

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Todd Arvidson

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Brian Reyes

City Staff Present:

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary
Ron Eberhardt, Chief of Police
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works 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 special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 5:37 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 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

No one signed up to speak.

4. APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

- 4.1. City Council shall convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(2), consultation with attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, pertaining to Howard Energy and its request to install natural gas lines in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and any other matters which may arise.**

Mayor Swint announced the City Council will recess at 5:39 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 6:15 p.m.

- 4.2. Discussion and possible action on the City of Garden Ridge executing a right of entry and indemnification agreement with Howard Energy.**

Mayor Swint stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to authorize the City Manager to present the right-of-entry and indemnification agreement to Howard Energy Partners and to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Howard Energy Partners. The City Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

No one wished to speak.


6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Thursday, February 12, 2026, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



Lisa Swint
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary