



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

AGENDA

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Wildlife Management Advisory Commission will meet in a regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Rules for Citizens' Participation: The Commission welcomes citizen participation and comments at all Commission Meetings. The Commission offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

a) Respect and courtesy:

1. Direct your comments to the entire Commission, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
2. Show the Commission the same respect that you would like to be shown.
3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.

b) Speaking:

1. First citizen comment period
 - i. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.
2. Second citizen comment period
 - i. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.
3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
4. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting. However, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the Commission is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042.

6. Business Items

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

- a) Education/Training Session – Bats of Bracken Cave by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams (limited to 30 minutes total).
- b) Approvals
 1. Minutes for November 18, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.
- c) Discussions/Reports/Updates
 1. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.
 - i. Feral hogs.
 - ii. Police Department and Animal Services.

2. Commissioner's Projects
 - i. Hog Management (Sullivan).
 - ii. Development of subcommittees and/or assignments for Commissioners.
 - iii. Update regarding City and/or State wildlife management.
 - iv. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.
3. Meeting Updates/Reports
 - i. December 4, 2019, and January 2, 2020, City Council Regular Meetings.
 - ii. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

d) Recommendations

1. Deer Management Program.
 - i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.
2. City of Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Plan.
 - i. Discuss updates and make recommendations related to, if needed.
3. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.
 - i. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.

e) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.
2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting (March 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall).

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total
See "Rules for Citizens' Participation" under Item 5.

8. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Commission Authorized: The Commission may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the City Council, other city board, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action is specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

This is to certify that I, Kat Balbi, posted this Agenda at 3:00 p.m. on January 21, 2020, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge.


 Kat Balbi
 Assistant City Secretary



MINUTES
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Vice-Chair David Krawczynski (Arrived at 6:04p.m.)
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams
Commissioner Troy Bippert (Arrived at 6:36p.m.)
Commissioner Shannon Drichta

Commissioners Absent:

Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

City Staff Present, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
Chair Dr. Miller, Planning and Zoning Commission
Kitty Owen, Planning and Zoning Commissioner

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Segovia at 6:02 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 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: Chair Segovia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Chair Statement

Chair Segovia welcomed the newest members to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission. She spoke regarding the responsibilities of the Commission to include deer management and creating the Wildlife Management Plan.

5. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

6. Business Items

The following items are for discussion and/or possible action, including recommendations:

- a) Education/Training Session – Wild Birds by Wild Birds Unlimited, LLC (limited to 30 minutes total)(Drichta).**

Commissioner Drichta provided the presentation Wild Birds (see attached). She reviewed a variety of different bird feeders and bird food. She answered questions from the audience and the Commission.

b) Approvals

i. Minutes October 21, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to approve the minutes for October 21, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports

i. Wildlife and wildlife incidents within the City of Garden Ridge.

1. City Council action concerning trapping of feral hogs

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated City Council approved a proposal from RMH Ranch Services, LLC to trap feral hogs. She updated the Commission on the current status of waiting to receive a contract from Ryan Murphy.

The Commission discussed upgrading the equipment for Animal Services and asked for estimates at the next meeting. They discussed City employee training to handle trapping feral hogs.

2. Police Department and Animal Services

The Commission reviewed the wildlife report from the Police Department and Animal Services.

d) Updates/Recommendations

i. Review and discuss deer management program with Ryan Murphy, RMH Ranch Services, LLC.

1. Discuss and make recommendations related to deer management, if needed.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated Ryan Murphy could not attend the meeting. She stated he has filed all the required permits and is waiting for State approval, adding the City is in the process of securing locations for traps.

ii. Development of comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

1. Discuss and make possible recommendations regarding topics and/or items in the Wildlife Management Plan for Garden Ridge.

Chair Segovia stated the Commission has reviewed and emailed edits to City Staff and the Wildlife Management Plan should be sent to City Council for their review and consideration.

iii. Commissioner's Projects

1. "Thank you" letter for Craig Hensley from Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The Commission discussed all the work Craig Hensley contributed to the City of Garden Ridge and all Commissioners signed a thank you letter.

2. Health of wildlife in Garden Ridge.

The Commission discussed the rutting season for deer.

3. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

The Commission discussed the schedule for future education/training sessions: January – Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams (Bats).

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Drichta, seconded by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, to cancel the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting on December 16, 2019. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

iv. Meeting Updates/Reports

1. November 6, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

Vice-Chair Krawczynski reviewed the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission items discussed at the November 6, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.

2. Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Chair Segovia discussed the Boy Scouts building benches for Paul Davis Park.

- v. Ordinance No. 210-022018 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge adopting board and commission policy and procedures; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all Ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.**

- 1. Discuss and make recommendations related to application of ordinance provisions to commission members, if needed.**

The Commission did not have any additional matters to discuss at this time.

e) Future Agenda Items.

i. Commissioner input.

Chair Segovia requested to discuss forming sub-committees. Commissioner Kneupper requested to discuss bats. Commissioner Drichta requested to discuss catching rainwater.

ii. Reschedule Monday, January 20, 2020, and Monday, February 17, 2020, Regular Meetings.

The Commission discussed possible dates to reschedule each meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Drichta, to reschedule Monday, January 20, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting to Monday, January 27, 2020. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Kenupper, seconded by Vice-Chair Krawczynski, to reschedule Monday, February 17, 2020, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting to Monday, February 24, 2020. The Commission voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

iii. Announcement of next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting (Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6 p.m. at City Hall).

Chair Segovia announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

7. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

Kitty Owen, 8420 Twisted Oak, spoke regarding the City's development and feral hogs.

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding hummingbirds.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Monday, November 18, 2019, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. by Chair Segovia.

ATTEST:

Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia
Chair

Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Wildlife Management Commission
City of Garden Ridge

From: Ron Eberhardt
Chief of Police
City of Garden Ridge

Date: 21 January 2020

Copies:

Reference: Monthly Wildlife Statistics / December 2019 and January 2020

Members of the Commission,

Here is the data collected for the preceding weeks regarding the Police Departments involvement with animal related calls. These numbers do not include any cases related to domestic dogs or cats.

14 November 2019 through 21 January 2020

- 1- Deer stuck in fence / set loose
- 1- Dead deer on roadway / removed by ACO



MONTHLY ANIMAL SERVICES REPORT

January 2020

Year to Date Wildlife Report

	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug.	Sep.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Total
Deer	11	6	5	2	10	11	9	9	5	11	13	16	95
Raccoons	5	3	3	3	5	4	4	4	3	8	5	7	46
Possums	2	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	5	6	3	7	33
Skunks	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	3	14
Wild hogs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Turtles	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
Squirrels	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	6	5	7	19
Foxes	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	5
Armadillos	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	5	3	6	17
Hawks	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bats	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Coyotes	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Buzzards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ringtails	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snakes	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	9
Other	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
YTD Total	25	15	11	11	22	25	18	19	20	46	34	47	293

Additional information

Information on the 16 Deer:

8 - Vehicle
2 - Predator
6 - Unknown

Information on the 13 Deer:

9 - Vehicle
2 - Fence
2 - Unknown

Other: 2 Porcupines







Future Agenda Items

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

March 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

14 days before Meeting	(3/02/20)	Commission and Staff items are due
10 days before Meeting	(3/06/20)	City Administrator and Chair review agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
6 days before Meeting	(3/10/20)	Post Agenda on bulletin board and Commission will receive packet (allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added)
4 days before Meeting	(3/12/20)	Post Agenda Packet to City Website
3 days before Meeting	(3/13/20)	(72 hours) – Local Government Code requirement for posting

City Council = Red

Impact Fee Committee = Pink

Quarry Commission = Purple

Planning & Zoning = Green

Water Commission = Blue

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission = Brown

Municipal Court = Gray

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Approval

1. Minutes 1-27-20

Discussion/Reports

1. Wildlife Management Plan and Health of the wildlife in Garden Ridge
2. Police/Animal Services Wildlife Report
3. City Council Update
4. Ordinance 210
5. Future Agenda Items (Commissioners' input / Announce next meeting)

Training Session

April 20, 2020

Regular Meeting

14 days before Meeting	(11/04/20)	Commission and Staff items are due
10 days before Meeting	(11/08/20)	City Administrator and Chair review agenda. City Attorney is sent the agenda for approval.
6 days before Meeting	(11/12/20)	Post Agenda on bulletin board and Commission will receive packet (allowing a day and half for corrections and to request additional information to be added)
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3 days before Meeting	(11/15/20)	(72 hours) – Local Government Code requirement for posting

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Approval

1. Minutes 3-16-20

Discussion/Reports

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3. City Council Update
4. Ordinance 210
5. Future Agenda Items (Commissioners' input / Announce next meeting: Dec. 16 at 6pm)

Training Session

- Chair Segovia – TBD (possibly Humane Society)

PENDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Education/training session regarding social media from City Attorney (Kneupper)
- Update on research performed on non-drug birth control studies (Segovia).
- Hunting on Hanson Quarry
- Identify signs of wildlife
- Discussion on future surveys, including adult children (age 18 or older) living at home (Kneupper)
- Cost and provider for autopsy of a deer showing signs of Bottleneck (Krawczynski)
- Discussion on catching rainwater (Drichta)

UPCOMING EDUCATION/TRAINING SESSIONS

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Rolling Attendance

Commissioners	1/28/19 Reg. Mtg.	2/25/19 Reg. Mtg.	3/18/19 Reg. Mtg.	4/15/19 Reg. Mtg.	5/20/19 Reg. Mtg.	6/17/19 Reg. Mtg.	7/15/19 Reg. Mtg.	8/16/19 Reg. Mtg.	9/16/19 Reg. Mtg.	10/21/19 Reg. Mtg.	11/18/19 Reg. Mtg.	1/27/20 Reg. Mtg.
Krawczynski	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	
Segovia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	
Miner-Williams											P	
Kneupper	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	
Drichta									P	P	P	
Bippert	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	
Sullivan	U	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

P	Present	P-QNM	Present but quorum not met	E	Excused for reasons allowed in Ord. 210
U	Unannounced Absence		Not member yet	A	Voluntary Announced Absence

Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's Attendance at City Council Regular Meetings

Commissioners	1/2/20 Reg. Mtg.												Total for year
Krawczynski													
Segovia													
Miner-Williams													
Kneupper													
Drichta													
Bippert													
Sullivan													
	Met requirements			Not met requirements									