



City of Garden Ridge

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

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy
Councilmember Kay Bower
Councilmember Todd Arvidson

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Lisa Swint

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
Shannon Del Toro, Municipal Court Clerk
Karen Ford, Finance/HR
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief
Chris Graef, Water Operator
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Librarian
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney

City Commission Representatives Present:

Dr. Jim Miller, Chair, Planning and Zoning Commission
Johnell Holly, Chair, Quarry Commission
Jesse Valdez, Chair, Water Commission
Ken Kneupper, Vice-Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 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) Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Thompson presented a proclamation to Ellie Truan and Stacy Hill, Crisis Center of Comal County, declaring October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

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

b) Hill Country Night Sky Month.

Mayor Thompson presented a proclamation to Larry Wells, Comal County Friends of the Night Sky, declaring October 2020 as Hill Country Night Sky Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Larry Wells, President of Comal County Friends of the Night Sky, thanked Mayor Thompson, City Council, and the City of Garden Ridge for raising awareness about night sky friendly lighting and spoke regarding Comal County Friends of the Night Sky initiatives.

5. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

a) Thank you note from Thomas Elvir to Chief Eberhardt and the Garden Ridge Police Department.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from Thomas Elvir to Chief Eberhardt and the Garden Ridge Police Department for their efforts to keep law and order in the community while providing high quality service.

b) Thank you note from Ben Henderson to Librarian Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from Ben Henderson to Librarian Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library for offering a variety of programs and activities at the Library.

c) Thank you note from The Forest of Garden Ridge Homeowners Association to Lt. Bellinger.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated a thank you note was received from The Forest of Garden Ridge Homeowners Association to Lt. Bellinger for his efforts to ensure the safety of the community and sharing information with homeowners at their meeting.

d) Introduction of Officer McKenzie.

Chief Eberhardt introduced Officer McKenzie and spoke regarding his background and professional experience. Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers welcomed him to the City of Garden Ridge.

e) Introduction of Officer Slowik.

Chief Eberhardt stated Officer Slowik submitted his resignation over the weekend to seek other opportunities.

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

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, recognized employees with anniversary dates in the month of October for their hard work, dedication, and tenure with the City. This recognition included: Brian Horne-4 years of service, Marisa Spencer-5 years of service, Duane Scognio-7 years of service, Stanley Georg-10 years of service, Manuel Troncoso-12 years of service, and Linda Crosland-13 years of service.

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

7. Consent Agenda

THESE ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

a) Approval of Minutes for the August 26, 2020, City Council Special Meeting.

b) Approval of Minutes for the September 2, 2020, City Council Regular Meeting.

c) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – August 31, 2020.

d) Resolution No. 469-102020 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung as the official newspaper for the City of Garden Ridge.

e) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Comal County and the City of Garden Ridge for Fire Code Enforcement.

f) Destruction of City Records in accordance with City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve Consent Agenda items a)-f). The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

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

a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, spoke regarding Early Voting and Election Day being held at the Community and Event Center in order to maintain adequate social distancing.

Karen Ford, Finance/HR, spoke regarding continuity of operations related to Finance and Human Resources and provided City Council with an update on the Accounting Assistant part-time position and scheduling flu shots.

Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department and precautionary public health measures implemented at City Hall. She provided City Council with an update regarding the ability to conduct telephonic and videoconference meetings.

b) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

c) Public Works Monthly Activity Report.

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

d) Water Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chris Graef, Water Operator, reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Water Department.

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary, provided City Council with an update on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) and Meter Data Management System (MDMS) Rollout Plan.

e) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, spoke regarding upcoming events and continuity of operations related to the Library. She thanked Officer McKenzie for reading at the Library last month, stating the children really enjoyed it.

9. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

Pat Lackey, City Engineer, reviewed the Trihydro Corporation Engineering Report for October 2020 and addressed questions from Councilmembers. The topics of discussion included the FM 2252 TxDOT Project and FM 2252 Wastewater Project.

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

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioners.

1.1. Receive recommendation for the reappointment of Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Jacaman to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2022).

Chair Dr. Miller stated the Commissioners expressed desire to continue serving and the Commission recommends reappointing Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Jacaman to serve another term.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Diaz and Commissioner Jacaman to serve another term with term expiring September 30, 2022. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers thanked the Commissioners for their service on the Commission.

- 2. Petition by Richard R. Winkler for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Light Industrial (L1) District of 4.761 acres of a 7.141 acre tract of land situated in the Vicente Micheli Survey 114, Abstract 383, the City of Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, and 11.178 acres of a 12.79 acre tract of land situated in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, out of the Vicente Micheli Survey No. 114, Comal County, Texas; both tracts being out of the remainder of that certain 27.594 acre tract described in instrument to Versielene Buehring recorded in Volume 242, Page 143, of the Comal County Deed Records. The property is further located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Nacogdoches Road (FM 2252) and Nacogdoches Loop Road, Garden Ridge, Texas.**

- 2.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Chair Dr. Miller spoke regarding the petition for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Light Industrial (L1) District of the property detailed above. He stated the Commission recommends denial of the petition by Richard Winkler due to the request not being compliant with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- 2.2. Hold a public hearing.**

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

One (1) citizen spoke regarding the petition and Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, read a written comment received from one (1) citizen (see attached).

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

- 2.3. Take action on petition.**

The City Council discussed the Commission's recommendation and the petition for rezoning, including the proposed use and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and deny the petition by Richard Winkler for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Light Industrial (L1) District of 4.761 acres of a 7.141 acre tract of land and 11.178 acres of a 12.79 acre tract of land out of the Vicente Micheli Survey No. 114 in the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Petition by Scott Smith for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District of 1.734 acres out of the George M. Dolson Survey 96, Abstract 120, Comal County, Texas and also being out of a 49.850 acre tract described in Volume 194, Page 138, of the Deed Records of Comal County, Texas. The property is further located on the southside of F.M. 2252 across from 19295 and 19269 F.M. 2252 in Garden Ridge, Texas.**

- 3.1. Receive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Chair Dr. Miller spoke regarding the petition for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District of the property detailed above. He stated the Commission recommends approval of the petition contingent upon receipt of proof of purchasing the property within thirty (30) days.

- 3.2. Hold a public hearing.**

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

No one wished to speak and Marisa Spencer, City Secretary, stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

- 3.3. Take action on petition.**

The City Council discussed the Commission's recommendation and the petition for rezoning, including the proposed use and the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and authorize the City Administrator to approve the petition by Scott Smith for rezoning from Residence-Agriculture (RA) District to Neighborhood Service (B-1) District of 1.734 acres out of the George M. Dolson Survey 96, Abstract 120, Comal County, Texas, and also being out of a 49.850 acre tract described in Volume 194, Page 138, of the Deed Records of Comal County, contingent upon Mr. Smith providing proof of purchasing the property to the City Administrator within thirty (30) days from October 7, 2020. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Dr. Miller provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting and spoke regarding zoning petitions and the Draft Zoning Ordinance. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

b) Quarry Commission:

1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioners.

1.1. Receive recommendation and take action on the reappointment of Commissioner Barucky to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2022).

Chair Holly stated Commissioner Barucky expressed desire to continue serving and the Commission recommends reappointing Commissioner Barucky to serve another term.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Quarry Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Barucky to serve another term with term expiring September 30, 2022. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

1.2. Receive recommendation and take action on the reappointment of Commissioner Holly to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2022) as specified in Ordinance No. 210-022018 Section III. E. for the purpose of good cause.

Chair Holly expressed desire to continue serving and stated the Commission recommends granting a waiver for his reappointment to serve another term for the purpose of good cause due to the lack of qualified candidates interested in serving on the Commission.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Quarry Commission's recommendation and grant a waiver for the reappointment of Commissioner Holly to serve another term with term expiring September 30, 2022, for the purpose of good cause due to the lack of qualified candidates interested in serving on the Commission. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers thanked the Commissioners for their service on the Commission.

2. Request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021.

2.1. Receive recommendation from Quarry Commission.

Chair Holly stated the request is consistent with prior years and the Commission recommends approval of the Partial Exemption Permit for Buckley Powder Co., to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry.

2.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the Quarry Commission's recommendation and approve the request from Buckley Powder Co., for a Partial Exemption Permit to conduct blasting activities at the Hanson Quarry for the period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2.3. Receive recommendation from the City Administrator regarding an annual fee for the Partial Exemption Permit.

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated the assessed permit fee in fiscal year 2020 was \$24,700.70 and recommended the permit fee for fiscal year 2021 be increased by ten (10) percent, equating to a permit fee of \$27,170.77, to offset administrative costs incurred by the City.

