



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Lisa Swint
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:

Cynthia Shanahan-Segovia, Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission
Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Jesse Valdez, Chair, Water Commission
Johnell Holly, Chair, Quarry Commission

Other City Commissioners in Attendance:

Karen Diaz, Vice-Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Ken Kneupper, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
Shannon Drichta, Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner
James Mueller, Water Commissioner

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, February 5, 2020, 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. Proclamations

a) Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Thompson presented a proclamation to Ellie Truan and Jason Hand, Crisis Center of Comal County, declaring the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Ellie Truan, Crisis Center of Comal County Prevention Specialist, thanked Mayor Thompson, City Council, and the City of Garden Ridge for raising awareness about teen dating violence and spoke regarding the services and resources provided by the Crisis Center of Comal County.

5. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

a) Thank you note from Joe Maloney to Officer Byrne.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from Joe Maloney to Officer Byrne for monitoring traffic infractions at a high traffic intersection in the City.

b) Thank you note from Kim Ryan to Officer Hackenberg.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from Kim Ryan to Officer Hackenberg for his quick response and insightful suggestions in locating a missing package.

c) Thank you notes from Herb and Lona Langthorp to the City of Garden Ridge Staff.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated thank you notes were received from Herb and Lona Langthorp to the City of Garden Ridge Staff for going above and beyond while being caring, helpful, and compassionate.

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

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, recognized Officer McKay for her four (4) years of dedication, service, and tenure with the City of Garden Ridge.

6. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Mayor Thompson reviewed the rules for Citizen Comment Period.

Mark Hausheer, 20914 Misty Arbor, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22.

Lisa Chabot, 21927 Paseo Corto Drive, spoke regarding Garden Ridge Market Days.

Charles Weisinger, 8302 Shining Elk, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22 and an upcoming event in support of Garden Ridge Elementary School.

Erika Rodriguez, 9328 Blazing Star, spoke regarding Garden Ridge Market Days.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22.

Tracey Blackwell, 9745 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22.

Susan Becher, 9742 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding Garden Ridge Market Days.

Paul Godwin, 9660 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22.

Rudy Andabaker, 21131 Gunther Grove, spoke regarding proposed no parking zones in Ordinance No. 22.

Roger Parker, 22895 Bat Cave Road, spoke regarding Garden Ridge Market Days.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Comal ISD and Davenport High School and Comal Independent School District.

7. 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 for the January 2, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting.

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

- c) **Ordinance No. 83-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regulating the discharge of firearms within the City limits; providing a penalty; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**
- d) **Ordinance No. 22-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City 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”; regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions, providing a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**
- e) **Resolution No. 459-022020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing and accepting the donation of 0.045 acres of real property from the Joseline Brestle Revocable Trust.**
- f) **Resolution No. 460-022020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, providing for the issuance of a pass to allow volunteers use of bulk dumpsters.**
- g) **Resolution No. 461-022020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, in compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, as required by the provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 2256, the Public Funds Investment Act, as amended.**
- h) **Wholesale Wastewater Services Agreement between Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority and City of Garden Ridge.**
- i) **Ordinance No. 223-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority Industrial Waste Order adopted February 28, 1991, and as amended thereafter; providing a penalty; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**
- j) **Ordinance No. 224-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, to order a General Election on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing Aldermen to City Council Place One, Place Four, and Place Five; such election shall be a joint election; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.**

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. Furthermore, Council will always have the opportunity to pull any consent agenda items for further discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to pull item d) Ordinance No. 22-022020 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 Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Consent Agenda items a), b), c), e), f), g), h), i), and j). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

The City Council discussed implementation of the proposed no parking zones on Tonkawa Pass as reflected in Ordinance No. 22-022020. Councilmembers raised concerns regarding restricting parking, the application of traffic patterns, and traffic flow throughout the City. Chief Eberhardt discussed considerations when examining the area, reiterating Tonkawa Pass is one of the few areas that has raised curbs instead of ribbon curbs. Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding other no parking zones in the City, providing the similar situation of no parking zones around the Club of Garden Ridge to address safety concerns stemming from parking at a business located near a residential area. Chief Eberhardt discussed City Council modifications to the proposed no parking zones; however, he recommends City Council consider limiting the parking in that area in order to allow people to traverse as well as emergency vehicles to ingress and egress, particularly due to the limited sight-distance on the curve.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw spoke regarding updating the map of Municipal Parkway on page 14 to reflect and display the currently marked parking spaces within the no parking zone near the Public Works building.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve Ordinance No. 22-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, 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”; regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions, providing a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date with modifications to “Attachment 3, ANNEX C, NO PARKING ZONES”. The modifications include the following: updating the map of Municipal Parkway to reflect and display the currently marked parking spaces within the school zone near the Public Works building, removing the proposed no parking zone on the South side of Tonkawa Pass from FM 2252 to Comanche Path, removing the proposed no parking zone on the North side of Tonkawa Pass from Comanche Path to Cherokee Path, and removing the proposed no parking zone on the North side of Tonkawa Pass from Cherokee Path to Timmerman Cove. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Lantzy). The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

8. 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 and stated Denise Bissell resigned from her position with the City as Utility Clerk to take a position somewhere else.

b) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the police department monthly activity report and spoke regarding the internal promotion process, congratulating Joe Thoemke for his promotion to Patrol Sergeant. Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding a recent concern claiming that a vicious dog was not being contained by the electric fence on the property. He stated the citizen came to the police department to file a police report regarding the incident; however, there was no indication that any criminal activity occurred, and the citizen would not provide a written statement. Chief Eberhardt also spoke regarding upcoming dates for the following classes open to Garden Ridge residents for free: Refuse To Be A Victim®, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, and Active Shooter Emergency Care Course.

c) Public Works Monthly Activity Report.

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the public works monthly activity report and spoke regarding trapping and removing feral hogs in Georg Ranch as well as an incident where 38 tires were dumped on Tonkawa Pass that had to be disposed of at the City’s expense. He updated City Council on the Public Works Department monitoring for signs of Oak Wilt, stating he met with Texas A&M Forest Service Biologist Mr. Edmonson to collect and send samples from a tree in Paul Davis Park to the Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Lab located in College Station and currently waiting to receive the results back.

d) Water Department Monthly Activity Report.

Jacob Parsons, Water Manager, reviewed the water department monthly activity report and stated Brad Olivarri resigned from his position with the City as Deputy Water Manager to take another position somewhere else.

e) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, reviewed upcoming events at the Garden Ridge Library.

9. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

Pat Lackey, City Engineer, reviewed the Trihydro Corporation – Engineering Report for February 2020 and addressed questions from Councilmembers. The topics of discussion included the following items: FM 2252 TxDOT Project, FM 2252 Wastewater Project, and T. Blackwell Office Building.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Resolution No. 439-092018 A Resolution of the City of Garden Ridge setting the day, time, and place of regular meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.

1.1. Receive recommendation to amend Resolution No. 439-092018.

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Commission recommends amending Resolution No. 439 to remove the regular meeting on the third Thursday effective March 2020. He spoke regarding the Commission's stability as well as their ability to still hold a special meeting if needed.

1.2. Take action on Resolution No. 439-022020 A Resolution of the City of Garden Ridge setting the day, time, and place of the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and approve Resolution No. 439-022020 A Resolution of the City of Garden Ridge setting the day, time, and place of the regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Dr. Miller provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's January meeting and spoke regarding the Draft Zoning Ordinance and legislative updates.

b) Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Holly provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's January meeting and spoke regarding future educational materials pertaining to blasting.

c) Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Request for water leak adjustment for 20525 FM 3009 for the billing period of August 22, 2019 – September 23, 2019.

1.1. Receive recommendation from the Water Commission.

Chair Valdez stated the Commission reviewed the request for a water leak adjustment and stated the Commission recommends City Council approve the Water Manager's proposal of a \$3,452.38 account credit due to the Water Department's investigation of data revealing a 214,000 gallon water leak during the billing period of August 22, 2019 – September 23, 2019.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation regarding the request for a water leak adjustment for 20525 FM 3009 for the billing period of August 22, 2019 – September 23, 2019, and credit the account in the amount of \$3,452.38. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Lantzy). The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

2. Request for water leak adjustment for 9215 Gloxinia Drive for the billing period of October 23, 2019 – November 21, 2019.

2.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Valdez stated the Commission reviewed the request for a water leak adjustment and stated the Commission recommends City Council approve the Water Manager's proposal of a \$779.24 account credit due to the Water Department's investigation of data revealing a 105,000 gallon water leak during the billing period of October 23, 2019 – November 21, 2019.

2.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation regarding the request for water leak adjustment for 9215 Gloxinia Drive for the billing period of October 23, 2019 – November 21, 2019, and credit the account in the amount of \$779.24. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Lantzy). The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Valdez provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's January meeting and spoke regarding the water leak adjustment process, commissioner activities and projects, and the water rate review process. He stated the Commission's February meeting has been cancelled due to conflicting with Comal County Early Voting, and the Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th.

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Segovia provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's January meeting and spoke regarding education and training sessions, hog management, and the wildlife management plan. She thanked Councilmember Kay Bower, Rod Chamberlain, Linda Potts, and Linda Valdez for their help with the butterfly meadow in Paul Davis Park. She also stated the Commission's February meeting has been cancelled due to conflicting with Comal County Early Voting, and the Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16th.

Councilmember Swint requested an update on the deer management program. Chair Segovia provided City Council with an update on the status of the deer management program, stating the City has not been able to secure any viable locations for trapping.

e) Garden Ridge Parks Committee:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Dr. Jim Miller, Parks Committee, provided City Council with an update on the Parks Committee's activities and leadership and spoke regarding the Parks Committee providing their recommendation to name the Fairview Circle pocket park to City Council in March. Dr. Jim Miller requested Councilmember Swint and Councilmember Bower provide additional updates on Parks Committee projects and events.

Councilmember Swint stated the Parks Committee submitted an application for a parks grant through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and spoke regarding the grant as well as the application process.

Councilmember Bower announced the dates for upcoming events at Paul Davis Park, stating a park clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29th and the EGGstravaganza Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th.

f) Volunteer Garden Ridge!

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 187 hours for January.

11. Approvals/Authorizations

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

a) Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report (period ending September 30, 2019).

1. Receive a presentation and review.

Deborah Fraser of Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants, summarized the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report by reviewing the attached presentation and addressing comments from Councilmembers.

Councilmembers showed their appreciation of City staff and Ms. Fraser for the hard work and cooperative efforts evident in the audit report and presentation. Mayor Thompson thanked Ms. Fraser for sharing her knowledge as well as her gracious support of City staff. He spoke regarding how fortunate the City is to have Karen Ford, Finance/HR Director, stating receiving another great audit report is a direct reflection of her hard work and attention to detail.

2. Take action on the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Report. During the discussion of the motion, Councilmember Bower thanked Finance Director Karen Ford for her hard work and ensuring that City Council received the audit report in advance. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 225-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, declaring the maximum, reasonable, and prudent speed limits along FM 3009 in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

Mayor Thompson reviewed the speed limit changes along FM 3009 in the City of Garden Ridge as detailed in Ordinance No. 225.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve Ordinance No. 225-022020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, declaring the maximum, reasonable, and prudent speed limits along FM 3009 in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) Discuss and take action on Resolution No. 462-022020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, supporting the study, analysis, and implementation of solutions on FM 3009 to improve traffic flow and safety through the City of Garden Ridge.**

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the need and purpose for official action and documentation as detailed in Resolution No. 462 to provide to TxDOT so they can move forward with the study, analysis, and implementation of solutions on FM 3009 to improve traffic flow and safety through the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve Resolution No. 462-022020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, supporting the study, analysis, and implementation of solutions on FM 3009 to improve traffic flow and safety through the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Garden Ridge Market Days.

1. Discuss status and monthly activity update.

Councilmember Swint provided City Council with a monthly activity update and spoke regarding the Market Manager Report, which included a January Market Summary and Marketing Recap.

2. Discuss and take action on termination of Market Manager's contract and authorize City Administrator to send written notice consistent with the contract.

Kim Wood, Market Manager, spoke regarding the history, growth, and current situation of the Market. She presented the proposed separation agreement to privatize the Garden Ridge Market Days.

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, spoke regarding the allocation of assets as well as preparing documentation and requested to reconvene into Executive Session to provide City Council with legal advice regarding the proposed separation agreement, including the termination of the Market Manager's contract.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 8:20 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session in accordance agenda item **16. Executive Session a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) – Consultation with Attorney. 2. To seek legal advice regarding the proposed separation agreement to privatize the Garden Ridge Market Days.**

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy to approve the nullification of the contract. There was no second; therefore, the motion died.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint to set the contract end date as Friday the 14th and to direct the City Attorney to develop a one-year license agreement for use of the webmail, website, email, and market day logo. There was no second; therefore, the motion died.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to terminate the Market Manager's contract effective Friday, February 14th, 2020, and authorize the City Administrator to send written notice consistent with the contract. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and take action on separation proposal and authorize City Administrator to negotiate terms and execute documents for and on behalf of the City.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to authorize the City Administrator, in conjunction with the City Attorney, to negotiate terms and execute documents for and on behalf of the City for the Garden Ridge Market Days Separation Proposal to privatize the Market. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Updates

a) City Administrator Reports.

1. Update on CIP projects.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, provided City Council with a status update on the remaining 2015 CIP funds and projects, stating she authorized the Parks Committee until the end of February to determine uses at Paul Davis Park for the remaining funds.

2. Update on security upgrades at Paul Davis Park.

Chief Eberhardt provided City Council with an update regarding the security upgrades at Paul Davis Park and displayed pictures from the newly installed camera system. Chief Eberhardt addressed questions and comments from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct Chief Eberhardt to add an additional camera that directly faces and displays the bathrooms and playground area.

b) Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the February Grapevine communicating and clarifying information about building permits as well as lot sizes, lot widths, and yard dimension regulations in the City of Garden Ridge due to receiving questions and comments on these topics.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the implementation and success of live streaming and recording meetings to facilitate the goal of increased accessibility for all citizens. He stated 1,267 people accessed City Council videos from the first streamed City Council meeting in May 2019 to the meeting in January 2020, which averages to 181 views per City Council meeting.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding receiving great feedback about how fortunate the City is to have the ability of providing the bulk dumpsters for use during the first four weekends of every odd month in addition to this benefit operating smoothly. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding employees maintaining quality relationships and cooperative efforts with Republic Services. He commended the front office staff, particularly Mrs. Del Toro and Ms. Balbi, for their continued and effective communication with Republic Services to ensure superior service to all customers.

3. TxDOT Coordination/FM 3009 Safety.

Mayor Thompson provided City Council with an update on TxDOT Coordination/FM 3009 Safety and spoke regarding the speed limit change and road work on FM 3009. He recognized and thanked TxDOT for notifying the City prior to beginning the recent work on FM 3009.

13. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

14. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

Tracey Blackwell, 9745 Trophy Oaks Drive, spoke regarding traffic and safety at the entrance to Trophy Oaks.

15. 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.

16. Executive Session

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

a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) and 551.071(2) – 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.**
- 2. To seek legal advice regarding the proposed separation agreement to privatize the Garden Ridge Market Days.**
- 3. A matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Texas Government Code Chapter 551 – city obligations/duties and liability regarding certain criminal investigation.**

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 8:54 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) and 551.071(2) – Consultation with Attorney to discuss and seek legal advice on the items stated above.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:29 p.m.

17. 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. Receiving no responses from Councilmembers, Mayor Thompson closed Business Items.

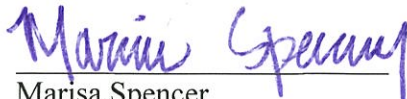
18. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, February 5, 2020, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary

**SIGN IN TO SPEAK AT THE FEBRUARY 5, 2020
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CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

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b) Speaking:

- i. First citizen comment period
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- ii. Second citizen comment period
 1. You are not required to sign up.
 2. You are limited to one 2-minute period.
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NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)	SUBJECT
1. Mark Hausher	20914 Misty Arber		No Parking Towake Pass
2. Lisa Chabot	21927 Paseo Corto DR		Garden Ridge Market Days
vo 3. LILLIE TRUAN	1547 E. COMMON ST.		TOWAM Proclamation
4. Charles Weisner	8302 Shining Elk		GRES Physical Fun Run
5. Erika Rodriguez	9328 BLAZING STAR		Garden Ridge Market Days
6. ROD GAMBELIN	8867 CITENOLKE PATH		ORD #22.
7. Tracy Blackwell	9745 Trophy Oaks		Garden Ridge ORD #22
8. Susan Becker (Becher)	5742 Trophy Oaks		GR Market + minutes availability
9. PAUL Godwin	9660 Trophy Oak		Towake Pass
10. Rudy Andabaker	21131 Gunther Grove		TOWAKE PASS

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2. Ken Kneupper	8891 Schoental Rd		DAVENPORT H/S.
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City of Garden Ridge Annual Financial Report

Year Ended September 30, 2019

What is in the Annual Financial Report

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- Independent Auditor's Report
- Management Discussion & Analysis
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Independent Auditor's Report

- Audit Standards to follow
 - Generally Accepted Auditing Standards
 - Government Auditing Standards
- Purpose
 - To form an independent opinion on whether the financial statements are presented in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Independent opinion on the financial statements
 - Audit in “unmodified”
 - This is the best opinion that can be given for an independent audit. It means we have no modifying statements in our opinion letter.

Management Discussion & Analysis

- Financial Highlights
- Overview of the Financial Statements
- Government-wide Financial Analysis
- Financial Analysis of the City's Funds
- Budgetary Highlights
- Capital Assets and Debt
- Requests for Information

Financial Highlights

- Government-Wide Financial Statement
 - Governmental Activities
 - Assets of the City exceeded its liabilities by \$6.6 million at September 30, 2019.
 - Net position decreased by \$415 thousand primarily due to the effects of your OPEB Liability and depreciation expense.
 - Business Type Activities
 - Assets of the Water Fund exceeded its liabilities by \$7.3 million at September 30, 2019.
 - Unrestricted Net Position increased by 1.2 to \$1.5 million at September 30, 2019 as a result of transfers of infrastructure from the capital projects.

Financial Highlights (Continued)

NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,245,536	5,884,635	10,130,171
Restricted for:			
Child Safety	36,526	-	36,526
Court Security/Technology	8,803	-	8,803
Impact Fees	-	146,310	146,310
Debt Service	27,889	-	27,889
Donations	6,288	-	6,288
Public, Educational, & Governmental (PEG) Capital Fees	33,106	-	33,106
Police Asset Forfeiture	236,149	-	236,149
Unrestricted	2,126,580	1,666,998	3,793,578
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 6,720,877	\$ 7,697,943	\$ 14,418,820

Financial Highlights (Continued)

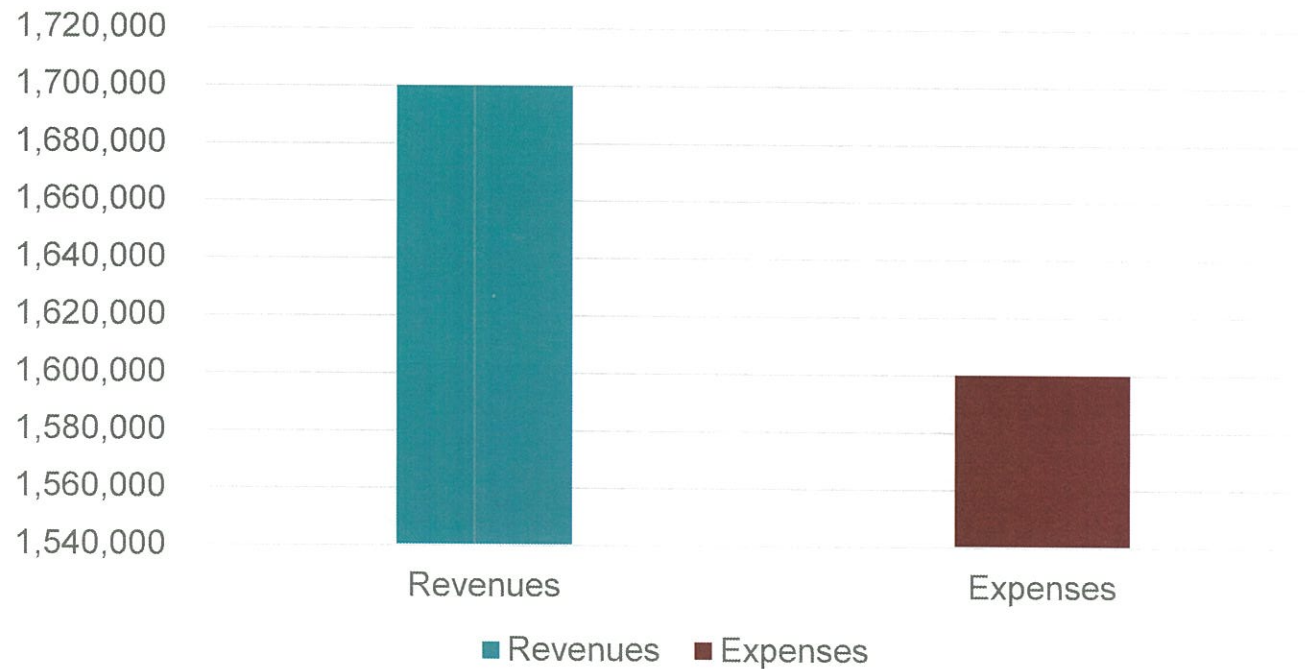
- Fund Financial Statements
 - The General Fund's fund balance at the end of the 2019 fiscal year was \$2.4 million and the combined fund balance for all funds was \$2.9.
 - Unassigned Fund Balance for the General Fund was \$2. million or approximately 10.4 months average operating expenditures.
 - Fund balance for the general fund increased \$175 thousand. The increase is the result of lower than expected expenses; \$94 thousand of the general administration and \$45 thousand in police protection.
 - The combined fund balance decreased by \$221 thousand due to capital outlay expenditures and debt service expenditures.

Financial Highlights (Continued)

<i>Fund Balances:</i>					
Non-Spendable:					
Prepaid Items	4,984	-	-	-	4,984
Restricted for:					
Child Safety	36,526	-	-	-	36,526
Court Security	8,803	-	-	-	8,803
Debt Service	-	31,498	-	-	31,498
Donations	6,288	-	-	-	6,288
PEG Capital Fees	33,106	-	-	-	33,106
Police Asset Forfeiture	-	-	-	236,149	236,149
Assigned for:					
Capital Projects	-	-	232,750	-	232,750
Unassigned:	2,298,603	-	-	-	2,298,603
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>2,388,310</u>	<u>31,498</u>	<u>232,750</u>	<u>236,149</u>	<u>2,888,707</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,663,036</u>	<u>\$ 47,852</u>	<u>\$ 420,150</u>	<u>\$ 236,149</u>	<u>\$ 3,367,187</u>

Financial Highlights (Continued)

- Business-Type Activities net position decreased by \$350 thousand.



Letters on Conduct of Audit

- Accounting Policies – GASB 88
- Accounting Estimates
- Difficulties
- Misstatements
- Disagreements
- Management Representations
- Consultations with other Independent Accountants
- Compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act

FEBRUARY 5, 2020
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SECOND CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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