

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E RICHMOND, GIDDINGS, TEXAS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joel Lopez at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present: Mayor Joel Lopez, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, Council Members Frank Castro, Jacob Janda, and Mark Muniz. Not Present Linda Pruitt

Staff Present: City Manager Spencer Schneider, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, Giddings Police Chief William Weems Human Resources Angie Stanfield, City Attorney Tyler Stevens, President GEDC David Steadman, Vice President John Simmang, GEDC Board Member Charles Hurley.

2. PLEDGES TO THE U.S. AND TEXAS FLAG - Pledges were said.

3. INVOCATION AND WELCOME – City Manager Spencer Schneider gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS -City Secretary Andrea Ray presented to Mayor and City Council the local parades and the participation of the City of Giddings.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS -Mayor Joel Lopez presented City Council Member Frank Castro with a plaque for serving on the City Council May 2017-May 2023.

6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS –Gina Mersiovsky invited Mayor and City Council and other City employees to EMT luncheon. City Secretary Andrea Ray stated we have a list for public comment for line item 9. Discussion and deliberation regarding the employment of the Economic Development Corporation President, including review of employment, performance, duties, discipline, or dismissal. The Citizens Comments will be heard at that time.

7. CONSENT AGENDA - All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Council member so requests.

a. Consider approval of Minutes for City Council Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2023.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Frank Castro for approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting held on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz



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Nays: No

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discuss and take possible action regarding disposition of the Canine “Kendo” from the Giddings Police Department.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this to Mayor and City Council stating Kendo is the drug dog that was purchased for the police department for \$5,000 through LCLESO. The officer that was responsible for Kendo, failed to properly maintain training standards for this type of dog. When the separation between the city and the officer happened, there was not an officer that wanted to take the responsible for the Kendo. Kendo was placed at the animal shelter for over a month. Alan & Amanda Casey has been fostering Kendo for three to four weeks now. Alan Casey is going to speak on this subject.

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated the he and his wife Amanda received Officer Kendo from the Giddings Animal Shelter. Kendo has some issues from the way he was treated from the previous person. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan has reached out to several organizations, to maybe work with Kendo and hopefully to find a placement for him. The mission was to get some money because LCLESO had purchased Kendo for the Giddings Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey felt that City Council needs to approve of the placement for Kendo, weather the placement to be with another law enforcement or just adopted to a citizen of the community. Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey stated he is waiting to hear from the Lee County Sherriff Casey Goetz and the Texas DPS to see there is a place for Officer Kendo.

A motion was made by City Council Member and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve disposition of the Canine “Kendo” and waiting to hear from the Lee County Sherriff’s Casey Goetz and Texas DPS if, Kendo’s services can be required for these entities.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

- b. Discuss and take possible action regarding a Special Event “Public” Application to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Veterans Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

City Manager Spencer Schneider presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Special Event “Public” Application to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Veterans Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Relay of Life Benefit. The Relay for Life has been at the Veterans Park for two years now. The event will not have alcohol.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve a request of a Special Event “Public” Application to be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at Veterans Park from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Relay of Life.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

9. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, to wit: discussion and deliberation regarding the employment of the Economic Development Corporation President, including review of employment, performance, duties, discipline, or dismissal.

Pursuant to Section 551.074 (b) Texas Government Code, the EDC President David Stedman requested a public hearing in writing. The City Council did not recess into executive session and a public hearing was held.

This agenda item was asked for Citizens Comments:

Kris Sholty and John Chapman, Beverly Malke, Javier Alcocer, Koshima Spencer, Jeff Moseley, Denice Harlan, Charles Hurley.

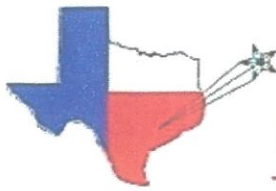
GEDC President David spoke in his behalf.

All citizens were given three minutes speaks to Mayor and City Council.

10. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

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- a) Discuss and take possible action regarding the employment of the Economic Development Corporation President, including review of employment, performance, duties, discipline, or dismissal.



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After City Council discussion a motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to terminate EDC President David Stedman's employment with the City of Giddings and to begin searching for a suitable replacement.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Castro, Janda, Muniz

Nays: None

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS


- 1) The CAPCOG METHOD OF DISBURSEMENT FOR THE 2017 HURRICANE HARVEY CBDG-MITIGATION FUND MONIES is rolling forward as planned.
- 2) The pavilion structure is erected at the Veteran's Park. We are waiting for the electrician to complete his work. It will be completed by May 20,2022.
- 3) The pre-construction meeting for the EDA water line and parking lot should be happening this month. The construction project should be starting in June or July.
- 4) We have hired a new electrical superintend. He should be starting later this month.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 8:20 P.M. by Mayor Joel Lopez.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary


Joel Lopez, Mayor

