

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Lisa Swint
Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Smith
Councilmember Jim Mueller
Councilmember Krendra Harralson
Councilmember Jim Hunter

Councilmembers Absent:

Councilmember Brian Reyes

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 regular meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 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 the Texas Pledge.

3. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**3.1. Eagle Scout Certificate of Recognition-Colton Cook.**

Mayor Swint and Councilmember Hunter presented a Certificate of Recognition to Colton Cook for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

4. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Thomas Klimas, 9610 Meadow Rue, spoke regarding Paul Davis Park.

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. Minutes for the June 3, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.

5.2. Minutes for the June 17, 2026, City Council Special Meeting.

5.3. Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – May 31, 2026.

5.4. Bexar Metro 9-1-1 Network Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Plan and Budget.

5.5. Designate Comal County Tax Assessor-Collector to calculate 2026 Tax Rates for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, seconded by Councilmember Hunter, to approve consent agenda items 5.1.-5.5. 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. Public hearing and possible action on Ordinance No. 251-072026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing, establishing, and approving a Public Works Specifications Manual; authorizing the City Manager to amend the Manual; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the Public Works Specifications Manual.

Mayor Swint opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

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

Mayor Swint closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

The City Council discussed the Public Works Specifications Manual.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Hunter, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to approve Ordinance No. 251-072026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, authorizing, establishing, and approving a Public Works Specifications Manual; authorizing the City Manager to amend the Manual; repealing all ordinances to the extent they are in conflict; 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. Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment / Ordinance No. 143-072026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding Republic Services Annual Rate Adjustment and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Mueller, seconded by Councilmember Hunter, to approve Ordinance No. 143-072026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, granting an exclusive Municipal Materials Management Agreement between the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, and BFI Waste Services of Texas, L.P., dba/Republic Services of San Antonio a Texas Limited Partnership, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; setting forth general specifications establishing rates for collection and disposal of solid waste and recycling service; providing for enforcement and the collection of established rates; providing a penalty for violations of this ordinance of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 and making each day a separate offense; providing a cumulative and savings clause; 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. Old Nacogdoches Road Feasibility Study. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye, City Engineer Hank Crippen, and Mayor Swint spoke regarding the Old Nacogdoches Road Feasibility Study and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

The City Council discussed the Old Nacogdoches Road Feasibility Study and agreed by consensus to table any action on this item to a future agenda once additional information is available.

7.4. Library Expansion Fundraising Efforts. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye and Library Director Linda Crosland spoke regarding the Library Expansion Fundraising Efforts and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Harralson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Smith, to support the Garden Ridge Library's fundraising efforts for the purpose of a potential library expansion. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.5. Discussion and possible action on holding a Strategic Plan Workshop. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding holding a Strategic Plan Workshop and addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Hunter, seconded by Councilmember Harralson, to approve conducting a Strategic Planning Workshop facilitated by Clear Career Professionals with the date to be determined based on City Council availability. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

7.6. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Workshop. (Rapelye)

City Manager Ryan Rapelye spoke regarding the general fund, water fund, capital improvement projects, budget goals and objectives, and upcoming meetings related to the budget process. City Manager Ryan Rapelye addressed questions from Councilmembers and received input from Councilmembers.

8. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Sharon Stripling, 21729 Forest Waters Circle, spoke regarding Republic Services, road improvements, and the Garden Ridge Library.

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 the Limited Purpose Quarry Study Group, Garden Ridge Area Coalition for the Environment, and the City's 4th of July Event. Mayor Pro-Tem Smith spoke regarding the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council shall recess the open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071 to conduct a private consultation with legal counsel concerning the pending condemnation proceedings styled *Outer Loop Utility, LLC v. City of Garden Ridge, Texas*, Cause No. 2026CV0213, in County Court No. 1, Comal County, Texas. The City Council may reconvene in open session to take any action deemed necessary as a result of said consultation.

Mayor Swint pulled this item from the agenda, stating the executive session is not needed at this time.

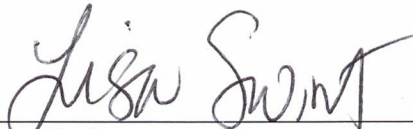
11. BUSINESS ITEMS

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, July 1, 2026, City Council regular meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Swint.



Lisa Swint
Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary