



City of Garden Ridge

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MINUTES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

Commissioners Present:

Chair David Krawczynski
Vice-Chair Ken Kneupper
Commissioner Paul Sullivan
Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams (Arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Commissioner Troy Bippert
Commissioner Shannon Drichta
Commissioner Dean Lemmers
Councilmember Lisa Swint, Ex-officio

Commissioners Absent: None.

City Staff, City Councilmembers, and Other Commissioners Present:

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
Councilmember Kay Bower

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioners present, Chair Krawczynski called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge Wildlife Management Advisory Commission to order at 6:14 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2021, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Krawczynski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

5. Business Items

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

Chair Krawczynski stated he would like to reorder the agenda items as follows to continue the meeting and allow Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams to present the Education/Training Session once she arrives.

b) Approvals

1. Minutes for January 25, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kneupper, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan, to approve the minutes for January 25, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting. The Commission voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Discussions/Reports/Updates

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

i. Police Department and Animal Services.

The Commission discussed the wildlife reports from the Police Department and Animal Services.

2. Meeting Updates/Reports

i. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the February and March City Council Regular Meetings.

Chair Krawczynski updated the Commission on the items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at the February and March City Council Meetings.

ii. Items applicable to the Wildlife Management Advisory Commission discussed at Parks Committee Monthly Meetings.

Commissioner Drichta spoke regarding attending the monthly Parks Committee meetings.

a) Education/Training Session – “Dark Skies” by Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams.

Commissioner Dr. Denise Miner-Williams presented “Dark Skies” and answered questions from the Commission.

c) Discussions/Reports/Updates (continued)

3. Wildlife Management Advisory Commissioner activities and projects.

i. Update of Commissioner’s activities and projects.

Commissioner Drichta spoke regarding the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge Program. Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams spoke regarding the impact on native wildlife from the winter storm, the loss to coastal fisheries, and “Texas Hill Country Wildlife” Instagram page. She explained the Instagram page includes informative posts regarding wildlife management from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologists.

ii. Future education/training sessions and Grapevine articles.

Commissioner Dr. Miner-Williams stated she will provide an article for the April Grapevine.

4. Wildlife Management Plan, Deer Management Program, and Feral Hog Management.

i. Discuss status and make recommendations related to, if needed.

Commissioner Sullivan provided an update on the equipment for Feral Hog Management.

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

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

Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary, spoke regarding the waiver approved by City Council for the provision in Ordinance No. 210 that requires Commissioners to attend two (2) City Council regular meetings each calendar year during the current public health emergency and stated Commissioners are still encouraged to attend City Council meetings.

d) Future Agenda Items

1. Commissioners input on agenda items.

Chair Krawczynski requested a discussion on Dark Sky.

2. Announce the date, time, and location for next meeting.

Chair Krawczynski announced the next Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

6. Citizen Comment Period

Kay Bower, 8947 Garden Ridge Drive, spoke regarding Ordinance No. 13 and future development.

7. Adjournment


There being no further business, the Monday, March 15, 2021, Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. by Chair Krawczynski.

ATTEST:



Kat Balbi

Assistant City Secretary



David Krawczynski
Chair