2.4. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the City Administrator's recommendation and set the Partial Exemption Permit fee at \$27,170.77 for the period of October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Holly provided City Council with an update on the topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting and spoke regarding blasting data, educational materials, and Commission vacancies. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Lantzy spoke regarding truck traffic within the City and thanked the Hanson Quarry Plant Manager for his cooperation and professionalism.

c) Water Commission:

1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioners.

1.1. Receive recommendation for the reappointment of Commissioner Valdez, Commissioner Bullard, and Commissioner Haltaman to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2022).

Chair Valdez stated the Commissioners expressed desire to continue serving and the Commission recommends reappointing himself, Commissioner Bullard, and Commissioner Haltaman to serve another term.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Valdez, Commissioner Bullard, and Commissioner Haltaman to serve another term with term expiring September 30, 2022. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers thanked the Commissioners for their service on the Commission.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Valdez provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting and spoke regarding ordinance revisions, water leases, water rates, and rescheduling the Commission's November and December meetings due to holidays. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:

1. Expiring terms (September 30, 2020) of Commissioners.

1.1. Receive recommendation for the reappointment of Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta to serve another term (term expiring September 30, 2022).

Vice-Chair Kneupper stated the Commissioners expressed desire to continue serving and the Commission recommends reappointing Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta to serve another term.

1.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams, Commissioner Bippert, and Commissioner Drichta to serve another term with term expiring September 30, 2022. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers thanked the Commissioners for their service on the Commission.

2. Feral Hog Management.

2.1. Receive recommendation regarding purchasing equipment for hog traps.

Vice-Chair Kneupper spoke regarding feral hog management and purchasing equipment for hog traps. He stated the Commission recommends authorization of expenditures related to feral hog management, including purchasing hog trap doors, batteries, and game cameras with a recurring monthly data plan fee.

2.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation and authorize expenditures related to feral hog management, including purchasing hog trap doors, batteries, and game cameras with a recurring monthly data plan fee. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Deer Population Summary and Deer Management Program.

3.1. Receive recommendation from Wildlife Management Advisory Commission.

Vice-Chair Kneupper spoke regarding the deer management program and the 2020 Deer Population Summary provided by TPWD Biologist Ben Olsen. He stated the Commission recommends continuation of the deer management program and reducing the deer herd by approximately one hundred (100) deer, contingent upon trapping locations, with the intention of applying for the Trap, Transport, and Transplant (TTT) Permit Program.

3.2. Take action on recommendation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission's recommendation for continuation of the deer management program and reducing the deer herd by approximately one hundred (100) deer, contingent upon trapping locations, with the intention of applying for the Trap, Transport, and Transplant (TTT) Permit Program. The City Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Bower). The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

Mayor Thompson provided Councilmember Bower the opportunity to discuss her opposition and provide any additional information regarding this matter. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding the estimated deer density over time, noting that although the estimates do not indicate the goal of five (5) acres per deer, she is willing to assess data for another year and feels that reducing the deer herd at this time is premature.

4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Vice-Chair Kneupper provided City Council with an update on topics discussed at the Commission's September meeting and spoke regarding wildlife incidents and Commissioner projects. He addressed questions from Councilmembers.

e) Parks Committee:

Rod Chamberlain, Parks Committee, provided City Council with an update on the Committee's efforts and projects. He spoke regarding park facilities, pocket parks, committee membership, and ordinance revisions.

Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers thanked Rod Chamberlain and the Parks Committee for their hard work.

f) Volunteer Garden Ridge!

Nancy Cain, City Administrator, stated *Volunteer Garden Ridge!* reported 137 hours for the month of September, despite the necessary COVID restrictions.

11. Approvals/Authorizations

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

- a) Ordinance No. 143-012020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive franchise agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and BFI Waste Services of Texas, LP/DBA/Republic Services of San Antonio for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations**

of this Ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

Mayor Thompson stated Ordinance No. 143 allows for an annual rate adjustment for CPI (Water, Sewer, and Trash Index); however, a rate increase for commercial accounts has not been assessed since Republic Services acquired Bexar Waste in 2017. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the 3.17% price increase for commercial accounts from Republic Services.

1. Take action on CPI rate increase and direct City Staff to update Exhibit A to reflect price change dictated by the rate increase.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, to approve the CPI rate increase effective November 1, 2020, and direct City Staff to update Exhibit A to reflect price changes dictated by the rate increase. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Thompson thanked Mr. Armstrong, Republic Services, for his continued assistance while maintaining open communication with the City.

b) COVID-19.

1. Discuss status, updates, response, and matters related to the COVID-19 Virus.

Mayor Thompson provided City Council with an update on the status and actions taken at the federal, state, and local level in response to COVID-19. He spoke regarding Governor Abbott's disaster declaration, Executive Orders GA-31 and GA-32, continuity of operations, and waivers for approved outdoor public gatherings.

2. Discuss funding and expenditures from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Karen Ford, Finance/HR, provided City Council with an update on funding and expenditures from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, provided City Council with an update on touchless appliances and features being installed within City facilities.

3. Take possible action on matters related to the COVID-19 Virus, including Trunk or Treat, Veterans Day Celebration, Texas Arbor Day Landscaping Project, and Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding upcoming events involving City resources. He stated Librarian Linda Crosland will provide information related to Trunk or Treat and Veterans Day Celebration, and the Parks Committee will provide information related to Texas Arbor Day Landscaping Project and Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, spoke regarding Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 31, 2020, in the City Hall parking lot. The City Council agreed by consensus to support conducting Trunk or Treat.

Linda Crosland, Librarian, spoke regarding the Veterans Day Celebration scheduled for November 10, 2020, at the Community and Event Center. The City Council agreed by consensus to support conducting the Veterans Day Celebration.

Rod Chamberlain, Parks Committee, spoke regarding the Texas Arbor Day Landscaping Project scheduled for November 7, 2020, at Paul Davis Park. The City Council agreed by consensus to support conducting the Texas Arbor Day Landscaping Project.

Rod Chamberlain, Parks Committee, spoke regarding the Christmas Tree Lighting Event scheduled for December 4, 2020, and provided an overview of conducting this as a drive-through event in the Municipal Complex. The City Council agreed by consensus to support the Parks Committee moving forward with planning the Christmas Tree Lighting Event and providing City Council with a detailed plan next month.

12. Updates

a) City Administrator Reports.

1. Update on Oak Wilt.

Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director, provided City Council with an update on Oak Wilt within the City of Garden Ridge, including containment and treatment efforts.

b) City Council Projects.

1. Code Compliance (Lantzy).

Councilmember Lantzy requested a discussion regarding compliance and enforcement efforts related to City ordinance violations. Mayor Thompson and Chief Eberhardt detailed the Police Department's enforcement process as it relates to code compliance within the City of Garden Ridge. Councilmember Bower spoke regarding proactive measures to ensure new residents are aware of certain City ordinances, and particularly aware of specific circumstances or building improvements which require a permit. Councilmember Lantzy thanked Mayor Thompson and Councilmembers for the discussion and indicated the Police Department has implemented an organized code compliance process.

c) Mayor's Projects.

1. Communication Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the 2020 Census, stating the response rate for City of Garden Ridge is currently ranked as #2 in Texas and on average, the City of Garden Ridge has remained ranked in the top 100 of cities in the nation.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding options for relocating the City sign on FM 2252 as well as looking into options regarding electronic signage within the City.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding communication outreach efforts, including messages on the City sign, citizens watching City Council and Commission meetings online, and participating in recognizing teachers on World Teachers Day.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding recent media communications related to a video showing theft of a political sign in the City of Garden Ridge.

2. Citizen Contact Report.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding citizens contacting him and the City Administrator about renting the ball field at Paul Davis Park.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding citizen contacts while attending various recent events, including a JROTC 9/11 commemorative event at the high school, a ribbon cutting event at the Club at Garden Ridge, and a ribbon cutting event at the Crisis Center of Comal County.

Mayor Thompson provided City Council with an update on distributing the allocated funds from Northeast Partnership and stated the checks were presented to the businesses that City Council agreed upon last month.

13. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Lantzy and Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw requested to discuss information regarding intimidation of property owners related to deer management at the November City Council Regular Meeting.

14. Citizen Comment Period

Mayor Thompson reviewed the Rules for Citizens' Participation.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Davenport High School sporting events.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding FM 2252 and TxDOT communications.

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/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 at this time.

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 – 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 requirements for Comal County Emergency Services and authority to contract for such services through an interlocal agreement.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 9:41 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 9:50 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – 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 10:30 p.m.

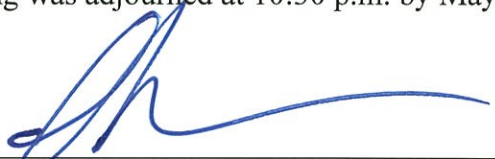
17. Business Items

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 Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to adjourn. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, October 7, 2020, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary