

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Robb Erickson
Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Kelly Smith
Councilmember Lisa Swint
Councilmember Jesús Valdez
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director
Linda Crosland, Library Director
Natalie Thamm, City Attorney

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Erickson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. Proclamations/Presentations**a) Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

b) Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, SJRC/Belong, Child Protective Services (CPS), and CASA of Central Texas declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

c) National Library Week Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Library Director Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library declaring April 6-12, 2025, as National Library Week.

4. Citizen Comment Period

David Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding the current and future status of the economy.

Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding an ethics complaint filed against a City Councilmember.

5. Consent Agenda

THESE ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCILMEMBER. PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION; HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a) Approval of Minutes for the March 5, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – February 28, 2025.**
- c) Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.**
- d) Resolution No. 531-042025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, amending authorized representatives between TexPool and the City of Garden Ridge.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve consent agenda items a)-d). The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Staff Reports

a) City Manager Monthly Activity Report.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed employee recognitions and employee anniversaries for the month of April and spoke regarding continuity of city operations.

b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Finance/HR Department.

c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.

City Secretary Marisa Spencer reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Administrative Department.

d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.

Chief Eberhardt reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Police Department.

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Works Director Steven Steinmetz reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department.

f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Library Director Linda Crosland reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Library.

7. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

City Engineer Hank Crippen reviewed the City Engineer monthly activity report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

8. City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in March.

b) Water Commission:

1. Receive recommendation and take action on request to appeal water loss adjustment denial for 8914 Comanche Path for the billing period of December 20, 2024 – January 23, 2025.

Mayor Erickson stated the resident informed the City that they do not wish to appeal to the City Council; therefore, this item does not require any consideration or action from City Council.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Chair Pohl provided the City Council with an update on items discussed by the Commission.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

The following items are for discussion, consideration, and action.

a) Update from The Retail Coach, LLC.

Nick Albracht, The Retail Coach, LLC, provided an update regarding Retail Recruitment and Development Strategy and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

b) Ordinance No. 244-042025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting City Council Policies regarding decorum and process; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

City Attorney Natalie Thamm presented the proposed revisions to the ordinance and received input from City Councilmembers to be incorporated into the ordinance for possible action in May.

c) Ordinance No. 232-042025 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, repealing and replacing the City Council Code of Ethics and Ethical Conduct Rules; providing disciplinary actions for violations of this Ordinance; providing a cumulative and savings clause, providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

City Attorney Natalie Thamm presented the proposed revisions to the ordinance and received input from City Councilmembers to be incorporated into the ordinance for possible action in May.

d) Resolution No. 532-042025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget Amendment and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Resolution No. 532-042025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

e) Resolution No. 533-042025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu reviewed the Fiscal Year 2025 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve Resolution No. 533-042025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, approving Fiscal Year 2025 Water Company Operation and Maintenance Fund Budget Amendment #1 for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

f) Budget Reserves/Reserve Policy.

The City Council discussed budget reserves and provided input to City Manager Ryan Rapelye regarding a possible reserve policy and comprehensive capital improvements plan.

g) Designation of authorized signers for financial accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to designate Mayor Robb Erickson, Mayor Pro-Tem Todd Arvidson, City Manager Ryan Rapelye, City Secretary Marisa Spencer, and Chief of Police Ron Eberhardt as authorized signers for financial accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge with First United Bank. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to designate City Manager Ryan Rapelye as the Authorized Business Officer for credit card accounts held by the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

1. Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge (Swint and Arvidson).

Councilmember Swint provided updates related to Aggregate Production Operations (APO) impacting Garden Ridge.

2. Mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge (Swint and Erickson).

Councilmember Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Swint provided updates related to Economic Development.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Councilmember Swint requested to discuss the 2025 Texas Legislative Session.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Krista Hunter, 21919 Cristobal Drive, spoke regarding concerns related to citizen comments.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding the Update from The Retail Coach, LLC.

13. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

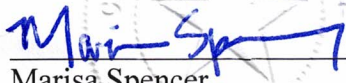
100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), Families of Garden Ridge, Garden Ridge Lions Club and Garden Ridge Women's Club, Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol, Great Springs Project, Greater Bexar County Council of Cities, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Swint spoke regarding Hill Country Alliance. Councilmember Valdez spoke regarding 100 Club of Comal County, Comal ISD, and Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson spoke regarding Comal ISD. Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Comal ISD and Garden Ridge Lions Club. Mayor Erickson spoke regarding Northeast Partnership and Families of Garden Ridge.

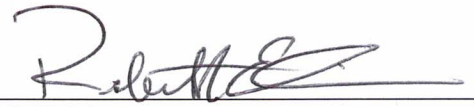
14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, April 2, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Robb Erickson
Mayor