

**Councilmembers Present:**

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

**Councilmembers Absent:**

Councilmember Jim Mueller

**City Staff Present:**

Ryan Rapelye, City Manager  
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary  
Cyndi Simmons, Assistant City Secretary  
Robyn Achu, Finance/HR Director  
Steven Steinmetz, Public Works Director  
Linda Crosland, Library Director  
Dan Jones, City Attorney  
Jason Vreeland, 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, April 1, 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. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS****3.1. Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, CASA of Central Texas, and the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

**3.2. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to representatives from the Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, CASA of Central Texas, and the Crisis Center of Comal County declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**3.3. National Library Week Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to Library Director Linda Crosland and the Garden Ridge Library declaring April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week.

Library Director Linda Crosland spoke regarding the events and activities at the Garden Ridge Library and the proposed expansion of the Garden Ridge Library. Rose Gail Leatherberry and Sara Custer, Friends of Garden Ridge Library, provided a presentation related to the proposed expansion of the Garden Ridge Library.

#### **4. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Marilyn Winters, 8450 Park Lane Drive, spoke regarding the Garden Ridge Library.

Tony Frasco, 8802 Wild Wind Park, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026, water rates, garbage and recycling services, and noise regulations.

Karen Adams, 8207 Shining Elk, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Susan Soeth, 20809 Woodland Cove, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Bill Soeth, 20809 Woodland Cove, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Roy Leatherberry, 20711 FM 3009, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Thomas Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding garbage and recycling services and the drought management plan.

Ross Bacon, 21260 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding the Code Enforcement Officer part-time position and Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Shelby Trial, 21657 Forest Waters Circle, honored Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (GRCPAAA) Member Huey McDonald and spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

David Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Jim Moreland, 9622 Primrose, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Kim Schimick, 8223 Shining Elk, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Dawn Hatch, 8377 Twisted Oaks, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

#### **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 March 4, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.**

**5.2. Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – February 28, 2026.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve consent agenda items 5.1.-5.2. 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 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 Jason Vreeland 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. Ordinance No. 168-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing city employees to use golf carts and regulating the operation of OHV/UTV, NEV, and golf carts on streets and roads by members of the public within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing rules for safety of operation; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Ordinance No. 168-042026 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council discussed Ordinance No. 168-042026, citizen comments, modifying wording in Section 1. c) for consistency throughout the ordinance, and correcting an administrative error in Section 8. a) 2.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 168-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing city employees to use golf carts and regulating the operation of OHV/UTV, NEV, and golf carts on streets and roads by members of the public within the City of Garden Ridge by establishing rules for safety of operation; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date, with the following two (2) edits: modify the wording in Section 1. c) to be consistent with the ordinance preamble stating, “on private streets in gated subdivisions and public streets and roads within the city limits where traffic is controlled by the Garden Ridge Police Department and that have a posted speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour” and correcting the administrative error in Section 8 a) 2. changing “minimum” to “maximum”. The City Council voted three (3) for (Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, Councilmember Harralson, and Councilmember Arvidson) and one (1) opposed (Councilmember Reyes). The motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

### 7.2. Ordinance No. 11-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, providing a comprehensive set of permit fees, service fees, and user fees designed for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents; establishing functions and activities which require a permit, a service fee, or a user fee; providing for penalties; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Ordinance No. 11-042026 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve Ordinance No. 11-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, providing a comprehensive set of permit fees, service fees, and user fees designed for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents; establishing functions and activities which require a permit, a service fee, or a user fee; providing for penalties; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

### 7.3. Ordinance No. 249-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing, establishing, and approving an Economic Development Policy; authorizing the City Manager to process requests for economic development assistance in accordance therewith; and declaring an effective date.

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Ordinance No. 249-042026 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve Ordinance No. 249-042026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing, establishing, and approving an Economic Development Policy; authorizing the City Manager to process requests for economic development assistance in accordance therewith; and declaring an effective date. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.4. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment to Communications Facilities License and Memorandum of Lease and deliver the executed documents to American Tower Corporation.**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Third Amendment to Communications Facilities License Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge and Municipal Bay LLC and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to authorize the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to Communications Facilities License and Memorandum of Lease and deliver the executed documents to American Tower Corporation. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Ken Kneupper, 8891 Schoenthal Road, spoke regarding Comal ISD/Davenport High School.

Valinda McAlister, 21260 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026.

Rod Chamberlain, 8807 Cherokee Path, spoke regarding Agenda Item 7.1. Ordinance No. 168-042026, fiber internet providers, and residential permit fees.

**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.**

Mayor Swint spoke regarding Citizens of Garden Ridge Adopt-a-Highway Program. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith spoke regarding The Great Texas Airshow at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph.

**10. 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 8:27 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 8:46 p.m.

**11. 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.


**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Wednesday, April 1, 2026, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



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Lisa Swint  
Mayor

ATTEST



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Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary