

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Daniel Bellinger, Assistant Chief of Police
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman
Wendy Bippert, Assistant Librarian
Natalie Thamm, City Attorney

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Swint called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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 Swint led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. Proclamations/Presentations**a) Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award.**

Mayor Swint presented the Municipal Clerk's Office Achievement of Excellence Award to City Secretary Marisa Spencer and Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons.

4. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding stormwater management.

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 June 4, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – May 31, 2025.**
- c) Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Plan and Budget.**
- d) Designate Comal County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate 2025 Tax Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve consent agenda items a)-d). 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/employee anniversaries 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.

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

e) Public Works Department Monthly Activity Report.

Public Facilities Foreman Eric Lowman and Utilities Foreman Duane Scognio reviewed the monthly activity report and spoke regarding continuity of operations related to the Public Works Department.

f) Library Monthly Activity Report.

Assistant Librarian Wendy Bippert 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 Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

a) Planning and Zoning Commission:

1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

Mayor Swint stated the Commission did not meet in June.

b) Water Commission:

1. Water Rate Structure.

1.1. Receive recommendation from Water Commission.

Chair Pohl stated the Commission reviewed options presented by city staff and the Commission recommends approval of a Water Rate Structure for FY2026 consisting of a \$4.00 base rate increase and a 4% tier rate increase.

1.2. Discuss and take action.

The City Council discussed the water rate structure.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the Water Commission's recommendation and approve a Water Rate Structure for FY2026 consisting of at \$4.00 base rate increase and a 4% tier rate increase. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

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

9. Approvals and Authorizations

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

a) Bid Award for Bat Cave Road.

City Engineer Hank Crippen stated Trihydro solicited bids for the City of Garden Ridge Bat Cave Road Improvements Project and spoke regarding the bid evaluation process. City Engineer Hank Crippen stated Trihydro recommends awarding the Contract to the apparent low bidder, Dean Word Company, who has submitted the best value bid to the City.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to award the Contract for the City of Garden Ridge Bat Cave Road Improvements Project to Dean Word Company for \$312,333.75. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment.

Tom Armstrong, Republic Services, and City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the 4.79% CPI rate increase as proposed by Republic Services and the corresponding amendment to Ordinance No. 143-072025. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

c) Resolution No. 535-072025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, amending the Aggregate Production Operations Advisory Council for the City of Garden Ridge; appointing an additional member to inaugural term of advisory council; and providing an effective date.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed amendments to Resolution No. 535-072025 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve Resolution No. 535-072025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, amending the Aggregate Production Operations Advisory Council for the City of Garden Ridge; appointing an additional member to inaugural term of Advisory Council; and providing an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

d) Agenda Format/Structure.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed the agenda format/structure and received input from Councilmembers.

e) FY2026 Budget Worksession.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye reviewed preliminary revenues and capital improvement projects for FY2026 and received input from Councilmembers.

10. Updates

a) City Council Projects.

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

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

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

Mayor Swint provided updates related to mitigation of growth and encroachment impacts on Garden Ridge, and Councilmember Harralson volunteered to assist with this project.

3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).

Mayor Swint provided updates related to Economic Development.

11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

12. Citizen Comment Period

Dr. Jim Miller, 9910 Marie Meadow, spoke regarding rate increases.

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:

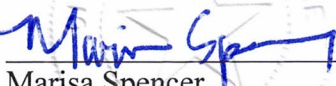
100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe), 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.

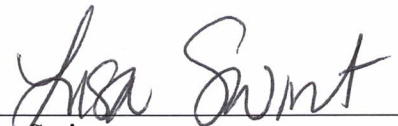
Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Comal ISD. Mayor Swint spoke regarding Comal County, Bexar County, Hill Country Alliance, Northeast Partnership, and Texas Department of Transportation.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Wednesday, July 2, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST


Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Lisa Swint
Mayor