

CITY OF GIDDINGS

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GIDDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 27 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 Linda Pruitt at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members present: Mayor Linda Pruitt, Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey, City Council Members: Jacob Janda, Mark Muniz, Kevin Rinn (3 minutes late).

Staff Present: City Manager Guillermo Garcia, Finance Director Heather Garner, Director of Public Services Kenny Ray, City Secretary Andrea Ray, Assistant City Police Chief Shane Ray, Human Resources Director Angie Stanfield, Code Enforcement Officer Eric Cupit, Director of Library Jessie Akins.

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

3) INVOCATION AND WELCOME: Moncia Smith from the First Presbyterian Church gave an invocation and Mayor Linda Pruitt welcomed all in attendance.

4) ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

5) PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

a. Receive presentation from Library Director Jessi Akins regarding the 2026 Summer Reading Program. Library Director Jessi Akins gave a brief presentation to the Mayor and City Council on the Summer Reading Program. No action taken

b. Receive presentation from Finance Director Heather Garner regarding the FY 2026-2027 budget review process.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented to Mayor and City Council a brief presentation on the FY 2026-2027 budget review process. No action taken

6) CITIZENS COMMENTS: 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 minutes from the Monday, July 13th, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

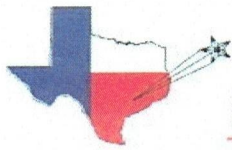
A motion was made by City Council Member John Dowell and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the City Council Regular Minutes Monday, July 13th, 2026.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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8) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consider Resolution No. 638-2026 appointing Guillermo Garcia to serve as the City Manager.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to adopt Resolution No. 638-2026, appointing Guillermo Garcia as the City Manager for the City of Giddings.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- b. Administration of oath of office to the newly appointed City Manager.

City Secretary Andrea Ray administered the oath to the newly appointed City Manager Guillermo Garcia.

Mayor Linda Pruitt presented the newly appointed City Manager, Guillermo Garcia, with a certificate of appointment.

NO ACTION TAKEN

- c. Consider approval of the Special Event "Public" Application from Teresa Page to hold a Pop-up Shop every first Saturday of each month from August through December 2026 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented this agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This item is being brought back from our last meeting. Mrs. Teresa Page is here to answer any questions Council may have. Mrs. Teresa Page asked to change the start of Pop-Up Shop to 9:00 a.m. Teresa Page stated that I will have about 15-20 vendors coming from the surrounding towns. Teresa stated I now have a vendor who would like to sell alcohol. Finance Director Heather Garner stated this is the Downtown District and alcohol is allowed. City Council Member Jacob Janda asked Mrs. Page to please leave the handicapped spots open closer to Reba's. Mrs. Page said yes, they will remain open.

A motion was made by City Council Member Jacob Janda and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the Special Event "Public" Application from Teresa Page to hold a Pop-up Shop every first Saturday of each month from August through December 2026 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

- d. Consider approval of the Special Event "Public" application from Daniel White for Preaching Tent Services in Simmang Park on Wednesday, September 2nd through Saturday, September 5th, 2026, held at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. nightly.

Daniel White stated we had about 50-70 people last year with the tent services. The tent will go up the day before and will be taken down the day after. Daniel stated that I am very mindful of all the neighbors, will not be loud, and will be done by 9:00 a.m. each night.



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A motion was made by City Council Member Mark Muniz and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey to approve the Special Event "Public" application from Daniel White for Preaching Tent Services in Simmang Park on Wednesday, September 2nd through Saturday, September 5th 2026 held at 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. nightly.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

e. Consider Resolution No. 639-2026 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for underwater golf ball retrieval services at the City's golf course.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The City Golf Course currently purchases refurbished golf balls from Clean Green Golf Balls, and would like to use their retrieval services as well. They will remove golf balls from our pond at the golf course and pay us a small fee per ball. They then refurbish the golf balls and sell them. Golf Course Superintendent Jason Kessler and Mr. Rami Mubasher with Bastex Investments, LLC will be present to answer any questions council may have. Mr. Rami Mubasher of Bastex Investments, LLC gave a brief presentation on the process and stated that it is a family-owned business.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Resolution No. 639-2026 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for underwater golf ball retrieval services at the City's golf course.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None.

f. Consider Resolution No. 640-2026 designating signatories for transactions with the City's Banking Depository.

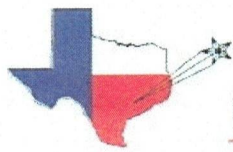
Finance Director Heather Garner presented the agenda item to Mayor and City Council. This resolution will add Guillermo as a signatory on all of our city bank accounts. The City has 4 signatories and requires 2 signatures on every check.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Mark Muniz to approve the Resolution No. 640-2026 designating signatories for transactions with the City's Banking Depository.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None



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g. Consider approval regarding the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Cibolo Trails Phase 1 Final Plat, generally located southwest of Giddings Elementary School, south of E. Industry Street, and west of Whispering Oaks Drive.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the agenda item to Mayor and City Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval of the Cibolo Trails Phase 1 Final Plat. Our engineers have provided all their comments to the developer's engineers, and all comments have been addressed. Travis Martinek with DR Hortin will be present to give an update and answer any questions council may have. Travis and his team have been great to work with throughout this process.

A motion was made by City Council Member John Dowell and seconded by City Council Member Kevin Rinn to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Cibolo Trails Phase 1 Final Plat, generally located southwest of Giddings Elementary School, south of E. Industry Street, and west of Whispering Oaks Drive.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: City Council Members: Casey, Rinn, Dowell

Nays: Muniz

h. Consider Resolution No. 641-2026 designating signatory authorities and authorizing the submittal of a Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) to the Texas Water Development Board.

Finance Director Heather Garner presented the agenda item to Mayor and City Council.

This resolution will allow the city to submit an application for a new water treatment plant, to include a well, a groundwater storage tank, and a booster pump station. This grant is a 100% funded grant up to \$10 million and is a great opportunity to provide some much-needed improvements to our water infrastructure and supply. We propose locating the new plant at 290 Business Park.

A motion was made by City Council Member Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by City Council Member Jacob Janda to approve Resolution No. 641-2026 designating signatory authorities and authorizing the submittal of a Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) to the Texas Water Development Board.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

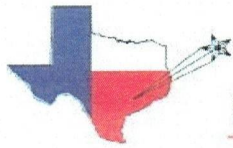
Nays: None

9) RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Linda Pruitt closed the Regular Session at 7:48 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.071 and 551.072 – consultation with the City Attorney regarding a Rule 408 settlement communication affecting real property in Giddings, Texas.

a. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.071 and §551.072 Government Code, related to consultation with the City Attorney regarding a Rule 408 settlement communication affecting real property in Giddings, Texas.

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Mayor Linda Pruitt closed the Regular Session at 7:48 p.m. to convene into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Section 551.071 related to consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, to wit: Wilson v. City of Giddings, et al, in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

b. Consider Executive Session as authorized by §551.071 Government Code, related to consultation with City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, to wit: Wilson v. City of Giddings, et al, in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, Austin Division.

10) RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Linda Pruitt adjourned the Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session, stating that no final actions, decisions, or votes were had during the Executive Session.

a. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session item 9(a).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Alan Casey and seconded by Kevin Rinn to authorize a settlement communication affecting real property in Giddings, Texas.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Take any action deemed necessary as a result of Executive Session item 9(b). **NO ACTION TAKEN**

11) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. The pool is officially closed for the season, but the splashpad will remain open until Labor Day.

b. The Texas Dept of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant-funded fire truck is now at the fire station.

c. Upcoming Dates:

Friday, July 31st – Hotel Occupancy Tax Applications are due.

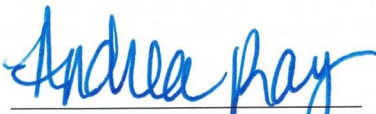
Tuesday, August 4th – Giddings Chamber Banquet

Monday, August 10th – Regular City Council Meeting

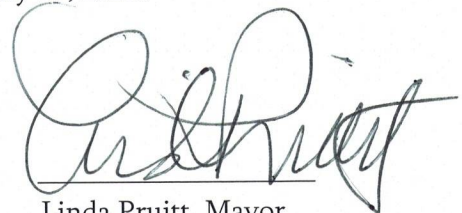
12) ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Linda Pruitt adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2026.

ATTEST:


Andrea Ray, City Secretary




Linda Pruitt, Mayor