

**Councilmembers Present:**

Mayor Lisa Swint  
Councilmember Jim Mueller  
Councilmember Krendra Harralson  
Councilmember Todd Arvidson  
Councilmember Brian Reyes

**Councilmembers Absent:**

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, Mayor Swint called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 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 the Texas Pledge.

**3. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS****3.1. Professional Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to City Secretary Marisa Spencer and Assistant City Secretary Cyndi Simmons declaring May 3-9, 2026, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

**3.2. National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation.**

Mayor Swint presented a Proclamation to Chief Eberhardt and the Garden Ridge Police Department declaring May 10-16, 2026, as National Police Week and declaring May 15, 2026, as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

**4. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

Marilyn Winters, 8450 Park Lane Drive, honored City Volunteer Dr. Jim Miller and spoke regarding elections, polling locations, and the Friends of Garden Ridge Library.

**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 April 1, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.**

**5.2. Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – March 31, 2026.**

**5.3. Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.**

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Arvidson, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve consent agenda items 5.1.-5.3. 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 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. Ordinance No. 7-052026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing subdivision regulations and associated procedures; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; providing for penalties; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. (Planning and Zoning Commission)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye, City Engineer Hank Crippen, and Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Jacaman spoke regarding Ordinance No. 7-052026 and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Reyes, to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation and approve Ordinance No. 7-052026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing subdivision regulations and associated procedures; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; 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.

**7.2. Community and Event Center Policies and Procedures. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Community and Event Center Policies and Procedures and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Reyes, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the Community and Event Center Policies and Procedures as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.3. City of Garden Ridge Merchandise Sales Policy. (Rapelye)**

Finance/HR Director Robyn Achu spoke regarding the City of Garden Ridge Merchandise Sales Policy and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Councilmember Arvidson, to approve the City of Garden Ridge Merchandise Sales Policy as presented. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

**7.4. FY2027 Budget Process/Calendar. (Rapelye)**

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the FY2027 Budget Process/Calendar and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve the FY2027 Budget Process/Calendar as presented. 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.**

Mayor Swint spoke regarding Republic Services garbage and recycling cart accommodations, the limited-purpose quarry study group, and discussions with Comal County related to road repairs. Councilmember Harralson spoke regarding events related to veterans and assistance for veterans.

**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 6:51 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 7:33 p.m.

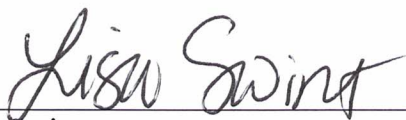
**11. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**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.

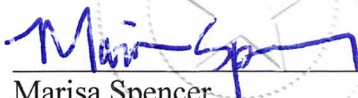
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Tuesday, May 5, 2026, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



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Lisa Swint  
Mayor

ATTEST



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Marisa Spencer  
City Secretary

