

Councilmembers Present:

Councilmember Todd Arvidson
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Brian Reyes

Councilmembers Absent:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem 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
Dan Jones, City Attorney
Hank Crippen, City Engineer

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Councilmember Arvidson called the regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Arvidson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**3.1. United Acts of Kindness Day Proclamation.**

Councilmember Arvidson presented a Proclamation to representatives from First United Bank declaring Friday, February 13th as United Acts of Kindness Day in the City of Garden Ridge.

3.2. TxDOT Presentation/Update.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye introduced Jeb Smith, TxDOT Area Engineer for Comal County.

Jeb Smith, TxDOT Area Engineer, provided City Council with an update regarding TxDOT projects affecting the Garden Ridge area and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

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.

- 5.1. **Approval of Minutes for the January 7, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- 5.2. **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – November 30, 2025.**
- 5.3. **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – December 31, 2025.**
- 5.4. **2025 Garden Ridge Police Department Racial Profiling Report.**
- 5.5. **Ordinance No. 248-022026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, ordering a General Election on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of electing City Councilmember Place One, City Councilmember Place Four, and City Councilmember Place Five; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.**
- 5.6. **Accept the resignation of Karen Diaz from the Planning and Zoning Commission.**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve consent agenda items 5.1.-5.6. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1. 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.

6.2. City Engineer Project Report.

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

7. APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

7.1. Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the City’s annual financial audit being conducted in accordance with state laws and professional auditing standards, which includes a review of the City’s financial statements, internal controls, and compliance with applicable regulations.

Karl Goering with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C., presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Mueller, to accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.2. Board of Adjustment Appointments. (Rapelye)

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

Councilmember Arvidson nominated Karen Diaz to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment as an alternate member.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to appoint Karen Diaz as an alternate member to the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Interview Panel Recommendation for Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the Interview Panel Recommendation and appoint Christopher Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term expiring September 30, 2027. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.4. 2025-2045 Water System Capital Improvement Plan. (Water Commission)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye and City Engineer Hank Crippen reviewed the 2025-2045 Water System Capital Improvement Plan and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Chair Pohl stated the Water Commission recommends approval and implementation of the 2025-2045 Water System Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to accept the 2025-2045 Water System Capital Improvement Plan as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.5. Discussion and possible action authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board for the benefit of the City of Garden Ridge, including but not limited to funds for water supply and infrastructure projects. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding grant opportunities through the Texas Water Development Board and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Mueller, to authorize the City Manager to pursue and submit grant applications to the Texas Water Development Board for the benefit of the City of Garden Ridge, including but not limited to funds for water supply and infrastructure projects, and to take all necessary actions to support the application. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.6. Discussion and possible action to repeal Resolution No. 535-062025 related to the Aggregate Production Operations (APO) Advisory Council for the City of Garden Ridge. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding repealing Resolution No. 535-062025 related to the Aggregate Production Operations (APO) Advisory Council for the City of Garden Ridge, stating dissolving the formal advisory structure may better support long term objectives by allowing more flexible exchange of information and encouraging open communication and collaboration between the City, residents, and quarry operators.

Councilmember Arvidson spoke regarding the challenges related to the current format and structure of the Aggregate Production Operations (APO) Advisory Council for the City of Garden Ridge.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye, City Attorney Dan Jones, and Councilmember Arvidson addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve Resolution No. 541-022026 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, repealing Resolution No. 535-062025; providing for severability; approved at an open meeting properly noticed pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act; providing for an effective. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.7. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action on Ordinance No. 19-022026, amending Ordinance No. 19 by adopting the International Code Council Standard Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, Private Sewage Disposal, Fire, and Residential Codes, 2021 Editions. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding amending Ordinance No. 19 to adopt the 2021 editions related to the International Building Code and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Councilmember Arvidson opened the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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

Councilmember Arvidson closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve Ordinance No. 19-022026 Amendment #8 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, amending Ordinance 19, by adopting the International Code Council Standard building, plumbing, mechanical, fuel gas, private sewage disposal, fire, and residential codes, 2021 editions; repealing Ordinance 19, Amendment #7 approved May 5, 2010; providing for severability; providing for publication and an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

No one wished to speak.

9. 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.

Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Coffee with a Councilmember. Councilmember Harralson spoke regarding Veteran Coffee Hour. Councilmember Arvidson announced he will not be seeking re-election.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Wednesday, February 4, 2026, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. by Councilmember Arvidson.

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary



Lisa Swint
Mayor