by RMH Ranch Services, LLC, authorize the City Administrator to negotiate and execute any documents associated with feral hog trapping services, and authorize the City Administrator to contract on behalf of the City for feral hog trapping services with a cap of \$10,000 from the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission line item. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Public Information Officer.

1. Discuss and take action on the necessity and retention of Public Information Officer services.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the necessity for a Public Information Officer as well as the retention of Public Information Officer services.

The City Council agreed by consensus to move forward with researching various options regarding retention of Public Information Officer services to then present to City Council for consideration and action.

c) Garden Ridge Market Days.

1. Discuss status and monthly activity update.

Councilmember Swint introduced Market Manager Kim Wood and stated Ms. Wood is in attendance to provide City Council with the monthly activity update. Kim Wood, Market Manager, spoke regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the market, marketing strategies, and the future of the market.

2. Take action on modifications to operating costs and procedures.

Mayor Thompson inquired as to why modifications to operating costs and procedures were made to the Garden Ridge Market Days before requesting approval from City Council. Councilmember Swint denied subverting Council approval and referenced an email sent to the Mayor regarding Market considerations as well as a prior conversation with the Mayor about the Market Manager posting information prior to Council approval due to unfamiliarity with the Council process. Councilmember Swint clarified that no modifications were made to operating costs and the Market account had a current balance of \$1,300. The City Council discussed prior authorizations regarding operating costs and procedures of the Garden Ridge Market Days.

Councilmember Swint requested City Council approval on the following modifications to operating costs and procedures: an additional \$500 of seed money to put towards funding the market, allow the market to use City tables and chairs from the Garden Ridge Community and Event Center for free for three (3) months, and extend the time of the market on a trial basis by one (1) hour from 1pm to 2pm.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve an additional \$1,000 of seed money to fund the Garden Ridge Market Days, allow the market to use City tables and chairs for free for three (3) months, and extend the time of the market on a trial basis by one (1) hour from 1pm to 2pm. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) Ordinance No. 22-072019 An Ordinance regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing prima facie speed limits and placement of traffic control devices; establishing through truck traffic regulations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing no parking zones; and regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions, providing for a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation concerning assemblages and processions.**

- 1. Review and discuss request submitted by Austin Materials/Industrial Asphalt and Aggregates for an exception to Ordinance No. 22-072019.**

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding the request submitted by Austin Materials/Industrial Asphalt and Aggregates for an exception to Ordinance No. 22-072019 to allow through truck traffic on Old Nacogdoches Road at the intersection of FM2252 to the northern City limits. The City Council discussed modifying Ordinance No. 22 versus executing a written agreement with one company.

2. Take action on request.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to direct City staff to modify Ordinance No. 22 to allow for commercial truck traffic on Old Nacogdoches Road at the intersection of FM2252 to the northern City limits. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- e) Ordinance No. 217-012019 An Ordinance of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, making it unlawful for certain sex offenders to reside within 1000 feet of a child safety zone; making it illegal for sex offenders to go in, on, or within 1000 feet of a child safety zone; providing exceptions to the Ordinance; and providing penalties for violations of the Ordinance.**

- 1. Review and discuss petition for exemption.**

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, stated the City received a request for exemption from the requirements of Ordinance No. 217. She stated upon further review, it has been determined that the individual is subject to the ordinance requirements and has not established an exemption from the ordinance. She further stated there is no record of an individualized recidivist assessment for the individual.

2. Take action on petition.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to deny the petition for exemption to Ordinance No. 217-012019 based on legal advice, insufficient findings of undue hardships, and no record of an individualized recidivist assessment. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Updates

- a) City Administrator Reports.**

1. Update on CIP projects.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, provided City Council with an update on remaining CIP projects and funds.

2. Update on City use of password management system.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, provided City Council with an update on the implementation and training sessions for City use of the password management system.

b) Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding making signage improvements at the entrance of Municipal Parkway since repairing the current electronic sign is not worth the cost for its limited utility.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding shortening the length of meetings by placing action items that are straightforward or routine in the consent agenda and sent to Councilmembers in advance to review and request clarification from City Staff if needed. He stated these items and any supporting documents will still be included in the packet available to the public on the City's website prior to the meeting with adequate time for citizens to discuss these items with their Councilmembers.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding a citizen contact during Coffee with the Mayor about a large pothole that raised concerns about safety. He thanked the Public Works Department for quickly responding to this concern and fixing the pothole.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding a second citizen contact during Coffee with the Mayor regarding the accumulation of debris in the drainage infrastructure on FM 2252 outside of the Forest of Garden Ridge. He thanked City Administrator Nancy Cain and the Public Works Department for addressing this concern.

3. City Facility Update.

3.1. Audio/Visual Upgrades and Streaming.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, provided City Council with an update on integrating the online portal that enables indexing streamed videos to the City's website. She stated all Commission meetings are now being streamed to the City's YouTube channel to follow the same process as City Council while the Commission agenda templates are being created and finalized.

4. Ordinance Revision Process.

Mayor Thompson stated the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance is currently in the revision process by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Water Commission is currently reviewing the Water Ordinances, and the Parks Committee provided recommendations for revisions to Ordinance No. 24 to include the new pavilion.

5. TxDOT Coordination.

Mayor Thompson stated he called on November 1st for an update regarding lowering the speed limit on FM3009 and he has not received a call back or any further information.

6. GRES Traffic Flow and FM 3009 Safety.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the effectiveness of Garden Ridge Elementary School implementing two lanes of traffic for pick up and drop off, stating that traffic on FM 3009 is no longer school related due to this change.

c) City Council Projects.

1. New Resident Package (Swint and Bower).

Councilmember Swint and Councilmember Bower stated this is a continued work in progress; however, this item could be removed for December.

2. Length of City Council Meetings (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy stated he would like to move discussions on this item to December.

3. Pets (Bower).

Councilmember Bower spoke regarding being a responsible pet owner and obeying laws and City Ordinances as they pertain to all pets.

12. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

13. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

Mayor Thompson reviewed the rules for Citizen Comment Period and addressed House Bill 2840, stating we not only comply with the law, but we exceed the law by having this additional citizen comment period.

Curt Carter, 21911 Paseo Corto Drive, spoke regarding feral hogs in Georg Ranch.

Tracey Blackwell, 9745 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding the City Engineer's process for reviewing plans as they relate to plans she has submitted.

Julie Reger, 9015 Cinnabar Court, spoke regarding Garden Ridge being a great place to live and considering a multifaceted approach for reducing feral hog damage. She thanked the City Council for their dedication and efforts in serving the City.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding the City offering citizens more time to speak at meetings than other governmental bodies such as the school board and social media. He thanked the City Council for their dedication, time, and patience in serving the City.

14. 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, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary School/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Garden Ridge Lions Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Garden Ridge Women's Club, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Northeast Partnership

None.

15. Executive Session

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

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 – Deliberation about Real Property.**
 - 1. To discuss the acquisition of property related to Paul Davis Park project.**
- b) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.**
 - 1. To seek legal advice in connection with deliberating the purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property and regarding related negotiations for City building projects, and utility projects.**
- c) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.974 – Personnel Matters and Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, if necessary.**
 - 1. To discuss the duties, responsibilities, and potential corrective action in relation to incident involving Eric Lowman and Brian Horn.**
 - 2. To discuss the duties of Police Chief related to evaluation and discipline of officers and related matters and to seek legal advice regarding the duties of Police Chief impacting personnel matters.**
- d) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.**
 - 1. To seek legal advice regarding requirements for Comal County Emergency Services and authority to contract for such services through an interlocal agreement.**

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 9:22 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:30 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.072 – Deliberation about Real Property, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.974 – Personnel Matters to discuss and seek legal advice on the items stated above.

Councilmember Swint left the meeting when City Council recessed and did not return; therefore, she was not in attendance for the Executive Session as well as the Business Items to follow.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 11:09 p.m.

16. 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 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 Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to authorize the City Administrator to execute documents for the transfer of land from a citizen to the City of Garden Ridge for the Paul Davis Park project. The City Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Ardvison, to authorize the City Engineer and the City Administrator to plan, engineer, and negotiate a pressurized sewer system on FM 2252 for commercial use. The City Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

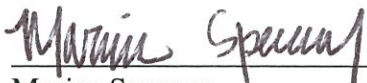
17. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to adjourn. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, November 6, 2019, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 11:12 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary