

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Lisa Swint  
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith  
Councilmember Jim Mueller  
Councilmember Krendra Harralson  
Councilmember Brian Reyes

**Councilmembers Absent:**

Councilmember Todd Arvidson

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager  
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary  
Michelle Hinojosa, Administrative Coordinator  
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police  
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director  
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director  
Linda Crosland, Library Director  
Dan Jones, 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, October 1, 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. Presentations/Proclamations****a) Davenport High School Theatre Department Presentation.**

Mayor Swint spoke regarding the Davenport High School Theatre Department and students performed a segment from their upcoming Fall Musical-“Legally Blonde”.

**b) Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Presentation-Executive Director Becki Babcock.**

Executive Director Becki Babcock spoke regarding the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

**c) Mayors’ Monarch Pledge Day Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint spoke regarding the National Wildlife Federation Mayor’s Monarch Pledge Program and presented a Proclamation declaring October 1, 2025, as Mayors’ Monarch Pledge Day in the City of Garden Ridge.

**d) Hill Country Night Sky Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to Comal County Friends of the Night Sky declaring October 2025 as Hill Country Night Sky Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Michelle Molina, Comal County Friends of the Night Sky, thanked the City of Garden Ridge for their continued support and spoke regarding the Comal County Friends of the Night Sky.

**e) Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Garden Ridge.

Nicholle Kepczyk, Crisis Center of Comal County, thanked the City of Garden Ridge for their continued support and spoke regarding the Crisis Center of Comal County.

**4. Citizen Comment Period**

Anna Núñez, U.S. Small Business Administration-Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, spoke regarding the availability of low-interest disaster loans for those affected by the July 2025 severe storms/flooding.

**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 September 3, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – August 31, 2025.**
- c) Resolution No. 538-102025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, designating the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung as the official newspaper of the City of Garden Ridge.**
- d) Amendments to City of Garden Ridge Personnel Policy Manual.**
- e) Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Access to CloudLibrary Digital Resources.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve consent agenda items a)-e). 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.**

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 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 September.

### **b) Water Commission:**

#### **1. Ordinance No. 61 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing the Drought Management Plan for the City of Garden Ridge; establishing trigger conditions and demand reduction measures; providing a variance procedure; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

##### **1.1. Receive recommendation.**

Chair Pohl provided a brief overview of the proposed amendments. Chair Pohl stated the Commission conducted a Public Hearing and recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 61.

##### **1.2. Discuss and set date for Public Hearing.**

The City Council discussed the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 61.

The City Council agreed by consensus to conduct a Public Hearing on the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 61-Drought Management Plan during the November 5, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.

#### **2. Ordinance No. 159 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing landscape and irrigation system requirements for residential and commercial properties in the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of water conservation; providing a variance procedure; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

##### **2.1. Receive recommendation.**

Chair Pohl provided a brief overview of the proposed amendments and stated the Commission recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 159.

##### **2.2. Discuss and take action.**

The City Council discussed the amendments to Ordinance No. 159.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 159 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing landscape and irrigation system requirements for residential and commercial properties in the City of Garden Ridge for the purpose of water conservation; providing a variance procedure; providing a penalty for violations of this Ordinance; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **3. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.**

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

## **9. Approvals and Authorizations**

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

#### **a) Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Water Commission.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Water Commission and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the Interview Panel Recommendation and appoint Brian Strickland to the Water Commission, Place 5 with term expiring September 30, 2027. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**b) Bid Award for Municipal Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project.**

City Engineer Hank Crippen spoke regarding the Bid Award for Municipal Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to award the Contract for the Municipal Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project to the apparent low bidder submitted by N.G. Painting, LP for the amount of \$169,000. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**c) Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 7 Director Election.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 7 Director Election and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to cast the City of Garden Ridge vote related to Texas Municipal League (TML) Region 7 Director Election for Norma Sanchez-Stephens, Councilmember, Cibolo. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**d) Nominations for Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Nominations for Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to not submit a nomination to the Comal Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.

**e) City of Garden Ridge Facility Naming Policy.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the City of Garden Ridge Facility Naming Policy and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the City of Garden Ridge Facility Naming Policy as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**f) Discussion on possible amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye and Chief Eberhardt spoke regarding possible amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct City staff to continue researching this item and provide additional information and proposed drafts in the coming months.

**g) Agenda Format/Structure.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding potential modifications to the structure and framework of the current City Council agendas 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 and Harralson).**

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

#### **3. Economic Development (Smith and Swint).**

Mayor Swint and Mayor Pro-Tem Smith provided updates related to Economic Development.

#### **4. Outreach and Communication Efforts between Residents and City Council (Reyes).**

Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Outreach and Communication Efforts between Residents and City Council. The City Council discussed planning a series of Coffee with Council sessions with one (1) individual Councilmember and the City Manager at each session.

## **11. Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

None at this time.

## **12. Citizen Comment Period**

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, thanked the City Manager and Councilmembers for considering additional outreach and communication efforts and spoke regarding the City Council agenda/packet process.

## **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:**

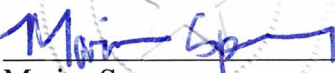
**100 Club of Comal County, Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization/Technical Advisory Committee, Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts, City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts, Comal ISD (Garden Ridge Elementary/ Danville Middle School/Davenport High School), Counties (Bexar/Comal/Guadalupe),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

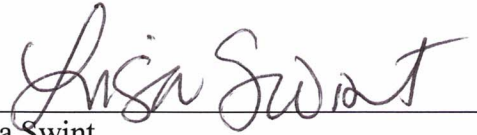
Councilmember Reyes and Mayor Swint spoke regarding Comal ISD. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Events.

## **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Wednesday, October 1, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST

  
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Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary

  
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Lisa Swint  
Mayor