

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, January 7, 2026, 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. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

John Andrews, 9403 Gloxinia, spoke regarding city services and city staff.

4. 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.

- 4.1. Approval of Minutes for the December 3, 2025, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- 4.2. Approval of Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2025 for the City of Garden Ridge.**
- 4.3. Ordinance No. 88-012026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, creating a Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge; establishing policies governing the investment and security of public funds; and complying with the provisions of Chapter 2256; The Public Funds Investment Act (The Act), as amended, Texas Government Code.**

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Mueller, to approve consent agenda items 4.1.-4.3. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.



5. STAFF REPORTS

5.1. City Manager Report.

City/employee recognitions, department updates, upcoming events, and other projects in Garden Ridge.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding continuity of city operations and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

5.2. City Engineer Project Report.

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

6. APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

6.1. Board of Adjustment Appointments. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Board of Adjustment Appointments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith nominated Jennifer Dalton to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as a regular member.

Mayor Swint nominated Carolyn Cohen to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate member.

Councilmember Arvidson nominated Karen Diaz to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate member. City Attorney Dan Jones advised that Karen Diaz would need to resign from the Planning and Zoning Commission prior to being appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to appoint Jennifer Dalton as a regular member and Carolyn Cohen as an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment for two-year terms. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.2. Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to Planning and Zoning Commission (Rapelye)

Chair Jacaman stated the Interview Panel recommends appointing Rodney Apgar to the Planning and Zoning Commission and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Reyes nominated Christopher Johnson to be considered by the Interview Panel and stated Mr. Johnson would be submitting a Volunteer Interest Form and Resume.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the Interview Panel Recommendation and appoint Rodney Apgar to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2027. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.3. Contractor Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and The Retail Coach, LLC. (Rapelye)

Aaron Farmer, The Retail Coach, presented a 2025 Retail Recruitment Recap and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Contractor Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and The Retail Coach, LLC and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the Contractor Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and The Retail Coach, LLC. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.4. Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Halff Associates, Inc. related to a trail system design at Paul Davis Park. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Halff Associates, Inc. related to a trail system design at Paul Davis Park and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Halff Associates, Inc. related to a trail system design at Paul Davis Park. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.5. Resolution No. 540-012026 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, participating in the Guadalupe County Master Drainage Plan under the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Program. (Rapelye)

Mayor Swint spoke regarding Resolution No. 540-012026 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Resolution No. 540-012026 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, participating in the Guadalupe County Master Drainage Plan under the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), Flood Management Evaluation (FME) Program. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.6. Community and Event Center Agreement. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the proposed changes to the Community and Event Center Rental Agreement, including the Fee Schedule, and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Councilmember Mueller, to approve the Community and Event Center Rental Agreement and Fee Schedule as presented. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6.7. Discussion and possible action to change the city limits boundary line between the City of Garden Ridge and Comal County, more particularly described as 8111, 8123, 8129, 8135, 8141, 8147, and 8153 Whisper Oak. (Rapelye)

Larry Rheinlaender and Jason Rheinlaender presented their request to change the city limits boundary line between the City of Garden Ridge and Comal County, more particularly described as 8111, 8123, 8129, 8135, 8141, 8147, and 8153 Whisper Oak.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 247-012026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing the City of Garden Ridge to change the city limits boundary line between the City of Garden Ridge and Comal County, Texas, more particularly described as 8111, 8123, 8129, 8135, 8141, 8147, and 8153 Whisper Oak; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

No one wished to speak.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities, committee/board meetings, and/or other items of community interest.

Mayor Pro-Tem Smith spoke regarding Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Events. Mayor Swint and Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the Aggregate Production Operations Advisory Council. Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Coffee with a Councilmember on Monday, January 26th at 9am at the Garden Ridge Library. Councilmember Harralson spoke regarding Veteran Coffee Hour on Tuesday, January 13th at 9am at City Hall.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 on the following item: Craig Dillard v. City of Garden Ridge, Cause No. C2024-1193E.

Mayor Swint announced the City Council will recess at 7:26 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session to discuss the item stated above.

Mayor Swint adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.

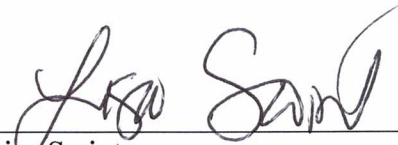
10. BUSINESS ITEMS

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any items posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

No action taken.

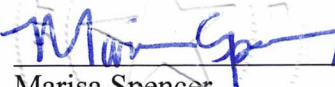
11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Wednesday, January 7, 2026, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



Lisa Swint
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary