

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Kelly Smith

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 6:12 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

Mayor Erickson announced we are experiencing technical difficulties that are preventing the meeting from being livestreamed or recorded.

2. Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance

Davenport High School JROTC presented the colors and Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

3. Proclamations/Presentations**a) Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.**

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to City Secretary Marisa Spencer and Assistant City Secretary/Communications Specialist Cyndi Simmons declaring May 4-10, 2025, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

b) National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation.

Mayor Erickson presented a Proclamation to Chief Eberhardt and the Garden Ridge Police Department declaring May 11-17, 2025, as National Police Week and declaring May 15, 2025, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

c) City Council Commemoration.

Mayor Erickson spoke regarding the current City Council and expressed appreciation for the City Council.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding communication, garbage service, the utility department, and the police department.



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 April 2, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.

b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – March 31, 2025.

c) Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve consent agenda items a)-c). The City Council voted four (4) 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 April.

b) Water Commission:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Erickson stated the Commission did not meet in April.

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

- a) Ordinance No. 244-052025 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 Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed Ordinance No. 244-052025 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to remove the third paragraph under section 3.5. Placement of an Item on an Agenda. The City Council agreed by consensus to add the following wording under section 3.10. Rules of Decorum a) Citizen Comments: "Written comments must be received by the City Secretary no later than 12 p.m. on the date of the meeting. Should citizens submit a written comment then choose to attend the meeting and speak in person, the written comment will not be read aloud."

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Valdez, to approve Ordinance No. 244-052025 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, with amendments as previously discussed and agreed upon. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Ordinance No. 232-052025 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 Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed Ordinance No. 232-052025.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve Ordinance No. 232-052025 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. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) Option to renew Interlocal Agreement between Comal County, Texas, and the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regarding the installation and maintenance of no thru truck warning signage within the right-of-way of unincorporated county-maintained roads.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed the option to renew Interlocal Agreement between Comal County, Texas, and the City of Garden Ridge regarding the installation and maintenance of no thru truck warning signage within the right-of-way of unincorporated county-maintained roads and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson, to approve the option to renew Interlocal Agreement between Comal County, Texas, and the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regarding the installation and maintenance of no thru truck warning signage within the right-of-way of unincorporated county-maintained roads. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) Resolution No. 534-052025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to execute agreement with San Antonio Water System for an emergency interconnect for the City of Garden Ridge; authorizing any additional actions reasonably necessary therewith; and providing an effective date.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed Resolution No. 534-052025 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Valdez, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve Resolution No. 534-052025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the Mayor to execute agreement with San Antonio Water System for an emergency interconnect for the City of Garden Ridge; authorizing any additional actions reasonably necessary therewith; and providing an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

e) 2025 Texas Legislative Session.

The City Council discussed the 2025 Texas Legislative Session.

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).

Mayor Erickson and Councilmember Swint stated there are no additional updates at this time.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Councilmember Swint provided updates related to Economic Development.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson requested to receive Newly Elected Officials Training from the City Attorney's Office.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, thanked the City Council for their service to the City and spoke regarding garbage service, bulk dumpsters, and San Antonio Water System emergency interconnect agreement.

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, thanked the City Council for their service to the City and spoke regarding garbage service, bulk dumpsters, and oak wilt.

Brian Strickland, 8622 Turner Ridge, spoke regarding water and wastewater services.

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 Reyes and Mayor Pro-Tem Arvidson spoke regarding Comal ISD. Councilmember Swint spoke regarding Great Springs Project.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, May 7, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by Mayor Erickson.

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Lisa Swint
Mayor