



MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Kat Balbi, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Police Chief

City Commissioners in Attendance:

None

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Council members present, Mayor Thompson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 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. Citizen Comment Period: No one signed up to speak.

5. Business Items

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

a) 2019 Tax Rate.

1. Review and discuss the proposed 2019 Tax Rate of \$0.321106.

Mayor Thompson reviewed the proposed 2019 Tax Rate and detailed the comparisons to the 2018 Tax Rate.

2. Hold a public hearing to receive comments.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

No one wished to speak.

Mayor Thompson closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

3. Announce date, time, and place of:

3.1. Second public hearing on proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate (Monday, August 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).

3.2. Adoption of the 2019 Property Tax Rate (Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).

Mayor Thompson announced the date, time, and place of the second public hearing on the proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate and adoption of the 2019 Property Tax Rate as detailed on the agenda.

b) **Ordinance No. 22-072019 An Ordinance regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing prima facie speed limits and placement of traffic control devices; establishing through truck traffic regulations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing no parking zones; and regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions, providing for a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation concerning assemblages and processions.**

1. **Review and discuss request submitted by Garden Ridge Elementary School for an exception to Section 6. Pedestrian Traffic. to allow pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am on the following dates:**

- 1.1. **Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – First Day of School.**
- 1.2. **Wednesday, August 28, 2019.**
- 1.3. **Thursday, August 29, 2019.**
- 1.4. **Friday, August 30, 2019.**
- 1.5. **Friday, November 8, 2019 – Veterans Day Ceremony.**

Mayor Thompson stated Garden Ridge Elementary School submitted this request on August 4, 2019, which did not allow enough time to be added to the City Council regular meeting agenda. He stated if City Council did not have this special meeting then the request could not be considered until September. Mayor Thompson stated City Council has the option of approving all, some, or none of the dates as well as the option of imposing any reasonable restrictions that they deem necessary. Mayor Thompson stated the action taken by the City Council on this item will be detailed in a letter, signed by Mayor Thompson on behalf of City Council, and the letter will also contain notice that routine requests for exception to Garden Ridge City Ordinances need to be submitted no later than forty-five days in advance.

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw stated he does not mind showing cooperation and granting these exceptions; however, due to safety concerns he would like to see two (2) crossing guards equipped with safety vests present on these days. Councilmembers agreed with this condition.

2. **Take action on request.**

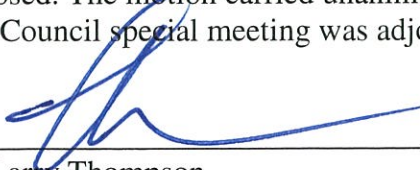
Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw to approve the request submitted by Garden Ridge Elementary School and grant specific exceptions to Ordinance No. 22-072019, Section 6. Pedestrian Traffic. to allow pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am on the following five (5) dates: August 27, 2019, August 28, 2019, August 29, 2019, August 30, 2019, and November 8, 2019. Furthermore, City Council stipulated these exceptions are conditional on Garden Ridge Elementary School providing a minimum of two (2) GRES Staff crossing guards, equipped with safety vests, who will supervise safe pedestrian crossings at Municipal Parkway. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total**

Sharon Morrissey, 9030 Sumac Cove, spoke regarding the first week of school and the Garden Ridge Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

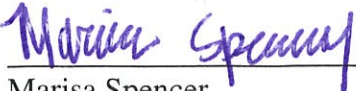
7. **Adjournment**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Bower, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Tuesday, August 20, 2019, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



Larry Thompson
Mayor

ATTEST:



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary