



City of Garden Ridge

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AGENDA REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, JANUARY 5, 2011 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 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 Meeting Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted on December 30, 2010, 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 Comments - 3 minute limit per citizen
5. Minutes

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

December 1, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

6. Business Items

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

- a) Update on public safety concerns in the Wild Wind Unit 3 Subdivision of Garden Ridge, Texas
- b) Approval of the 2010 certified tax levy for the City of Garden Ridge as submitted by the Comal County Tax Assessor-Collector
- c) Presentation of Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation to amend Ordinance 7-092008, Amendment #2 regarding water and subdivision development to include the requirement that all petitions for subdivisions be referred to and reviewed by the City Water Commission prior to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission (Presentation only. Public Hearing scheduled for February 2, 2011 City Council Meeting)
- d) Resolution 232-012011 providing for exemption of certain vehicles from requirements of Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 721.005(A), Identification of City and County Owned Vehicles
- e) Resolution 233-012011 of compliance with annual review and adoption of the Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge, Texas as required by the provisions of Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, as amended, The Texas Government Code
- f) Presentation of CenterPoint Energy's Statement of Intent to Increase Rates for CenterPoint's South Texas Division of which the City of Garden Ridge is located and City Council consideration to act upon Resolution 234-012011 suspending the

January 7, 2011, effective date of CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas South Texas Division requested rate change to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with other cities in the CenterPoint South Texas service area to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; authorizing intervention in GUD No. 10,038 at the Railroad Commission; authorizing legal representation; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel

- g) Award of bid for the City of Garden Ridge FM 3009 Plant Improvements and High Service Pump Project and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract documents for said project
- h) Release of Garden Ridge Police Officer Timothy Simkins from 6 month probationary period effective January 14, 2011 with 5% salary increase due to release from probationary status
- i) Request from Keith M. Richter for the City of Garden Ridge to construct a fence along the west side property line abutting Tonkawa Pass at his residence located at 8719 Garden Ridge Dr.
- j) Discussion on visibility concerns at the intersections of Forest Waters Circle at Bat Cave Road, Bindsiel Road at Bat Cave Road and Water Wood Drive at Schoenthal Road
- k) Report on status of Water System Capital Projects

7. State of the City

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

- a) Financial Statement and Investment Report
 - November 30, 2010
 - December 31, 2010
- b) City Administrator Monthly Activity
 - Sign approvals since prior Council meeting
 - Community Center usage and financial report
 - Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor building projects
- c) Public Works/Water Department Monthly Activity
 - Water pumping/usage from city wells
 - Water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects
 - Public Works projects
 - Animal Control apprehensions, nuisance/complaints, animal bites
- d) Police Department Monthly Activity
 - Citations issued
 - Warnings issued
 - Criminal activity within city
 - Code Compliance:
 - Citations issued
 - Warnings issued
 - Compliance achieved
- e) Recognition of employees and/or city events
- f) Observations and activities of wildlife within the city
- g) Water and/or Drought Management
- h) Update on FM 3009 Construction Project

8. Citizen Comments – 3 minute limit per citizen

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:

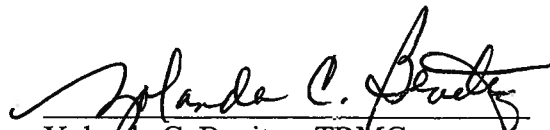
Northeast Partnership
City Water Commission
City Quarry Commission
Garden Ridge Police Academy Alumni Association
Cellular on Patrol
Garden Ridge Lion's Club

10. Adjournment


AGENDA NOTICES:

The City Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items 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.

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.


Yolanda C. Benitez, TRMC
City Secretary

This is to certify that I, Yolanda C. Benitez, posted this Agenda at 10:00 a.m. on December 30, 2010 on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.


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