



CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 118 E. RICHMOND ST. GIDDINGS, TEXAS 78942

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, City Council Members: Linda Pruitt, Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn 4-minutes late.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, City Police Chief Bill Weems, Municipal Court Clerk Rachel Grube, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

2) PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN AND TEXAS FLAG: Were said.

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Pastor Diane Herlitz from First Assembly Church gave the invocation and Mayor Joel Lopez welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None.

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: Each citizen was allowed to speak for 3 minutes each. None.

7) CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered to be self-explanatory by this City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of this item unless a City Council Member so requests.

- a. Approval of the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes held on Monday, October 14th, 2025.

A motion was made by City Council Member Linda Pruitt and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the City Council Special Minutes held on Monday, October 14th, 2025.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz.

Nays: None.

8) PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding amendment to the City's contract with the Texas Department of Agriculture for Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) RED Program, Contract CRC22-0243. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the proposed changes to the scope of work.

Mayor Joel Lopez opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Joel Lopez closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. with no one wishing to speak.

9) NEW BUSINESS:

Monday, October 27th, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes



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a. Discuss and take possible action to adopt Resolution No. 594-2025 approving the amendment for Contract CRC22-0243 to be submitted to TDA.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. At the last City Council Meeting, we passed a resolution for the change order to the TxCDBG RED grant. TDA would also like for us to amend the scope of work in our contract. This amendment requires a public hearing. This resolution requests TDA approve the amendment to our contract for the scope of work.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 594-2025 approving the amendment for Contract CRC22-0243 to be submitted to TDA.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.

Nays: None.

b. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” application from Fercho’s Restaurant for a family friendly market to be held every first Saturday of the month beginning November 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at 1195 E. Austin Giddings, Texas (in the restaurants parking lot).

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. Fercho’s (previously El Charro) would like to start having a market with local vendors of all types in their parking lot on the first Saturday of the month. This event was approved by both the chief and director of public services.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve the Special Event “Public” application from Fercho’s Restaurant for a family friendly market to be held every first Saturday of the month beginning November 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at 1195 E. Austin Giddings, Texas (in the restaurants parking lot).

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.

Nays: None.

c. Discuss and take possible action to approve the Special Event “Public” application from St. Margaret Catholic Church for a procession celebrating the Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe from E. Richmond to S. Grimes, then E. Bellville St to the church grounds that will be held on December 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. St. Margaret Catholic Church would like to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a walk from the tax office to the church on December 12th. Chief has approved this event with the conditions that streets will not be blocked, and pedestrians must yield to traffic when not at crosswalks. On the application was marked no approval by, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray. City Council member Linda Pruitt asked why was not approved? Director of Public Services Kenny Ray stated this the area that has a lot of traffic on Friday at 5:00 p.m.



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The city had also denied the Lee County Fair to have their parade in the same neighborhood. Kenny, stated he has a route in mind if the St. Margaret Catholic Church could use.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz to postpone this line item and bring it back to City Council after a discussion with the St. Margaret Catholic Church for another route to be used.
NO ACTION TAKEN

d. Receive Quarterly Investment Report.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. This is our quarterly investment report nothing, we have no investments at this time.

NO ACTION TAKEN

e. Discuss and take possible action to approve Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors' recommendation for appointment of a new board member.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this to Mayor and City Council. The EDC will discuss filling their vacancy on the board at their meeting Monday evening. GEDC has their recommendation, James Russell Millner to fill the vacancy on the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors'.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve James Russell Millner to fill the vacancy on the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors'.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Pruitt, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.

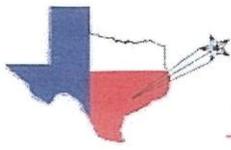
Nays: None.

10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The EDA grant project is moving along on a tight timeline. The final change order is currently under review by EDA, and the contractor is finalizing their work plan and scheduling with UPR through Rail Pros.

b. Oktoberfest was great despite the weather. Big thanks to the EDC and to Lori for all their hard work and quick thinking to make sure the event went off smoothly.

c. TxDOT's Highway 77 bridge replacement project will begin construction in December and is expected to last about a year. The Mayor, Kenny, and I attended the preconstruction meeting last week. Traffic will stay open throughout, but it'll be down to two lanes for much of the project. Crockett Street will be closed at times, but when it's all done, we'll have a new sidewalk from Independence to Jaeger Street, which will be a great addition.



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d. Our big CO Bond Project, or the 2026 Utility and Street Improvement Project, is also coming along nicely. We had a great coordination meeting with our engineers and department heads to make a few adjustments that allow us to cover more areas in the city with these improvements.

e. We've been contacted by the National Fitness Campaign about a potential grant for a fitness court. We'll be meeting with them soon to talk through feasibility. If anyone is interested in collaborating on that, let me know.

f. A couple quick reminders: our next meeting will be November 10th, with Planning and Zoning at 6 p.m. and Council at 7 p.m. Also, Andrea and I will be at the TML Conference this week. We've gone through our class schedule and are excited to see what ideas and tools we can bring back to Giddings.

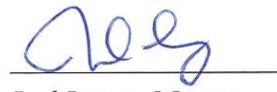
11) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Joel Lopez adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Monday, October 27th, 2025.

ATTEST:



Andrea Ray, City Secretary



Joel Lopez, Mayor

