

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Lisa Swint  
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith  
Councilmember Jim Mueller  
Councilmember Krendra Harralson  
Councilmember Todd Arvidson  
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  
Dan Jones, City Attorney  
Hank Crippen, City Engineer

**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 6:01 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 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) Life Saving Award to Officer McMahan.**

Chief Eberhardt presented a Life Saving Award to Officer McMahan and spoke regarding the related incident.

**4. Citizen Comment Period**

No one signed up to speak.

**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 October 1, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.****b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – September 30, 2025.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve consent agenda items a)-b). 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/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. Expiring Terms (September 30, 2025) of Commissioners.**

##### **1.1. Receive recommendation to reappoint Commissioner Maloney and Commissioner Howard to serve another term with terms expiring September 30, 2027.**

Vice-Chair Diaz stated the Commission recommends the reappointment of Commissioner Maloney and Commissioner Howard to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and further stated Commissioner Dr. Miller and Commissioner Estrada did not desire to continue serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

##### **1.2. Discuss and take action.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation and reappoint Commissioner Maloney and Commissioner Howard to serve another term on the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms expiring September 30, 2027. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

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

Mayor Swint stated the Water Commission did not meet in October.

## **9. Approvals and Authorizations**

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

- a) **Ordinance No. 61-112025 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.**

Chair Pohl spoke regarding the Water Commission's recommendation related to the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 61.

### **1. Hold a public hearing.**

Mayor Swint opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m.

No one wished to speak, and City Secretary Marisa Spencer stated no written comments were submitted.

Mayor Swint closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

### **2. Discuss and take action.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve Ordinance No. 61-112025 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. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- b) **Resolution No. 539-112025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, of votes cast to elect Board of Directors for the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2026-2029.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Resolution No. 539-112025 related to the Board of Directors for the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2026-2029 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to distribute the City of Garden Ridge's 27 total available votes as follows: 9 votes for Sean Alvarez, 9 votes for Case Brown, and 9 votes for Aaron Craig O'Neil; and approve Resolution No. 539-112025 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, of votes cast to elect Board of Directors for the Comal Appraisal District for the years 2026-2029. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- c) **Implementation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Schoenthal Road and Water Wood Drive.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the implementation of the three-way stop at the intersection of Schoenthal Road and Water Wood Drive and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the implementation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Schoenthal Road and Water Wood Drive and amend Attachment 1, Annex A, Table 1 of Ordinance No. 22 to include a three-way stop at the intersection of Schoenthal Road and Water Wood Drive. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

- d) **Nomination to rename Pavilion 1 at Paul Davis Park to "Harold Miller Pavilion".**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the request from the family of Harold Miller and Ramona Miller Banfield to name the pavilion at Paul Davis Park in their honor, stating the request meets the established criteria in the Facility Naming Policy for the City of Garden Ridge.

The family of Harold Miller and Ramona Miller Banfield spoke regarding their meaningful contributions and foundational roles in the creation and development of the Garden Ridge community.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve the nomination to rename Pavilion 1 at Paul Davis Park to “Harold Miller and Ramona Miller Banfield Pavilion”. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**e) Agenda Format/Structure.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the agenda format/structure and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct City Staff to move forward with the proposed revisions related to the agenda format/structure.

**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 conducting 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, spoke regarding the agenda format/structure.

**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.**

Mayor Swint spoke regarding Great Springs Project and Hill Country Alliance. Councilmember Arvidson and Councilmember Reyes 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, November 5, 2025, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



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Lisa Swint  
Mayor

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Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary