

# **THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

City of Garden City

January 2, 2024

## **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Garden City was held at 11:00 AM at the City Administrative Center Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

All members were present. Commissioner Ortiz opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Reorganization of the Board of City Commissioners

Comments from Commissioner Dick.

Mayor Oyler reflected on her time as Mayor and is filled with a profound sense of gratitude and accomplishment. Serving as the Mayor of Garden City has been an honor and a privilege, and she is deeply humbled by the trust placed in her.

Mayor Oyler stated when she took office, she believed that by leveraging our strengths as a regional hub, we would create new opportunities for growth and development while building a strong and successful future for Garden City. Together, we embarked on a journey to build a community where all voices were heard, and where all citizens felt a sense of belonging. Through the highs and lows, we faced challenges head-on, always guided by the principle that collaboration and teamwork are the cornerstones of our great city.

Mayor Oyler continued that we initiated projects to improve infrastructure, enhance public services, and create a sustainable environment for future generations. Our collective efforts have resulted in a city that not only meets the needs of today but also lays the groundwork for a thriving and resilient tomorrow.

Mayor Oyler believes that beyond the bricks and mortar, the true heart of our success lies in the connections we forged. Our community is more than just a dot on a map; it is a collection of diverse stories, dreams, and aspirations. As Mayor she has had the privilege of meeting remarkable individuals who inspire her daily with their commitment to making Garden City a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mayor Oyler stated in the face of adversity, we rallied together, displaying resilience and determination. We weathered storms, both metaphorical and literal, and emerged stronger than ever. The spirit of this community is unbreakable, and it is the people—the backbone of our success—that she will forever carry in her heart.

Mayor Oyler stated as she passes the gavel to the next Mayor, she is confident that our city is in capable hands. The journey ahead may be challenging, but she believes in the collective strength and wisdom of our commission, city staff, and citizens. Her time as Mayor may be coming to an end, but our shared commitment to progress, collaboration, and alliance will endure.

Mayor Oyler thanked the community for allowing her to be a part of this incredible chapter in Garden City's history. Together, we have built something truly special, and she looks forward to

witnessing the continued growth and prosperity of this remarkable community.

Mayor Oyler ended her comments with the hope that our city will always shine bright, and its future will be filled with potential and possibility. Mayor Oyler thanked everyone.

City Clerk Hurtado administered the oath of office to newly elected Commissioners Bryce Landgraf and Tom Nguyen.

The newly elected Commissioners took their seats at the bench.

Commission Unruh moved to appoint Commission Ortiz as the Chairperson of the Board, who shall assume the duties and title of Mayor. Commissioner Cessna seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

Mayor Ortiz presented a recognition award to former Mayor Oyler. Former Mayor Oyler passed the traditional wooden gavel to newly elected Mayor Ortiz.

Mayor Ortiz stated he was humbled and honored to take on the role of mayor for Garden City, a community that holds a special place in his heart. Mayor Ortiz expressed his deepest gratitude to his family for their unwavering support and exemplary character extended beyond their home and into the community by helping neighbors and students in need through services or programs by various organizations. Mayor Ortiz commented that he has often heard others praise the kindness and character of his wife and children and feels blessed to hear those words. Mayor Ortiz gave all glory to God for providing him with guidance and patience to instill humility and support within his family. Mayor Ortiz thanked his wife Ginny, his children, Aedryc, Aesyc, Emma and Elly, for their hard work, patience, and for allowing him to follow his heart.

Mayor Ortiz expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their remarkable accomplishments in the past few years and their unwavering support in all the projects, programs, and initiatives they've been involved in.

Mayor Ortiz acknowledged city staff and workers from all levels and behind the scenes for their dedication, which forms the backbone of our success.

Mayor Ortiz commented that true leadership goes beyond titles; it involves teaching and mentorship and in Garden City, we are fortunate to have leaders who recognize the importance of equality. Mayor Ortiz believes we are fostering an inclusive community where everyone, regardless of background, has the opportunity to thrive. The City has experienced a significant increase in its diverse population, which is a clear indication of the appeal of our vibrant community. This growth is not coincidental but rather the outcome of strategic initiatives led by our dedicated leaders, a vision led community, partners, and the support of the City Commission throughout the years. For decades, they have made the deliberate choice to embrace diversity within our community, resulting in economic growth, increased entrepreneurship, higher labor force participation, and greater consumer spending. This diversity has created a thriving economy and a more resilient community that is well-prepared to tackle the challenges of the 21st century.

Mayor Ortiz stated his commitment as Mayor is to continue investing in staff and community and building on the foundations of growth, support, and leadership. Together, we will shape a Garden City that not only excels economically but also stands as a beacon of equality and opportunity for all.

Commissioner Unruh moved to appoint Commissioner Cessna as the Vice Chairperson, who shall assume the duties and title of Vice Mayor and serve as the Chairperson in the absence of the Mayor. Commissioner Landgraf seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

Commissioner Nguyen moved to approve and authorize the designation of "Rules of Order" to be followed in the conduct of meetings. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve to hold regular Commission meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers in the City Administrative Center. Commissioner Cessna seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve and authorize the Clerk of the City Commission and City Attorney to be seated at the Commission bench. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

Commissioner Landgraf moved to approve and designate the Garden City Telegram as the official city newspaper. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Commission took a recess to allow for family members and the public to congratulate the new Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Governing Body and will resume at 1:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The December 19, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### **Public Comment**

### **Consideration of Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrances**

The Governing Body considered and approved allowing the Mayor to proclaim January 2, 2024 as Shannon L. Dick Day in Garden City, Kansas.

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved allowing the Mayor to proclaim January 2, 2024 as Deborah Oyler Day in Garden City, Kansas.

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve. Commissioner Cessna seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved a request from Garden City Public Schools and St. Catherine Hospital to allow the Mayor to proclaim the week of January 22 - January 25, 2024 as Health Awareness Week in Garden City, Kansas.

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved a request from Cody Condiff, Co-Founder Hidden Trail Brewing, to be categorized as a Mobile Food Vendor under the Itinerant Merchant license category and to allow one food truck to be located at 2010 E. Schulman Avenue at any given time.

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve. Commissioner Landgraf seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

## **Report of the City Manager**

Presentation of the November 2023 report from the Garden City Regional Airport.

Presentation of the November 2023 Master Activity Report from the Garden City Police Department.

Presentation of the December 2023 Monthly Sales Tax Reports from Service and Finance.

## **Meetings of Note**

- January 2, 2024 - Reorganization of the Governing Body at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- January 17, 2024 - Garden City Area Chamber of Commerce Breakfast at the Clarion Inn at 7:10 a.m.
- January 18, 2024 - Finney County Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting at Garden City Community College Endowment Room at 10:30 a.m.

- January 18, 2024 - Finney County Economic Development Corporation 2023 Annual Meeting at Garden City Community College Endowment Room at 11:30 a.m.
- January 30, 2024 - Town Hall Meeting at the City Administrative Center - Commission Chambers at 7:00 p.m.
- February 5, 2024 - Southwest Kansas Chambers Night Out in Topeka at the Beacon from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- February 15, 2024 - City Commission training with Mike Conduff at the City Administrative Center from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- March 8, 2024 - Governing Body Goal Setting Retreat at the Finnup Center from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **Consideration of Appropriation Ordinance**

Appropriation Ordinance No. 2594-2024A, "an appropriation ordinance making certain appropriations for certain claims in the amount of \$6,036,058.26," was read and considered section by section.

Commissioner Ortiz moved to approve. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

### **Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions**

The Governing Body considered and approved an Environmental Nuisance Resolution.

1. Resolution No. 3091-2024, a resolution authorizing the removal of nuisance conditions from the property listed below in the City pursuant to Section 38-139 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City, Kansas (2104 N. 3rd Street - Indoor appliances, mattresses, and other misc. items located outside of the property).

Commissioner Nguyen moved to approve. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved an Environmental Nuisance Resolution.

1. Resolution No. 3092-2024, a resolution authorizing the removal of nuisance conditions from the property listed below in the City pursuant to Section 38-139 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City, Kansas (2109 Dennison Street - Boxes and other misc. items located outside of the property).

Commissioner Landgraf moved to approve. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved a Motor Vehicle Nuisance Resolution.

1. Resolution No. 3093-2024, a resolution authorizing the removal of motor vehicle nuisances from certain properties in the City of Garden City, Kansas, pursuant to Section 38-63 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garden City, Kansas (601 E. Hazel Street - White Vehicle).

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

### **New Business**

The Governing Body considered and approved the Lease and Operations Agreement between the City of Garden City and Alysia and Emmanuel Guzman for lease of space and operation of a restaurant located at the Garden City Regional Airport.

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve. Commissioner Landgraf seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Dick, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Oyler, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved the preparation of an ordinance for an August 6, 2024 ballot issue on the Primary Election to continue reauthorization of a 1/2-cent sales tax to stabilize the City's ad valorem property tax levy and finance construction and maintenance of transportation improvements expiring September 30, 2025.

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

The Governing Body considered and approved the City of Garden City's Title VI Plan.

Commissioner Cessna moved to approve. Commissioner Landgraf seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved the waiver of Resolution No. 2196 to reappoint Amy Longa to a three-year term from January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026 and appointing Velia Rodriguez and Nidia Ortega to fill unexpired terms that end December 31, 2025 on the Cultural Relations Board.

Commissioner Nguyen moved to approve. Commissioner Landgraf seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

### ***Consent Agenda***

Commissioner Ortiz moved to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Unruh seconded the motion. The vote was taken by yeas and nays and recorded as follows:

Ayes: Cessna, Landgraf, Nguyen, Ortiz, Unruh

The Governing Body considered and approved the Final Plat, Fire Station Number Three.

The Governing Body considered and approved the Final Plat, Maverick Mary Street Addition.

The Governing Body considered and approved the contractor licenses for January 02, 2024.

The Governing Body considered and approved the 2024 Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals.

The Governing Body considered and approved the Precious Metals Dealer License Renewal for 2024.

### **Other Entities**

Presentation of the November 9, 2023 minutes from the Garden City Regional Airport Advisory Board.

Presentation of the November 16, 2023, Holcomb-Garden City-Finney County Area Planning Commission Minutes.

Mayor Oyler adjourned the meeting since there was no further business before the Governing Body.

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Deborah Oyler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Celyn N. Hurtado, City Clerk

### **City Commission Reports**

A. Mayor Ortiz congratulated new Commissioner Nguyen and Commissioner Landgraf and commended Commissioner Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their hardwork and dedication over the last four years. Mayor Ortiz stated their work will never be done and that he will probably be calling on them still over the next year. Mayor Ortiz wished everyone a Happy New Year!

B. Commissioner Unruh thanked Commission Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their years of service to the community and congratulated Commissioner Nguyen and Commissioner Landgraf. Commissioner Unruh wished the community a Happy New Year and is looking forward to an incredibly successful year. Commissioner Unruh encouraged citizens to shop local and that those sales tax dollars do make a difference in our community.

C. Commission Cessna congratulated Mayor Ortiz on his new role as Mayor and thanked Commissioner Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their great leadership throughout the years. Commissioner Cessna welcomed Commissioners Nguyen and Commissioner Landgraf. Commissioner Cessna stated he enjoyed receiving the Parks & Recreation Activity Guide in the mail and challenge the community to go through the guide to find activities to participate in. Commissioner Cessna wished everyone a Happy New Year!

D. Commissioner Landgraf congratulated to new Mayor Ortiz and looks forward to working with him this next year. on his appointment as Mayor. Commissioner Landgraf thanked Commissioner Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their service to the community. Commissioner Landgraf thanked staff for the reception welcoming new Commissioners and looks forward to the future for Garden City.

E. Commissioner Nguyen wished everyone a Happy New Year! Commissioner Nguyen congratulated Mayor Ortiz and thanked Commissioner Oyler and Commissioner Dick for their leadership and support over the last couple of months to him. Commissioner Nguyen congratulated Commissioner Landgraf and is excited to have two new faces at the bench. Commissioner Nguyen shared about an event hosted by LiveWell Finney County for Youth Mental Health First Aide set for January 9, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for youth ages 12-18 years of age.