

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026 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 Pro-Tem Alan Casey at 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

Members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn. Not Present: Mayor Linda Pruitt, City Council Member John Dowell.

Staff Present: Interim City Manager/Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, City Attorney Tyler Stevens, Assistant City Police Chief Shane Ray, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

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

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Monica Smith from First Presbyterian gave an invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS: None

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dolores Lopez stated she gave City Council pictures to look over the neighborhood where the expanding of the trailer park is coming in.

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.

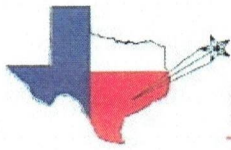
- a. Approval of minutes from the Monday, June 8th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of minutes from the Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the City Council Regular Minutes Monday, June 8th, 2026 and Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 Special City Council Meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. First reading for Resolution No. 634-2026 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Fuego Latino Gastropub Project in the amount of \$30,000.00.

GEDC Director Lori Diez presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The EDC board has approved business startup/expansion grant for a new restaurant coming to downtown Giddings next to Rowdy Ranch. The original building across the street has too many repairs that need to be repaired and will take time. Fuego Latino Gastropub bought the building that is a vacant restaurant the old downtown was there. The first reading of Resolution No. 634-2026. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

- b. Consider approval of the Special Event "Public" Application from the Giddings Economic Development for a Holiday Festival and Christmas Market held Giddings Downtown Plaza November 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GEDC Director Lori Diez presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The GEDC Will not have an Oktoberfest this year and would like to have a Holiday Festival and Christmas Market with a lighted parade, and lighting of the decorative lights.

A motion was made City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve Special Event "Public" Application from the Giddings Economic Development for a Holiday Festival and Christmas Market held Giddings Downtown Plaza November 28, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

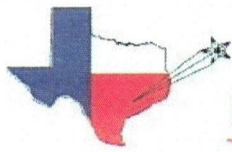
Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Janda, Muniz, Rinn.

Nays: None.

- c. Consider approval of the Special Event "Public" Application from Kala Green to close W. Washington St. from N. Caldwell St. to N. Waco St. for a private event for a family day on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Green family is having a family day and would like to block Washington St from North Caldwell to North Waco from 6pm till midnight. The Green Family held a family day last year without problems. Kala Green is here to answer any questions. Kala stated she talked to the neighbors around the block and everyone was ok with our family fun day. Director of Public Services Kenny Ray asked if the city leaves the barricades are you ok with putting them out the day of your event and will pick-up on Monday. Kala stayed yes that would work for the event.

A motion was made City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve Special Event "Public" Application from Kala Green to close W. Washington St. from N. Caldwell St. to N. Waco St. for a private event for a family day on Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.



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Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Consider approval to set purchase price of the 20'x 100' foot wide alley between Lots 1-2 and 6-7 in Block 165 10'x 50' alley foot wide alley between Lots and 8 in Block 165, Giddings, Texas.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This alley has appraised for \$1,000.

A nomination and motion made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by Jacob Janda to set purchase price of \$1000.00 for the 20'x 100' foot wide alley between Lots 1-2 and 6-7 in Block 165 10'x 50' alley foot wide alley between Lots and 8 in Block 165, Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays:

- e. Receive an update from Lee County Golf Association President Cory Harris.

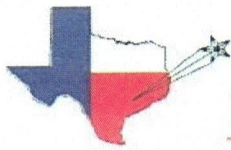
Cory Harris President of Lee County Golf Association gave an update to City Council. Cory stated in the works is a turf project. The association has brought in green sand for the divots to be filled with. We are working to get more members involved asking them if you see weeds, please pull them up. We are trying to educate high school students as well. The association is looking into a fair-way mower, it will be the proper machine to use on the golf field. The cost is \$60,000.00. With this type of equipment, it will cut your hours of mowing to just 2 hours a day. Cory thanked the city and the employees, they work hard out at the golf course.

- f. Consider approval of the Proposed 2026 Budget for the Lee County Central Appraisal District.

Interim City Manager Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Lee County Appraisal District has submitted their proposed budget for 2026 for your review and approval. Jamie Orr is here to present the budget to you. Mr. Orr stated we are looking at 9.5% budget increase. The increase is due to employee wages were increased that is with benefits to 3.7%. We had a 35% increase on software & licenses and computers. We have upgraded our view photography for the over head land pictures this included in the 35% increases.

- g. Second and final reading to adopt Resolution No. 634-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Fuego Latino Gastropub Project in the amount of \$30,000.00.

A motion was made by City Council Member Kevin Rinn and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to adopt Resolution No. 634-2025 for the Giddings Economic Development Corporation Program Expenditure to Fuego Latino Gastropub Project in the amount of \$30,000.00.



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

Nays: None.

9) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey closed the Regular Session at 7:55 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.071 – related to consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the abandonment, acquisition, sale, and conveyance of public alley rights-of-way, including applicable statutory procedures, notice requirements, and the City's legal authority, and 551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss a City Manager Employment Agreement with Guillermo Garcia

- a. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.071 Government Code, related to consultation with the City Attorney regarding legal issues associated with the abandonment, acquisition, sale, and conveyance of public alley rights-of-way, including applicable statutory procedures, notice requirements, and the City's legal authority.
- b. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss a City Manager Employment Agreement with Guillermo Garcia.
- c. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss a Severance Agreement with Guillermo Garcia

Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey adjourned the Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

10) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:

- a. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session item 9(a). **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- b. Consider Resolution No. 635-2026 authorizing the Mayor to execute a City Manager Employment Agreement with Guillermo Garcia.

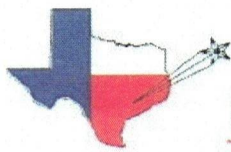
A motion was made by Jacob Janda and seconded by Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 635-2026 authorizing the Mayor to execute a City Manager Employment Agreement with Guillermo Garcia.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

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- c. Consider Resolution No. 636-2026 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Severance Agreement with Guillermo Garcia.

A motion was made by Jacob Janda and seconded by Mark Muniz to adopt Resolution No. 635-2026 authorizing the Mayor to execute a City Manager Employment Agreement with Guillermo Garcia.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

11) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. HOT training dates were provided via email. Please reply to Andrea with your availability.
- b. Sales tax continues to climb. Our last two payments received are the highest we've ever seen. Last month was \$386k and this month was \$332k. Trends are steadily climbing.
- c. We were awarded the Resilient Communities Program grant from the General Land Office in the amount of \$235,000 to pay for a comprehensive plan. This grant is 100% funded.
- d. Budget prep has begun, financial statements have been distributed to department heads and we will begin meetings next week. You should see a first draft at an upcoming meeting.

12) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro-Tem adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

ATTEST:

Andrea Ray, City Secretary



Linda Pruitt, Mayor