

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Lisa Swint  
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith  
Councilmember Todd Arvidson  
Councilmember Jim Mueller  
Councilmember Krendra Harralson  
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  
Eric Lowman, Public Facilities Foreman  
Duane Scognio, Utilities Foreman  
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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, 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**

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding electrical work in Forest Waters Subdivision.

**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 February 4, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- 4.2. **Approval of Minutes for the February 12, 2026, City Council Special Meeting.**
- 4.3. **Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2026.**
- 4.4. **Ordinance No. 247-032026 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, more particularly described as 8111, 8117, 8123, 8129, 8135, 8141, 8147, and 8153 Whisper Oak; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve consent agenda items 4.1.-4.4. 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. Preliminary Plat establishing Grace Covenant Church, being a total of 2.826 acres inclusive of 0.0446 acre right-of-way dedication establishing Lot 1, Block 1, Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, and being that same property conveyed by special warranty deed with vendor's lien to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church recorded in document #202406004783 of the official public records of Comal County, Texas. (Planning and Zoning Commission)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Preliminary Plat and stated the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the Preliminary Plat establishing Grace Covenant Church.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the Preliminary Plat establishing Grace Covenant Church, being a total of 2.826 acres inclusive of 0.0446 acre right-of-way dedication establishing Lot 1, Block 1, Garden Ridge, Comal County, Texas, and being that same property conveyed by special warranty deed with vendor's lien to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church recorded in document #202406004783 of the official public records of Comal County, Texas. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **6.2. Public Hearing on possible amendments to Ordinance No. 168 related to the use of golf carts. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding City Council's prior discussions related to the use of golf carts and the request from a Councilmember to conduct a public hearing in order to gather additional public input.

Mayor Swint opened the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

The following five (5) people in attendance spoke regarding the use of golf carts in the City of Garden Ridge:

- Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle
- Kimberly Schimick, 8223 Shining Elk
- Chris Overman, 18955 FM 2252
- David Pencsak, 19710 Secret Cove
- Chance Boughamer, 20686 Timber Rose Drive

City Secretary Marisa Spencer read four (4) written comments submitted by the following people:

- David and Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks
- Cyndie and Al Segovia, no address provided
- David Krawczynski, 8475 Park Lane Drive
- Linda Potts, 8142 Ridge North Drive

Mayor Swint closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

The City Council agreed by consensus to direct staff to draft proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 168 incorporating the Garden Ridge Police Department's recommendations related to the use of golf carts and a communications plan related to implementation of the proposed amendments.

**6.3. Ordinance No. 22-032026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing prima facie speed limits and placement of traffic control devices; establishing through truck traffic regulations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing “no parking zones”; regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Ordinance No. 22-032026 and stated that formalizing the action previously taken by City Council related to the installation of a three-way stop at the intersection of Schoenthal Road and Waterwood Drive is the only substantial change to this ordinance at this time.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 22-032026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, regulating traffic on streets, roads, and highways within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing stop sign locations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing prima facie speed limits and placement of traffic control devices; establishing through truck traffic regulations and placement of traffic control devices; establishing “no parking zones”; regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions; providing a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**6.4. Amendment to the Community and Event Center Rental Agreement. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding amending the Community and Event Center Rental Agreement Security Deposit and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to amend the Community and Event Center Rental Agreement Security Deposit to be assessed at 25% of the Total Fees. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**6.5. Presentation regarding the Limited-Purpose Quarry Study Group, its membership, lack of policymaking authority, scope of work, fact-finding, and reporting to the City Council. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Limited-Purpose Quarry Study Group and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**7. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding golf carts.

William Pohl, 21016 Hickory Bend, spoke regarding golf carts.

**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 spoke regarding voter turnout. Councilmember Reyes spoke regarding Coffee with a Councilmember on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am at the Garden Ridge Library. Councilmember Harralson spoke regarding Veteran Coffee Hour on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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(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 7:07 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 7:26 p.m.

**10. BUSINESS ITEMS**

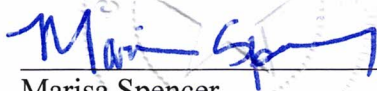
**The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any items posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.**

No action taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

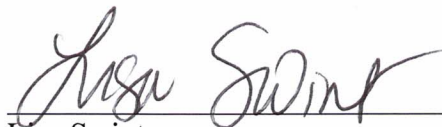
There being no further business, the Wednesday, March 4, 2026, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. by Mayor Swint.

ATTEST



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Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary



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Lisa Swint  
Mayor