



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 2, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 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 on November 27, 2015 before 5:00 p.m., providing time, place, date and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Citizen's Participation - Limit remarks to three (3) minutes per citizen

Rules for Citizen's Participation:

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all of their Council Meetings. As a courtesy to your fellow citizens and out of respect to our elected officials, we request that if you speak, that you please follow these guidelines.

- a) Direct your comments to the entire Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
- b) Show the City Council the same respect and courtesy that you would like to be shown.
- c) Limit remarks to three (3) minutes per citizen during Item 4 and to three (3) minutes per citizen during Item 8.
- d) Citizens' comments will be limited to one (1) hour in Item 4 and thirty (30) minutes in Item 8.
- e) Citizen comments may be deferred to a specific Business Item set forth in Section 6, below, if such comments pertain to such Business Item.

*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 Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.*

5. 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 November 4, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- b) Approval of new employee selection with 6 month probationary period at a salary set at 5% less than salary set for position in the 2016 Budget applicable to said position:
 - i. Corey Hackenberg as Police Officer effective December 3, 2015
- c) Financial Statement and Investment Report –October 31, 2015

ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

6. Business Items

The City Council may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

- a) City Engineer Projects Update:
 - i. CIP Project for 2015
 - a. Status report
 - b. Trinity Wells
 - ii. Northeast Bible Church drainage
- b) Status Report on the Lone Star Rail project and authorization for the Mayor to affix her signature on behalf of the City of Garden Ridge onto letter supporting the City of San Antonio's participation in the Lone Star Rail project.
- c) Status Report on the widening of FM 2252
- d) Ordinance 186-122015 of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge prohibiting the feeding of deer within the City limits; establishing a penalty; providing that this Ordinance shall be cumulative of all ordinances; providing a severability clause; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

- e) Providing for regulations of firearms in City buildings and the erection of signage regarding the carrying of firearms on City premises in accordance with recent legislation
- f) Authorizing the City Administrator and Mayor to enter into an agreement with UTSA for a Comprehensive Land Use for the City of Garden Ridge at a cost of \$31,682.
- g) Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2015 for the City of Garden Ridge
- h) Resolution No. 383-122015 of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the City Administrator to acknowledge and accept notice of instances of common representation by the City Attorney and authorizing the City Administrator to execute documents to allow for continued representation or appointment of Special Counsel if required.
- i) Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action to City Council:
No Report
- l) Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
No Report
- m) Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
No Report
- n) Update on the City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy
- o) Update from the Garden Ridge Deer Management Committee
 - i. Possible December Town Hall Meeting
- p) Update from the Garden Ridge Parks Committee
 - i. Christmas tree illuminating event December 1, 2015
- r) Any item removed from the consent agenda will be recalled for discussion and possible action at this time.

7. State of the City

The City Council may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

- a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report
 - Sign approvals since prior Council meeting
 - Community Center usage and financial report
 - Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor Construction projects
 - Recognition of employees and/or city events
 - Website and Facebook

- b) Library Monthly Activity Report
 - New Patrons
 - Old Patrons
 - Library activities and classes
 - c) Water Manager Monthly Activity Report
 - Water pumping/usage from city wells
 - Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects
 - Water and/or Drought Management
 - d) Public Works Monthly Activity Report
 - Street and Right-Of-Way Maintenance
 - Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance
 - Animal Control (domestic and wild)
 - Public Works Projects
 - e) Police Department Monthly Activity Report
 - Traffic Enforcement
 - Criminal activity within city
 - Code Compliance Enforcement
8. Citizen's Participation – Limit remarks to three (3) minutes per citizen
See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 4.
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:
- Northeast Partnership
 - Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation ("SSLGC")
 - Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC")
 - City Water Commission
 - City Quarry Commission
 - City Planning & Zoning Commission
 - Garden Ridge Police Academy Alumni Association
 - Citizen on Patrol
 - Garden Ridge Lion's Club
 - Comal County
 - Comal ISD
 - Guadalupe County
 - Bexar County
 - Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO")
 - TXDOT
 - Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph
 - Greater Bexar County Council of Cities

Lone Star Rail
Northeast Lakeview Friends of Nighthawk
The Club at Garden Ridge

10. Business Items:

Resignation of Bobby Roberts, City Council, Place 5

11. Executive Session

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

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 (personnel) and 551.071 (legal advice) to deliberate upon and seek legal advice related to the appointment of candidate to fill the unexpired term for the positions of City Council, Place 5.

12. 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, including:

- a) Appointment of a City Council member to fill an unexpired term of office for Place 5

13. Adjournment

Reception for Councilmember Roberts will be held immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

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 Council Authorized:

The City Council may vote and/or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, pursuant to and in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, to seek the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offer or on 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 conflict with the Open Meetings Act and may invoke this right where the City Attorney, the Mayor or a majority of the Governing Body deems an executive session is necessary to allow privileged consultation between the City Attorney and the governing body, if considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. The City Attorney may appear in person, or appear in executive session by conference call in accordance with applicable state law.

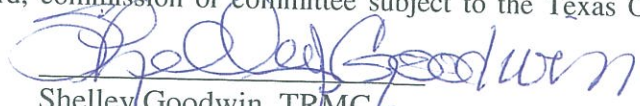
Executive Sessions Authorized:

This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been

added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials:

It is anticipated that members of 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 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.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Shelley Goodwin, posted this Agenda at 10:00 a.m. on November 24, 2015 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary



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MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

Members Present:

Mayor Nadine Knaus
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Bobby Roberts
Councilmember Shelby Trial

Member Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Royce Goddard, Water Department Manager
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

Commission Chairs Present:

Kay Bower, Planning and Zoning Commission
Mike Shands, Quarry Commission Chair

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Knaus called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Representative from Boy Scout Troop 686 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Citizen's Participation - 3 minute limit per citizen

No one wished to speak during Citizen Participation.

4. Consent Agenda

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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 October 7, 2015 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes**
- b) Resignation of Corporal Joseph Thoenke from the Garden Ridge Police Department effective November 28, 2015**
- c) Financial Statement and Investment Report –September 30, 2015**

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

5. Business Items

The City Council may discuss, consider and/or take possible action on the following items:

- a) City Engineer Projects Update:**
 - i. CIP Project for 2015**
 - a. Status report**
 - b. Trinity Wells**

Garry Montgomery, River City Engineering, provided a PowerPoint regarding the CIP Projects for 2015 and the Trinity Well Development (see attached PowerPoint). He announced that some of City Staff and himself met with AT&T regarding their new infrastructure in the Garden Ridge Estates area.

- ii. Northeast Bible Church drainage**

Garry Montgomery, River City Engineering, stated the Public Works crew will be doing the work on the Northeast Bible Church drainage and River City Engineering will be overseeing the project.

- b) Presentation on the Historical Water Usage and Leak Adjustments for the City of Garden Ridge from the time period of 2013-2015**

Garry Montgomery, River City Engineering, provided a PowerPoint regarding Historical Water Usage and Leak Adjustments (see attached).

The City Council discussed the accuracy of the IPerl water meters, amending the Ordinance regarding leak adjustments, and additional software for upgrades to auto reads

- c) Presentation on regulating of firearms carries in City buildings in accordance with recent legislation.**

Dan Bellinger, Police Department Lt., provided a PowerPoint regarding firearms carries in City buildings (see attached). He also provided the different sign wording that is allowed after the recent legislation.

The City Council discussed the different options allowed regarding firearms in City buildings. The City Council agreed by consensus to do more research and to bring this item back at the City Council Regular Meeting on December 2, 2015 for consideration.

d) Ordinance 83-112015 regulating the discharge of firearms within the City limits of the City of Garden Ridge.

Councilmember Arvidson stated this was brought up during some of the Deer Management meetings in regards to considering Bow Hunting on specified lot sizes. He stated he worked with the City Attorney to amend our current Ordinance.

The City Council discussed different types of rim fire and discharge of firearms regulations.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Ordinance 83-112015 regulating the discharge of firearms within the City limits of the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0). The motion carried unanimously.

e) Resolution 381-112015 supporting the inclusion of the widening of F.M. 2252 from F.M. 3009 to Evans Road as project in the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program-Metro Mobility (STP-MM) Funding

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the proposed resolution and stated Comal County also supports this project as well.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember McCaw, to approve Resolution 381-112015 supporting the inclusion of the widening of F.M. 2252 from F.M. 3009 to Evans Road as project in the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program-Metro Mobility (STP-MM) Funding. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0). The motion carried unanimously.

f) Resolution 382-112015 regarding votes cast to elect Directors for the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2016-2018

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember McCaw, to approve Resolution 382-112015 regarding casting 36 votes for Randy Maschek to the Board of Directors of the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2016-2018. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0). The motion carried unanimously.

g) Second Amendment to Site Lease with Option between the City of Garden Ridge and T-Mobile West for space leased upon the small elevated water tower for placement of communication antenna.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the Second Amendment to Site Lease with Option for T-Mobile West lease on the small elevated water tower.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the Second Amendment to Site Lease with Option between the City of Garden Ridge and T-Mobile West for space leased upon the small elevated water tower for placement of communication antenna and for City Administrator to sign the lease and for the City Attorney to review the lease to insure no substantial changes have been made by T-Mobile West. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0). The motion carried unanimously.

h) Promotion of Garden Ridge Police Officer Steve Dennis to Corporal effective November 5, 2015 and such promotion will create three Corporal positions for patrol until the November 28, 2015 resignation date of Corporal Joe Thoemke.

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, stated with the resignation of Joe Thoemke the City had an opening for a Corporal. He stated he is requesting Officer Steve Dennis be promoted to that position, which will temporarily create a third Corporal until Corporal Thoemke's last day on November 28th.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember McCaw, to approve the promotion of Garden Ridge Police Officer Steve Dennis to Corporal effective November 5, 2015 and such promotion will create three Corporal positions for patrol until the November 28, 2015 resignation date of Corporal Joe Thoemke. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0). The motion carried unanimously.

i) Request for water bill adjustment from Bob Ashley, 20803 Glen Cove, seeking relief on June 23, 2015 – July 23, 2015 water bill due to billing for 19,8012 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage (previously postponed from October 7, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting).

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reported after running the report on Mr. Ashley's water meter his total usage for the time period was 179,068.70 which 177,309.60 was irrigation usage.

The City Council discussed the difference between a leak and malfunction of irrigation systems. They also discussed the requestor's past water bill history. The City Council also discussed ways to put the leak adjustments on hold until Ordinance 54 can be reviewed. The City Council agreed by consensus to discuss this matter at their Special Meeting with the Water Commission on November 10, 2015.

Bob Ashley, 20803 Glen Cove, stated he did not have a leak, but his irrigation system scrambled due to the weather. He also felt the usage was questionable since no one ever saw his system watering.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Trial and seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to deny the request of leak adjustment on the second month's utility bill, but allow the customer to receive a fifty percent relief adjustment off of one bill and the customer chooses which one of the two months bill they want the relief for. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- j) **Request regarding a petition by Carole P. Frisbie for variance to Ordinance 13-122008 Section 5. Residential 5.1.7.2.4.1 Corner Lots in regards to an existing tree house located within the minimum setback of fifteen (15) feet, located at 21710 Forest Waters Circle, Garden Ridge, Texas. Encroachment is 12 feet into sideyard setback (previously postponed from October 7, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting).**

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reviewed the history of Carole Frisbie's petition for variance.

Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney, briefed the City Council on their option regarding this petition. She recommended denying the request but postpone enforcement. She stated the City Council can place a trigger with the condition if any party contracts to sell their home then the enforcement would begin.

The City Council discussed the City Attorney's recommendation and other options. They also agreed by consensus for the City Attorney to provide a briefing to the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning variances.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to deny the variance and postpone enforcement for two years, but if any party contracts with a realtor to sell their home then the enforcement would begin. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

k) Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action to City Council:

- i. **Request regarding a petition by The Club at Garden Ridge, 21320 Water Wood Dr., for variance to Ordinance 55, Section 7 for the placement of two signs promoting The Club at Garden Ridge with locations being at SW corner adjoining FM 3009 and FM 2252 and at SE corner adjoining FM 2252 and Bat Cave.**

a. Approval or Disapproval

Sam Stocks, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, reported the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request from Tony Overman and The Club at Garden Ridge. He provided the history of The Club at Garden Ridge. He stated this is a unique situation to where the requestor is requesting two promotional signs and both will be placed on his property. He stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted five (5) for and one (1) opposed to the recommendation for variance to Ordinance 55, Section 7 for the placement of two signs promoting The Club at Garden Ridge with locations being at SW corner adjoining FM 3009 and FM 2252 and at SE corner adjoining FM 2252 and Bat Cave for a period of 3 years.

The City Council discussed the circumstances of the request and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Trial, for variance to Ordinance 55, Section 7 for the placement of two signs promoting The Club

at Garden Ridge with locations being at SW corner adjoining FM 3009 and FM 2252 and at SE corner adjoining FM 2252 and Bat Cave for a period of 1 year with an option to renew with no changes to the signs. **Friendly Amendment to the Main Motion:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Roberts to include two one year automatic renewals for a total of three years. **Withdrawal of Friendly Amendment:** Upon a motion made by Councilmember Roberts to withdraw his friendly amendment to the Main Motion based upon advice of counsel. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed on the Main Motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I) Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:

- i. Request for water bill adjustment from Jan R. H. Wagner, 9040 Garden Ridge Dr., seeking relief on July 23, 2015 – August 24, 2015 water bill due to billing for 46,000 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage**

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, reported the Water Commission heard several request for water bill adjustments. He stated the Water Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to recommend to City Council the approval of water bill adjustment for Jan R. H. Wagner, 9040 Garden Ridge Dr., for reduction on half of the water usage on second bill for the period of August 25, 2015-September 23, 2015.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Trial and seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to deny the request of leak adjustment on the second month's utility bill from Jan R H Wagner at 9040 Garden Ridge Dr., but allow the customer to choose which of the two months bill they want to receive a fifty percent relief adjustment off of. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Arvidson). The motion carried.

- ii. Request for water bill adjustment from Ronald Perry, 22109 Paseo Corto Dr., seeking relief on June 23, 2015 – July 24, 2015 water bill due to billing for 76,000 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage**

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, reported the Water Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to recommend to City Council the approval of water bill adjustment for Ronald Perry, 22109 Paseo Corto Dr., seeking relief on June 23, 2015 – July 24, 2015 water bill due to billing for 76,000 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Trial and seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to deny the request for leak adjustment on the second month's utility bill from Ronald Perry, 22109 Paseo Corto Dr., but allow the customer to choose which of the two months bill they want to receive a fifty percent relief adjustment off of. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Arvidson). The motion carried.

- iii. Request for water bill adjustment from Renee Halay, 8044 Garden North, seeking relief on 7-23-15 – 8-24-15 water bill due to billing for 64,000 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage and no one living in home.**

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, reported the Water Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to recommend to City Council the denial of the water bill adjustment for Michael Halay, 8044 Garden North, seeking additional relief on July 23, 2015- August 24, 2015 water bill.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy and seconded by Councilmember Trial, to deny the water bill adjustment for Michael Halay, 8044 Garden North, seeking additional relief on July 23, 2015- August 24, 2015 water bill. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

iv. Request for water bill adjustment from Mark R. White, 20018 Buckhead Lane, seeking relief on July 23, 2015- August 24, 2015 water bill due to billing for 61,000 gallons and asking said bill be adjusted based on prior usage

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, reported the Water Commission voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to recommend to City Council the approval of the water bill adjustment for Mark R. White, 20018 Buckhead Lane, for reduction on half of the water usage on second bill for the period of July 23, 2015-August 25, 2015.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Trial and seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to deny the request of leak adjustment on the second month's utility bill from Mark R. White, 20018 Buckhead Lane, but allow the customer to choose which of the two months bill they want to receive a fifty percent relief adjustment off of. The City Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed (Arvidson). The motion carried.

v. Recommendation on the appointment of Keven Harshbarger to fill the vacancy of Water Commissioner Place 7 vacancy for a term of office expiring September 30, 2017

David Heier, Water Commission Chair, reported the Water Commissioner voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed to recommend to City Council the appointment of Keven Harshbarger to fill the vacancy of Water Commissioner Place 7 for a term of office expiring September 30, 2017.

Motion: Upon a motion made by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember McCaw, to appointment of Keven Harshbarger to fill the vacancy of Water Commissioner Place 7 vacancy for a term of office expiring September 30, 2017. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**m) Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
No Report**

n) Update on the City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported the proposed City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy has been sent to the City Attorney's Office for review. She stated the City Council should receive the policy in early 2016.

o) Staff report on recent rain event

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, reported with the recent rainfall the City took precautions in advance and last week blocked a few roads. She stated there was no damage to any homes and the drainage project that was done in the CIP worked like it was supposed to.

Mayor Knaus thanked the Public Works, Water and Police Departments for their hard work during this time.

p) Update from the Garden Ridge Deer Management Committee

i. Survey

Councilmember Arvidson stated he is finalizing the results of the survey but would be presenting the results to date in the next agenda item.

ii. An ordinance prohibiting the feeding of deer within the City limits; (Discussion only).

Councilmember Arvidson provided a PowerPoint (see attached). He also stated he is working on a date for a Town Hall Meeting for December.

The City Council discussed the survey, living with deer and diseases.

q) Update from the Garden Ridge Parks Committee

i. Survey

Councilmember Trial stated he did not have an update on the survey.

ii. Christmas decorations, donations and community involvement

Councilmember Trial stated there was still time to donate and to submit names to the Naughty and Nice lists.

iii. Christmas tree illuminating event proposed for December

Councilmember Trial stated the Garden Ridge Elementary will be singing and food trucks are now participating in the celebration. He stated the event is coming together nicely.

r) Any item removed from the consent agenda will be recalled for discussion and possible action at this time.

No items were removed.

6. State of the City

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a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report

- Sign approvals since prior Council meeting
- Community Center usage and financial report
- Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor
- Construction projects
- Recognition of employees and/or city events
- Website and Facebook
- TML Municipal Excellence Awards

Nancy Cain, City Administrator reported:

Sign approvals since the last Council meetings-

- No sign requests

Community Center usage and financial report-

- Booked 8 new events from September 21st thru October 20th

Building Permits

- 4 Major Permits and 15 Minor Permits

Recognition of employees and/or events.

- The City received a thank you for holding the National Night Out event

Website and Facebook

- Website and Facebook is being updated regularly and residents are using them more

b) Library Monthly Activity Report

-New Patrons

-Old Patrons

-Library activities and classes

Nancy Cain, City Administrator reported no report was provided.

c) Water Manager Monthly Activity Report

- Water pumping/usage from city wells

- Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects

- Water and/or Drought Management

Royce Goddard, Water Manager, reported:

- October – 22.93 total acre feet from the Trinity Well was pumped and 90.65 pumped from Edwards Wells. Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/projects- 3 new meters installed, 6 meters replaced, 5 new service line installations and 2 leak adjustments.

d) Public Works Monthly Activity Report

- Street and Right-Of-Way Maintenance

- Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance

- Animal Control (domestic and wild)

- Public Works Projects

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reported:

Street and Right-Of-Way Maintenance – 1 street repair, 9 signs installed

Drainage Facility and Easement Maintenance –18 detention pond inspections were performed.

Animal Control apprehensions, nuisance/complaints, animal bites - apprehended 3 dogs and 16 cats for the month, which totals 56 dogs and 51 cats for the year

e) Police Department Monthly Activity Report

- Traffic Enforcement

- Criminal activity within city

- Code Compliance Enforcement

Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief, reported 19 alarm calls, 8 arrests, issued 54 citations and 139 warnings.

**7. Citizen's Participation – Limit remarks to three (3) minutes per citizen
See "Rules for Citizen's Participation" under Item 4.**

Ken Knuepper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, reported he drove around on Halloween in the Citizen on Patrol vehicle and handed out water bottle and badges and everyone was very appreciative. He encouraged the City Council to restrict watering to once a week. He also stated the City Council needs to address drainage on Schoenthal Road and eliminate deer feeding throughout the City.

Judd Earley, 9364 Cinchona Trail, stated he testified at the State Capital on Open Carry. He stated the Open Carry changes included signage with violation amounts. He stated the violation amounts are to be considered as a violation every day the Statue is violated.

Jan Wagner, 9040 Garden Ridge Drive, stated he feeds about 7 deer that eat out of his hands. He stated that once he is finished feeding the deer he cleans up after himself. He feels the issue is with the residents who are dumping the feed.

8. 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:

**Northeast Partnership
Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation ("SSLGC")
Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation ("CVLGC")
City Water Commission
City Quarry Commission
City Planning & Zoning Commission
Garden Ridge Police Academy Alumni Association
Citizen on Patrol
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Guadalupe County
Bexar County
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO")
TXDOT
Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph
Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Lonestar Light Rail
Northeast Lakeview Friends of Nighthawk
Forest Waters Club**

Councilmember Arvidson reported he had breakfast with Representative Doug Miller and they discussed the growth of this area and the schools.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, November 4, 2015 Garden Ridge City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm by Mayor Knaus.

Nadine L. Knaus
Mayor

ATTEST

Shelley Goodwin, TRMC
City Secretary

GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Lt. Bellinger
Date: 11-23-15
Copies: Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Reference: Corey Hackenberg recommendation for hire

During the final evaluation of the hiring cycle, the hiring board recommended that Corey Hackenberg be placed on the agenda to be considered for hire. Upon council approval, the hiring of Mr. Hackenberg would be contingent on him passing the pre-employment drug screen and physical. Mr. Hackenberg has met all the requirements outlined in the hiring process and would be filling an already vacated position. This position has already been approved for the police department and will not negatively affect the budget.

While Mr. Hackenberg comes to us with minimal law enforcement experience and an eagerness to learn. Mr. Hackenberg has completed quite an extensive hiring process with us and we expect great things from him in Garden Ridge.

We ask that council accept this recommendation from the police department to hire Mr. Hackenberg, effective Thursday, December 3, 2015.

Dan Bellinger, Lieutenant

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE

GENERAL FUND

CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF 10/31/15

OPERATING CHECKING	\$ 374,217.61
MONEY MARKET	<u>\$ 791,267.53</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,164,485.14
TEXPOOL INVESTMENT	<u>\$ 399.67</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENT	\$ 399.67
TOTAL RESERVES FOR CITY	\$ 1,164,884.81

WATER FUND

INVESTMENTS AS OF 10/31/15

WATER COMPANY OPERATING	\$ 2,672,061.77
TEXPOOL WATER INVESTMENT FUND	<u>\$ 604.91</u>
TOTAL WATER COMPANY RESERVES	\$2,672,666.68

MONTHLY REPORT
CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE
BALANCE OF ALL FUNDS AS OF 10/31/15

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>	<u>CURRENT RATE</u>
CITY FUNDS		
OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$ 374,217.61	0%
MONEY MARKET	\$ 790,267.53	.15%
ASSET FORFEITURE/SEIZURE (STATE)	\$ 97.54	.10%
ASSET FORFEITURE/SEIZURE (FED)	\$ 45,654.79	.05%
2002 WATER IMPROVEMENT		
INTEREST & SINKING	\$.00	0%
2005 MUNICIPAL COMPLEX I&S	\$.00	0%
2005 I&S – TAX NOTE	\$.00	0%
2009 REFINANCE 98 I&S	\$ 69,570.49	.10%
2009 INTEREST & SINKING	\$ 46,597.79	.05%
2012 REFINANCE I&S	\$ 142,153.62	.15%
2012 INTEREST & SINKING	\$ 52,673.80	.10%
2015 INTEREST & SINKING	\$ 4,167.78	.05%
2012 CIP PROJECT	\$ 1,225,012.68	.15%
2015 CIP PROJECT	\$ 6,561,687.13	.15%
STREET IMPACT FEE	\$ 20,836.51	.05%
TEXPOOL STREET IMPACT FEE	\$ 408.94	0%
TEXPOOL INVESTMENT	\$ 399.67	0%
PEG FEES	\$ 46,512.43	0%
 SUBTOTAL OF CITY FUNDS	 \$ 9,380,258.31	
AVERAGE CITY INTEREST RATE		.1%
 WATER FUNDS		
2009 WATER IMPROVEMENTS	\$.00	0%
IMPACT FEES	\$ 181,813.43	.15%
TEXPOOL WATER RIGHTS/INFRASTR	\$ 4,907.50	.0966%
TEXPOOL WATER INVESTMENT	\$ 604.91	0%
TEXPOOL IMPACT FEE	\$ 411.31	0%
WATER SURCHARGE	\$ 144,436.95	.15%
WATER COMPANY OPERATING	\$ 2,672,061.77	.15%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BOND	\$.00	0%
 SUBTOTAL WATER FUNDS	 \$ 3,004,235.87	
AVERAGE WATER INTEREST RATE		.13665%
 TOTAL ALL FUNDS	 \$12,384,494.18	
TOTAL AVERAGE INTEREST RATE		.118325%

EXPENDITURE & REVENUES

PERIOD OF 10/31/15

.083% OF FISCAL YEAR

REVENUE YEAR TO DATE

GENERAL FUND	\$ 78,430	3.23% of Budget
WATER FUND	\$ 150,277	14.12% of Budget

EXPENDITURES YEAR TO DATE

GENERAL FUND	\$ 208,272	8.83% of Budget
WATER FUND	\$ 122,871	9.33% of Budget

EXCESS REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES YEAR TO DATE

GENERAL FUND	\$ (129,842)
WATER FUND	\$ 27,405

REVENUE FOR MONTH ENDING 10/31/15

GENERAL FUND	\$ 78,430
WATER FUND	\$ 150,277

EXPENDITURES FOR MONTH ENDING 10/31/15

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GENERAL FUND	\$ (129,842)
WATER FUND	\$ 27,405

Garden Ridge Community Center

10/31/15

Revenues

Rentals	\$ 3,250
Deposits	\$ 1,300*
Donations	\$ 0

Total Deposits Received:	\$ 1,900
Deposits refunded to date:	<u>\$ 600</u>
Revenue from deposits to date:	\$ 1,300*

Total Revenue: \$ 4,550

Expenditures

Telephone	\$ 47
Supplies	\$ 0
Utilities	\$ 582
Maintenance	\$ 952
Cleaning	\$ 425
Equipment	\$ 0
Facility Enhancements	\$ 5,600
Manager	\$ 0
Marketing	\$ 0
Donation Expenditures	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$ 8,745

Revenue Over/ (Under) Expenditures: \$ (4,195)

City of Garden Ridge

2015 CIP Project & Well Development

RIVER CITY ENGINEERING, LTD.

DECEMBER 2, 2015

GARRY MONTGOMERY, P.E.

2015 CIP Project Update

Project is currently on schedule to meet deadline goals for plan reviews and bidding.

We have scheduled a workshop with the Geotechnical Engineer to review the geotechnical recommendation and pavement guidelines.

Over the next two weeks we will work with staff to schedule the public meeting for the projects. A letter to all residents in the project area will be notified at least two weeks prior to the meeting. The meeting will likely be in late December to early January.

We plan to have a short powerpoint presentation to discuss the highlights of the project and have project details in printed format for discussion with property owners.

2015 Well 9 & 10 Site Development

- The contractor has mobilized and completed the pilot hole for the well.
- A downhole video was completed November 19, 2015 and both the contractor and LBG Guyton were pleased with what they saw in the video.
- Several bedding planes were present in the limestone formation below the Edwards aquifer. Although this does not guarantee production at this point, we believe the well can be developed according to plan.
- The EAA staff review of the geophysical log set the casing for the well to isolate the Edwards aquifer from the upper Glen Rose at the 530 foot depth, approximately 25 feet lower than we had anticipated in design. After the downhole video was completed we do not believe this increased casing depth will hinder the performance of the well. The limestone between 505 and 530 is a very tight formation and in our opinion would not contribute substantially to the overall production of the well.
- The well project is on time and will proceed as originally designed.



Project Overview

Map

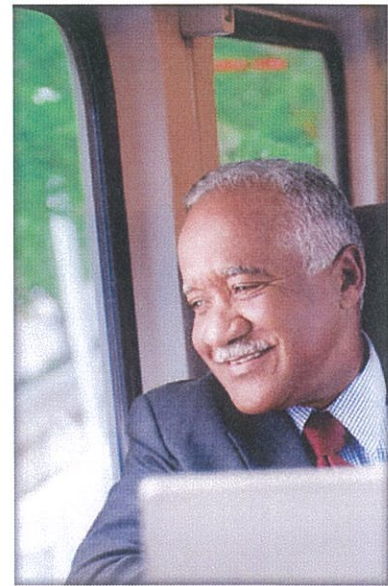
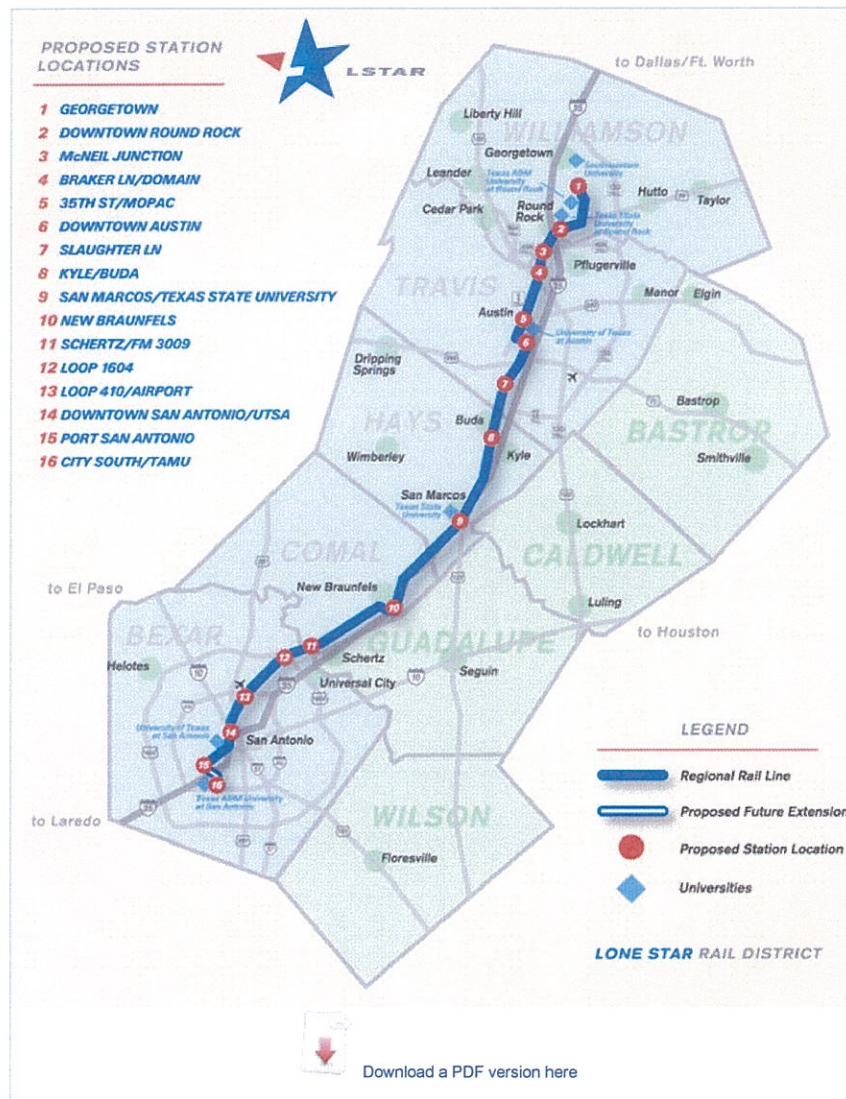
Project Milestones

Planning Studies

Economic Benefits

Station Location Studies

Proposed LSTAR Route Map



The Plan's

Plans provide for LSTAR's full service schedule to include:

Up to 32 trains a day, including midday and evening service, 7 days a week in each direction for commuters, students and other regional travelers.

Modern, safe, clean and comfortable passenger cars with amenities including wireless Internet access.

75-minute express service from downtown Austin to downtown San Antonio, with stops in San Marcos and New Braunfels.

Local service from Georgetown to the South Side of San Antonio with stops at all stations in between.

Up to sixteen new stations in convenient locations with ample secure parking, comfortable waiting areas and connections to local transit.

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Mayor Mary M. Dennis
City of Live Oak
8001 Shin Oak Drive
Live Oak, TX 78233

Dear Fellow Suburban City Mayors,

I know many of you have watched with interest as the Lone Star Rail project advances through inter-local agreements with cities up and down the Austin-San Antonio Corridor. Although many of our suburban communities do not benefit directly by having a Lone Star station located within their city limits, this is an important initiative for the entire Corridor and I applaud the San Antonio mayor and city council for pursuing it.

This project has two key elements: first, relocating Union Pacific through-freight out of corridor cities and into a more rural, safer, and grade-separated corridor east of Interstate 35; and second, developing a passenger rail service between and among cities on a route directly paralleling IH-35 at its most congested points. The freight rail relocation part of the project will increase the speed and efficiency of freight movements - particularly the now more than \$1.2 trillion in annual NAFTA trade - to its commercial destinations and encourage more freight to move by rail rather than by truck along IH-35. This will enhance public safety, reduce IH-35 maintenance costs, and improve air quality throughout the Corridor.

Passenger rail service between our primary cities is long overdue. It will not end congestion, but it will give our region's residents a more productive and reliable alternative for transportation.

Austin, San Marcos, New Braunfels and the Austin Community College District have already approved the necessary inter-local agreements that provide growth increment funding for the Lone Star system's passenger rail operations and maintenance costs. The city councils of Schertz, Buda, Kyle, and Georgetown are expected to consider approving the necessary agreements by the end of 2015.

This project is very important to our communities, and I am hopeful that you will join me in signing the attached letter to the San Antonio mayor and city council. Please reply to Jodie Eldridge at eldridgejodie@gmail.com to let us know that your signature may be affixed to the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mary Dennis
City of Live Oak and
President-Elect,
The Texas Municipal League

Mayor Ivy Taylor
City of San Antonio
PO Box 83996
100 Military Plaza
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear Mayor Taylor,

We are writing in support of the City of San Antonio's participation in the Lone Star Rail project and wish to applaud your leadership in pursuing this effort to fruition.

Although our suburban cities do not directly benefit through having Lone Star stations or service, we nonetheless believe that the project is very important to the region's transportation network and future economic prosperity.

San Antonio and its greater region need and deserve an alternative to the increasingly congested and dangerous Interstate 35.

We believe that passenger rail service through San Antonio will foster new tax base development within the urban core from the neighborhood and economic activity prompted around the stations. For the larger San Antonio region, the LSRD passenger service will allow greater travel flexibility and access to jobs for our workforce, and open up larger markets for our businesses. Just as importantly, Lone Star will enable approximately 300,000 students, faculty and staff at the corridor's many colleges and universities to more seamlessly move between and among over 20 campuses. This connectivity can encourage collaboration and innovation, and help make the dream of a college education more accessible and affordable for many.

Lone Star's freight rail relocation component will reduce the number of trains creating congestion and public safety issues in many Austin-San Antonio corridor cities, enable the annual \$1.2 trillion of NAFTA trade to move faster and more efficiently through the region, help improve the San Antonio area air quality, and potentially reduce the number of heavy trucks clogging the Interstate.

Lone Star provides demonstrable economic and quality of life benefits to communities throughout the Austin-San Antonio Corridor and we thank you for your continued support of the project.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss this further, should you so wish.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Dennis

Mayor Mary Dennis
City of Live Oak



DONNA CAMPBELL, M.D.
TEXAS STATE SENATOR
DISTRICT 25

November 18, 2015

Ray Lopez, Chair
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
825 S. Saint Mary's St.
San Antonio, TX 78205

Dear Mr. Lopez:

Thank you for all you do to keep traffic moving in our area. I am writing to echo the sentiments expressed in the City of Garden Ridge's Resolution 381-112015, which requests MPO funding to widen FM 2252 from 3009 to Evans Road. I supported Garden Ridge's application for funds for this project last year and I believe it is even more important now in order to insure the safety of motorists along a busy, growing corridor. Furthermore, this area will experience a significant increase in student traffic when the new Judson ISD high school opens in the fall of 2016, which means that inexperienced drivers will be added to the mix of the heavy traffic that is already occurring.

I believe this road expansion is a high priority for several reasons. First, the section of FM 2252 in question is a two-lane road with a center turn lane that was built to serve the needs of a rural area. Since this road was initially constructed, the area has become much more urbanized and is densely populated. Secondly, the road runs parallel to IH-35 and TxDOT recommends its use as an alternate route when accidents occur on IH-35. FM 2252 cannot handle the excess capacity in its current condition. Thirdly, the addition of the new Judson ISD high school in the area exacerbates the safety and congestion issues already being experienced. Finally, the renovation of this roadway would make commercial development of this area much more appealing and could thereby bring additional sales tax and services to the City of Garden Ridge and to Comal County.

I hope you will consider each of these points carefully when determining appropriations. Thanks again for your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Donna Campbell, M.D.
DC/kf

CC: Nadine Knaus, Mayor of Garden Ridge
Nancy Cain, City Administrator of Garden Ridge
Kevin Webb, Comal County MPO Representative

Sid Martinez, Director, Alamo Area MPO
Scott Haag, County Commissioner

CAPITOL OFFICE:
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City Administrator

From: Isidro Martinez <IMartinez@alamoareampo.org>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 3:34 PM
To: City Administrator
Subject: RE: FM 2252

Thank you Ms. Cain. We'll add this resolution to the project submittal packet once it's received from TxDOT.

-Sid

Isidro "Sid" Martinez
Director
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
825 South St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205
210-227-8651
imartinez@alamoareampo.org
www.alamoareampo.org

From: City Administrator [<mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 3:30 PM
To: Isidro Martinez <IMartinez@alamoareampo.org>
Subject: FW: FM 2252

Nancy Cain
City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge
administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
210-651-6632

From: City Administrator
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 3:24 PM
To: 'Jonathan Bean'; 'geiger@alamoareampo.org'; 'Clayton.Ripps@txdot.gov'; 'Hornseth, Tom'; 'Haag, Scott'; 'webbke@co.comal.tx.us'; 'imartinez@alamoareampo.org'; 'Flo Sulzemeier'; 'Krause, Sherman'; 'Kelly Follis'; 'khadas@ci.selma.tx.us'
Subject: FM 2252

The attached file contains City of Garden Ridge Resolution 381-112015 supporting the inclusion of the widening of F.M. 2252 from F.M. 3009 to Evans Road as a project in the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program-Metro Mobility (STP-MM) Funding.

Thanks,
Nancy Cain
City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge

administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
210-651-6632

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City Administrator

From: Jonathan Bean <Jonathan.Bean@txdot.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 2:07 PM
To: Hornseth, Tom
Cc: Mario Jorge; Clayton Ripps; 'Jeanne Geiger'; 'EA Hoppe'; 'John Nowak'; 'Garry L. Ford'; 'Rusty Brockman'; 'Isidro Martinez'; City Administrator; Crownover, Jen; Eccleston, Donna M.; Haag, Scott; Krause, Sherman; Webb, Kevin; Clayton Ripps; Richard De La Cruz; Ricardo Castaneda
Subject: RE: Comal County Commissioners Court - Res. 2015-37 - AAMPO STP-MM Funding Call for Projects 11-12-15

Tom:

Thank you for your communication on this. All of these projects are very good projects and this resolution will be helpful for not only this current call for projects but also for ongoing planning efforts through TxDOT as well as the MPO.

Being mindful of the scale of the call for projects (\$100 Million) TxDOT plans to submit the FM 2252 project and a priority segment of the #2 - SH 46 project (Old Boerne Road to Sun Valley Drive).

Thanks again for the good communication on the top priorities for Comal County.

Jonathan Bean, P.E.
Director of Transportation Planning and Development
Texas Department of Transportation
San Antonio District

4615 NW Loop 410
San Antonio, TX 78229

210-615-5825

Mission Zero 24/7/365 – “Safety is NO Accident”

From: Hornseth, Tom [<mailto:rabthh@co.comal.tx.us>]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 1:44 PM
To: Jonathan Bean
Cc: Mario Jorge; Clayton Ripps; 'Jeanne Geiger'; 'EA Hoppe'; 'John Nowak'; 'Garry L. Ford'; 'Rusty Brockman'; 'Isidro Martinez'; Nancy Cain; Crownover, Jen; Eccleston, Donna M.; Haag, Scott; Krause, Sherman; Webb, Kevin
Subject: Comal County Commissioners Court - Res. 2015-37 - AAMPO STP-MM Funding Call for Projects 11-12-15

Jonathan:

Please find attached an executed copy of the Comal County Commissioners Court Resolution No. 2015-37.

Please be advised that the recommended projects are listed in priority.

I've also attached a graphic that was used in Commissioners Court during the consideration of this Resolution.

Thomas H. Hornseth, P.E.
Comal County Engineer
195 David Jonas Drive
New Braunfels, Texas 78132
830.608.2090-office 210.749.3355-mobile
try our website: www.cceo.org

#EndTheStreakTX

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-37

**IN THE MATTER OF ENDORSING PROJECTS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ALAMO AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION'S "FY 2017-2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - METRO MOBILITY
FUNDING CALL FOR PROJECTS" FOR PROJECTS WITHIN COMAL COUNTY;**

WHEREAS, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization in updating their Transportation Improvement Plan and is receiving recommendations of projects to be included in their planning; and

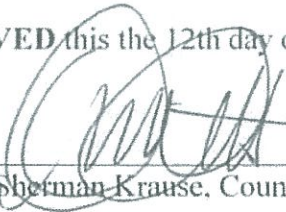
WHEREAS, the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has requested the Comal County Commissioners Court provide input for proposed roadway improvement projects within Comal County; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court desires to recommend transportation improvements to roadways on the State highway system;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, in regular session assembled in the City of New Braunfels, on the 12th of November, 2015, hereby recommends the roadway improvement projects as indicated on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto;

AND FURTHER, the Comal County Commissioners Court hereby submits this recommendation to the Texas Department of Transportation San Antonio District Engineer for submission to the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for their consideration.

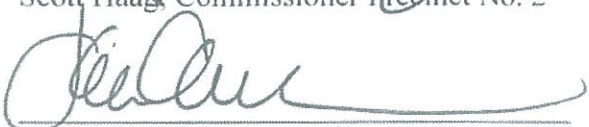
PASSED and APPROVED this the 12th day of November, 2015.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Precinct No. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Precinct No. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Precinct No. 3


Jen Crownover, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

ATTEST:

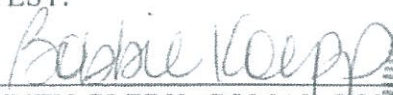

COUNTY CLERK, COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS



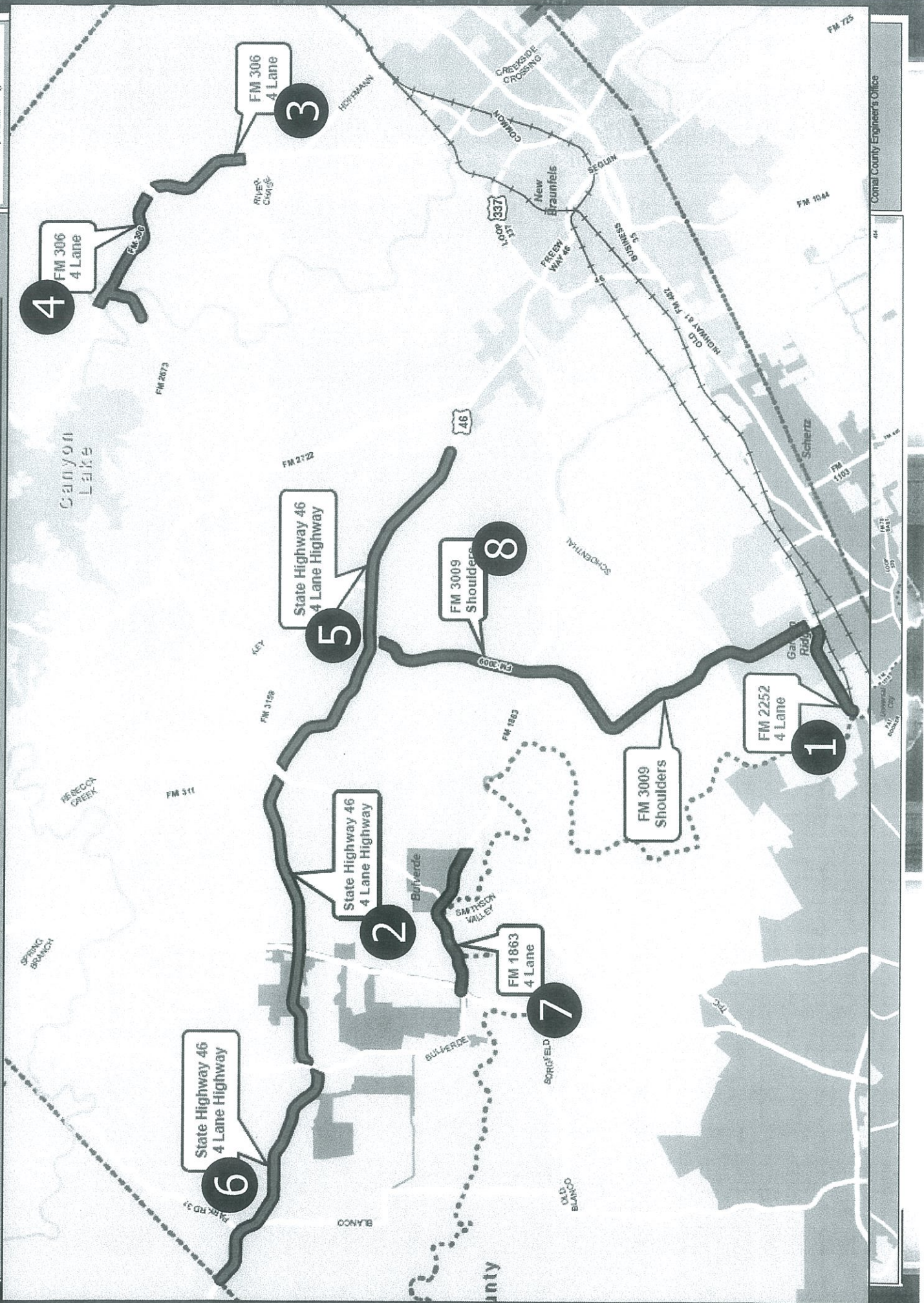
Exhibit "A"

**Roadway Improvement Projects for the
Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
as Recommended by the
Comal County Commissioners Court
November 12, 2015**

Projects Recommended and Listed in Priority:

1. **FM 2252**
 - a) Improve between the Bexar County line and FM 3009 to 4 lanes with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
2. **SH46**
 - a) Improve between FM3159 and Bulverde Road to a divided 4-6 lane roadway with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
3. **FM 306**
 - a) Improve between River Chase Way and Purgatory Road to 4 lanes with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
 - b) Improve between Purgatory Road and FM 2673 to 4 lanes with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
4. **SH46**
 - a) Improve between Range Road and FM3159 to a divided 4 lane roadway with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
 - b) Improve between Bulverde Road and the Kendall county line to a divided 4 lane roadway with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
5. **FM 1863**
 - a) Improve between US281 and the Smithson Valley Road to a divided 4 lane roadway with left/right turn lanes and signalization at all major roadway intersections.
6. **FM 3009**
 - a) Provide improved shoulders.

Comal County - Recommended Projects



ORDINANCE NO. 186-122015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Ridge is authorized to regulate deer feeding pursuant to the general authority granted to the City under Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City has within its limits urban deer in such numbers to constitute a significant over population as reflected in deer counts throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the deer population poses a hazard to motorists in the City, causes a reduction of native plant life and causes damage to landscaping installed by residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is appropriate to prohibit the aggravation of this problem and to help abate the issue by prohibiting the feeding of deer so as to not actively encourage their presence;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that efforts to discourage and reduce supplemental feed of deer is in the best interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. Findings. The findings set out herein are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

Section 2. Definitions. In this Ordinance Food means corn, fruit, oats, hay, nuts, wheat, alfalfa, salt blocks, grain, vegetables, and commercially sold wildlife feed, birdseed or livestock feed, but excludes shrubs, live crops, plants, flowers, vegetation, gardens, trees, and fruit or nuts that have fallen on the ground from trees.

Section 3. Feeding of Deer Prohibited.

(A) Except as provided in subsection (C), a person commits an offense if the person intentionally feeds deer or makes food available for consumption by deer on private or public property within the territorial limits of the city.

- (B) A person shall be presumed to have intentionally fed deer, or made food available for consumption by deer, if the person places food, or causes food to be placed, on the ground outdoors or on any outdoor platform that stands fewer than five feet above the ground.
- (C) This section does not apply to an animal control officer, veterinarian, peace officer, City employee, federal or state wildlife official, or property owner who is authorized by a local, state, or federal government to treat, manage, capture, trap, hunt, or remove deer and who is acting within the scope of the person's authority.
- (D) This section does not apply to naturally growing vegetation, or to planted vegetation growing in yards, gardens or beds.
- (E) It is a defense to prosecution under this Ordinance if a person places food for the purpose of feeding domestic livestock or pets located on the property.

Section 4. Penalty. It is a Class C misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of this ordinance and person convicted of a violation shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) no more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00).

Section 5. Cumulative and Savings. This Ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Bay City, Texas, except where the provisions of the ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed. Any and all previous versions of this Ordinance to the extent that they are in conflict herewith are repealed.

Section 6. Severability. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its final passage and any publication required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Nadine L. Knaus, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

George E. Hyde, City Attorney
Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, P.C.

“EXHIBIT A”

CHAPTER 98 SUBDIVISIONS

RESOLUTION NO.383-122015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT NOTICE OF INSTANCES OF COMMON REPRESENTATION BY THE CITY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS TO ALLOW FOR CONTINUED REPRESENTATION OR APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL IF REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the law firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, Hyde & Zech, P.C. (hereinafter "DNRBHZ") represents numerous municipalities throughout the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, DNRBHZ will also represent, from time to time, affiliations or associations of municipalities working together to pursue common goals; and

WHEREAS, DNRBHZ anticipates that situations will arise where interests of its clients may cease to be aligned; and

WHEREAS, DNRBHZ takes its ethical obligations seriously and is committed to protecting the interests of all of its clients;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE, COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:

1. The City Council acknowledges that DNRBHZ may undertake common representation in a matter when the interests of its clients are aligned, and consents to common representation conducted in accordance with Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct 1.06.
2. The City Council acknowledges that there may arise situations in which DNRBHZ may act as an intermediary between its various clients, and consents to such representation so long as the matter can be resolved on terms compatible with the best interests of each client, that the common representation can be undertaken impartially, and that the matter can be resolved without the necessity of contested litigation among clients.
3. The City Council acknowledges that, in circumstances where two or more clients of DNRBHZ appear to become adverse, that DNRBHZ notify its clients of such circumstances, cease participation in that particular matter, and allow for the appointment of special counsel in the matter so that all parties can rest assured that their interests are fully protected.

4. The City Council acknowledges that time is of the essence when circumstances arise that would necessitate authorization from the City Council for DNRBHZ to continue legal representation or allow for appointment of special counsel and the City Council hereby authorizes City Administrator Nancy Cain or her designee to accept such notice from DNRBHZ and execute any necessary documents to accomplish the foregoing in a timely manner that does not prejudice the interest of any party.
5. This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2015.

Nadine Knaus, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Goodwin, City Secretary

City Administrator

From: George Hyde <george.hyde@rampage-aus.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:25 PM
To: George Hyde
Cc: Kathy Pribyl; Shannon Kackley; Catarina Gonzales; Hope Avila; Cynthia Trevino; Scott Tschirhart; Lita Rendon
Subject: Texas House Bill 23

Dear City Officials, City Managers and Administrators (Multi-Client Attorney-Client Communication):

To assist you with being transparent in your daily business, the State Legislature adopted broader disclosure/reporting requirement for our organizations. We prepared the below legal statement summary to help guide compliance with the new House Bill amending the ethics laws in Texas. It impacts the disclosure of family relationships and gifts. This is a summary only and may prompt more questions. The forms needed are "hot linked" so you can click on them below and go get them. We will be happy to provide presentations as requested to staff, elected and appointed officials that are impacted by this change in the law, if requested, just let us know:

Texas House Bill 23 went into effect on September 1, 2015 amending the conflict disclosure law in Texas for city officials and employees. **This law obligates not only the Mayor and City Councilmembers, but all city employees who exercise discretion in purchasing** to file a "conflicts disclosure form" with the City Secretary under certain situations. It also obligates the vendor to file a conflicts questionnaire as well.

New Law Summary:

- 1) Any Local Government Officer (**or a family member**) that receives either taxable income of over \$2,500 or **gifts** in value of over \$100 in the preceding 12 months from any **vendor** that **contracts** (or seeks to contract) must file a "[conflicts disclosure statement](#)" with the City Secretary. (The form for officials is here: "[conflicts disclosure statement](#)").
- 2) Any **vendor** that provides either taxable income over \$2,500 or gifts in value of over \$100 in the preceding 12 months to any Local Government Officer (**or family member**) with that city must file a "[conflict of interest questionnaire](#)" with the city secretary. (The form for vendors is here: "[conflict of interest questionnaire](#)")
- 3) Any **official or vendor that has a family relationship** must file too.

Definitions:

Many of the words used in the law were defined by the legislature to give special effect, all other terms undefined are to be given their "common and ordinary" meaning. Here are the operative defined terms:

Gifts include food received as a guest, lodging, entertainment, or transportation of more than \$100 in the preceding 12 months.

Vendor is defined as a person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local governmental entity.

Local government officer is defined as (1) a mayor or city councilmember; (2) a director, superintendent, administrator, president, or any other person who is designated as the executive officer of the local government entity; and (3) an agent (including an employee) of the local government entity who exercises discretion in the planning, recommending, selecting, or contracting of a vendor. *(Local government officers are not required to include food received as a guest for reporting purposes – but the vendor must, which may make the documents on food appear imbalanced).

Contract is defined as a written agreement for the sale or purchase of real property, goods or **services**.

Services are defined as skilled or unskilled labor or professional services, as defined by Section 2254.002 of the Government Code.

Professional Services are defined as (i) accounting; (ii) architecture; (iii) landscape architecture; (iv) land surveying; (v) medicine; (vi) optometry; (vii) professional engineering; (viii) real estate appraising; or (ix) professional nursing; or (B) provided in connection with the professional employment or practice of a person who is licensed or registered as: (i) a certified public accountant; (ii) an architect; (iii) a landscape architect; (iv) a land surveyor; (v) a physician, including a surgeon; (vi) an optometrist; (vii) a professional engineer; (viii) a state certified or state licensed real estate appraiser; or (ix) a registered nurse. **(NOTE: Legal Services – (Attorneys) are not included).**

Punishment:

The punishment for failure to file a required form under the bill ranges from a Class C to a Class A misdemeanor, depending on the amount of the contract. ***However, a vendor or city official that files the required form within seven days of learning of a violation can obtain a statutory defense protecting the vendor or official from prosecution.***

Call me if you have any questions. Have a great end of week!

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GARDEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER MONTHLY REPORT

2015
October 21th-November 20, 2015

New Events Booked in Current Month	Charged	2
	No Charge	2

2014-2015

Total Number of Events for the Month	4
Events cancelled in for the Month	0
Total Number of Days in Use for the Month	11
Wildflower Room Only	

2013-2014

Total Number of Events for the Year	81
Total Number of days Used for the Year	261
Total Number cancelled for the Year	4
Wildflower and Bluebonnet Room	

Past years	# of Events	# of Days
2011-2012	76	257
2010-2011	72	241
2009-2010	65	208
2008-2009	67	199
2008	53	190
2007	58	183
2006		139
2005		116
2004		81

CITY OF GARDEN RIDGE BUILDING REPORT

10/21/2015 THRU 11/20/2015

MAJOR PERMITS

Permit #	Address	Builder	Sq Ft.	Value \$	Permit Fees
0928 -15	22003 Cristobal Dr.	Genuine Custom Homes	5,290	\$ 687,700.00	\$ 4,229.80
TOTAL			5,290	\$ 687,700.00	\$ 4,229.80

MINOR PERMITS

Permit #	Address	Builder	Project	Permit Fees
0920 -15	8922 Tuscan Hills	Tom Renken	Patio, Fence	\$ 509.00
0921 -15	9115 Tuscan Hills	Intex Construction	Outbuilding	\$ 227.40
0922 -15	20469 Bat Cave Rd.	Les Commercial	Minor Electric	\$ 125.00
0923 -15	20527 Deer Graden	TNT Fence	Fence	\$ 125.00
0924 -15	9266 Garden Ridge Dr.	Alco	Outbuilding	\$ 100.00
0925 -15	22314 Larmora Cove	Son Tran	Outdoor Kitchen	\$ 480.68
0926 -15	8910 Comanche Path	San Antonio Fence	Fence	\$ 125.00
0927 -15	21817 Senna Hills	TX. Quality Solar	Minor Electric	\$ 125.00
0929 -15	9610 Aster Circle	Star Electric	Minor Electric	\$ 125.00
0020 -15	8957 Garden Ridge Dr.	Christianson AC	Minor HVAC	\$ 100.00
TOTAL				\$ 2,042.08

TOTAL MAJOR FEES FOR THE MONTH	\$ 4,229.80
TOTAL MINOR FEES FOR THE MONTH	\$ 2,042.08
TOTAL ALL PERMIT FEES FOR THE MONTH	\$ 6,271.88

TOTAL MAJOR PROJECTS VALUE FOR THE YEAR	\$ 14,071,590.00
TOTAL MAJOR PROJECTS SQ FT. FOR THE YEAR	108,243.00

TOTAL MAJOR PERMIT FEES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 91,046.00
TOTAL MINOR PERMIT FEES FOR THE YEAR	\$ 40,139.99
TOTAL ALL PERMIT FEES FOR THE YEAR	131,185.99

City Administrator

From: City Administrator
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 3:57 PM
To: 'Dawn White'
Cc: City Secretary
Subject: RE: Banner Sign

Ms. White,

With the additional information provided the sign request from NEBC is approved as submitted.

You may submit an article for the December and January Grapevine but we do need it as soon as possible. We are on a tight time frame with the Thanksgiving holiday. We would prefer having it tomorrow if possible.

Also thank you for providing your Christmas Service times but you will need to submit an article for that as well. We do not want to make any kind of mistake in placing the information in the Grapevine. This also needs to be submitted as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Nancy Cain
City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge
administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
210-651-6632

From: Dawn White [<mailto:DWhite@nebc.ch>]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 2:07 PM
To: City Administrator
Cc: Kimberley Roberts
Subject: RE: Banner Sign

Dear Ms. Cain,
The Wild Game Dinner will be Saturday, January 30th and yes I believe it is on city property. It is where the city sign is located as well.

May I also request if we can submit an article for the December and January Grapevine to advertise the Wild Game Dinner community event as well?

Thank you for reaching out to Kimberley Roberts about our Christmas Service Times for the Grapevine as well: This year they will be at 3:00pm/4:10pm/5:20pm/6:30pm.

Sincerely,
Dawn White

From: City Administrator [<mailto:administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 1:23 PM
To: Dawn White
Subject: RE: Banner Sign

Where at the t-section of 2252/Bat Cave? On city property? What is the date of the Wild Game Dinner?

Thanks,
Nancy Cain
City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge
administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
210-651-6632

From: Dawn White [<mailto:DWhite@nebc.ch>]
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2015 12:12 PM
To: City Administrator
Cc: Dave@geosolutionsinc.com
Subject: Banner Sign

Nancy,
Northeast Bible Church would like permission to display 3 professionally manufactured 4' X 8' Banners. For our annual Wild Game Dinner for the dates of January 1 to January 30th, 2016.

- 1.) One on the Northeast corner of FM3009 and FM2252 (We already have permission from the Wetz family)
- 2.) One at the T-section by the stoplight of FM3009 and Municipal Pkwy.
- 3.) One at the T-section of 2252/Bat Cave

Thank you for your consideration,

Dawn M White
Administrative Assistant
Creative Arts I Outreach
Northeast Bible Church
210.651.5462
www.nebc.ch

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Library Report, December 2015

This first article is a repeat from the November report since people didn't see it last month.

*Several people have asked if traditional libraries will be around in five years. They were led to believe that electronic books will replace hard copy books. Here is an article from the **New York Times** which might be interesting and enlightening.*
<http://www.nytimes.com/2015/09/23/business/media/the-plot-twist-e-book-sales-slip-and-print-is-far-from-dead.html?emc=eta1&r=1>

In a nutshell it states that print books are far from dead. Here is a quote from that article:

"People talked about the demise of physical books as if it was only a matter of time, but even 50 to 100 years from now, print will be a big chunk of our business," said Markus Dohle, the chief executive of Penguin Random House, which has nearly 250 imprints globally. Print books account for more than 70 percent of the company's sales in the United States.

In the 1980's we were told that we would become a paperless society due to the advent of personal home computers. How is that working out?

Activities between October 14 and November 16:

~There were 770 visits to the library.

~There were 904 items checked out.

~87 eBooks were checked out.

~We added 32 new patrons.

~73 new items were added to the Library Collection.

~October 29

<i>Halloween Story Hour 10/30</i>	<i>9</i>
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~November 3

<i>Comal Trails Alliance Lunch-n-Learn</i>	<i>5</i>
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~November 10

<i>Veterans Day Celebration</i>	<i>104</i>
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GARDEN RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NOVEMBER
OCTOBER 21ST – NOVEMBER 20TH

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Location	Calls	Code	Water	Total
ARROWOOD	0	0	0	0
BAT CAVE ROAD	9	1	0	10
BINDSEIL	0	0	0	0
COUNTRY OAK ESTATES	2	0	0	2
ENCLAVE AT GARDEN RIDGE	0	0	0	0
FM 2252	22	0	0	22
FM 3009	22	0	0	22
FOREST WATERS	12	1	0	13
GARDEN RIDGE ESTATES	51	6	0	57
GEORG RANCH	10	0	0	10
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX	2	0	0	2
NACOGDOCHES LOOP	1	0	0	1
OAK MEADOW ESTATES	0	0	0	0
PARK LANE ESTATES	1	0	0	1
REGENCY OAKS	1	0	0	1
SCHOENTHAL ROAD	0	0	0	0
THE FOREST OF GARDEN RIDGE	1	0	0	1
THE PARK AT GARDEN RIDGE	1	0	0	1
TROPHY OAKS	2	0	0	2
TWISTED OAKS	0	0	0	0
WILD WIND	4	0	0	4
WOODLANDS OF GARDEN RIDGE	1	0	0	1
COUNTY	15	0	0	15
OTHER	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	157	8	0	165

ARRESTS – 9
ALARM PERMITS – 4
CRASHES – 5

ALARMS – 18
SOLICITOR PERMITS – 0

Location	Units	Injury	Fatal	Type
19500 BLK FM 2252	2 vehicles	0	0	CR2
21100 BLK FM 3009	vehicle vs. deer	0	0	CR2
19100 BLK FM 2252	vehicle vs. deer	0	0	CR2
21100 BLK FM 3009	2 vehicles	0	0	CR3
21400 BLK FM 3009	vehicle vs. deer	0	0	CR3

ENFORCEMENT (104)

***Citations – 31**

***Warnings – 73**

INCIDENTS and ARRESTS

- 10/21/15- After being stopped for defective headlight, Ofc. Oehler arrested Karen Camacho for DWLI.
- 10/27/15- After being stopped for a defective license plate light, Ofc. Pelata arrested Christopher Bailey for DWLI.
- 10/27/15- After being stopped for disregarding a stop sign, Ofc. Pelata arrested Benjamin Duran for Poss Marijuana<2oz, Poss Drug Paraphernalia, License Required, and a warrant from Colorado County Sheriff's Office.
- 10/27/15- After being stopped for disregarding a stop sign, Ofc. Pelata arrested Christopher Pittman for Poss Marijuana<2oz and Poss Drug Paraphernalia.
- 11/02/15- After being stopped for speeding 53/40, Ofc. Dennis arrested the subject for DWLI.
- 11/04/15- While investigating a report of a suspicious person, possibly a solicitor, Ofc. Simkins located a vehicle matching the description and initiated a traffic stop for speeding. Ofc. Simkins arrested Jonathan Vasquez for DWLI w/ an Alcohol Related Suspension and located items stored in the vehicle in a manner consistent with stolen property. Later in the shift, a burglary was reported and the property from the vehicle was verified as recovered stolen property and will be returned to the resident. A warrant was obtained and Vasquez was subsequently booked for the burglary prior to being released from jail on the driver license charge. An arrest warrant has been obtained for the passenger of the vehicle, Eduardo Castilla for the burglary as well.
- 11/05/15- After being stopped for a defective brake light, Ofc. Oehler arrested Rafael Contreras for DWLI w/ Previous Convictions.
- 11/06/15- After being stopped for speeding 50/40, Ofc. Galan arrested William Medley for Poss. Marijuana <2oz.
- 11/08/15- After being stopped for speeding 55/40, Ofc. Sanchez arrested Maurilio Benavides for DWLI.

INFORMATION | SAFETY TIP

The holiday season is just around the corner and with that comes a spike of criminals looking to take advantage of good people. Stopping thieves from the desire to steal from others is nearly impossible, but we can all find ways to make our homes and community a less desirable place to commit these crimes. Open garage doors are always an issue, but during the holiday season they are especially inviting to the opportunistic burglar. Our city is steadily growing and we have more outsiders driving through Garden Ridge than ever before. I encourage each of you to close your garage doors and to ask others to do the same. That rule of thumb applies to your vehicle as well; leaving valuables in plain sight is never a good idea. In today's world there are plenty of distractions that contribute to the causes of vehicle crashes every day.

Technology has become so advanced that many just can't seem to get away from the rings, buzzes and vibrations of their cell phones. Law enforcement continues to gather data on cell phone use and has established it as a contributing factor to crashes, being recognized as a problem in desperate need of a solution. The City of Garden Ridge, like many other cities in this growing metropolitan area, recently adopted an ordinance to help curb this issue. This ordinance establishes that **hand-held** mobile communication devices are no longer allowed to be used while driving in Garden Ridge. We encourage you to read the ordinance in full; it is City Ordinance #184 and can be found on the city's website because enforcement is slated to begin at the first of the year.

TRAINING

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| ♦ "Developing Leaders for Law Enforcement" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cpl. McMahan | ♦ "Cultural Diversity" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ofc. Oehler |
| ♦ "School of Police Staff and Command" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chief Eberhardt | ♦ "Intermediate Crime Scene TCOLE" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ofc. Oehler○ Ofc. Pelata |
| ♦ "Crisis Intervention" and "Defensive Tactics/Canine Encounters" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ofc. Simkins | ♦ "TCIC/NCIC: Less Than Full Access" <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Admin. Marisa Spencer |