
The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas. This is an open meeting, open to the public, subject to the Open Meetings Law of the State of Texas, and as required by law, notice is hereby posted providing time, place, date, and agenda thereof. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodations or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****3. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. First Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are required to sign up to speak before the meeting and shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes each. Second Citizen Comment Period: Speakers are not required to sign up to speak and shall limit their comments to two (2) minutes each. Speakers are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

- 3.1. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
- 3.2. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
- 3.3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
- 3.4. City Council may not discuss or take action on any presented issue.
- 3.5. Topics of operational concern shall be directed to the City Manager.

NOTE: The Texas Open Meetings Act permits a member of the public or a member of the governmental body to raise a subject that has not been included in the notice for the meeting; however, any discussion of the subject must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting and any response to a question posed to the City Council is limited to either a statement of specific factual information or a recitation of existing policy. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.042.

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 August 5, 2026, City Council Regular Meeting.
- 4.2. Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – July 31, 2026.
- 4.3. Ordinance No. 88-092026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, creating a Public Funds Investment Policy for the City of Garden Ridge; establishing policies governing the investment and security of public funds; and complying with the provisions of Chapter 2256; The Public Funds Investment Act (The Act), as amended, Texas Government Code.

5. STAFF REPORTS

- 5.1. City Manager Report.
City/employee recognitions, department updates, upcoming events, and other projects in Garden Ridge.
- 5.2. City Engineer Project Report.

6. APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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

- 6.1. Ordinance No. 252-092026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; providing for a cumulative clause; a severability clause; and a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and declaring proper notice of meeting. (Rapelye)
- 6.2. Public hearing and action on Ordinance No. 253-092026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a Tax Rate of \$0.254138 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) consisting of the Maintenance and Operation Rate and Debt Service Rate of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge to be effective for the 2026 Tax Year (Fiscal Year 2027). (Rapelye)
- 6.3. Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge. (Rapelye)
- 6.4. Ordinance No. 162-092026 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, establishing a nuisance abatement program for the City of Garden Ridge; prohibiting the accumulation of garbage, trash, weeds, brush, rubbish, fugitive dust emissions, and other nuisance matters; establishing general nuisances; setting forth public hearing, abatement, and removal regulations and requirements; establishing criminal and civil penalties for violations; providing a cumulative and savings clause; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date. (Rapelye)
- 6.5. Communication Policy with Exhibit A-Branding Guide and Exhibit B-Crisis Communications Plan. (Rapelye)
- 6.6. Personnel Policy Manual Amendments. (Rapelye)

7. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD *(See guidelines under Item 3.)*

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.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will recess the open meeting and reconvene in Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Attorney.

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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA NOTICES:

Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order of removal.

Action by Council Authorized: The Council may vote or act upon any item within this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

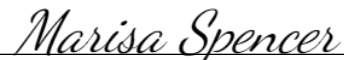
Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of Texas Government Code Chapter 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy Texas Government Code Chapter 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion.

Attendance By Other Elected or Appointed Officials: It is anticipated that members of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees may attend the meeting in numbers that may constitute a quorum of the other city boards, commissions and/or committees. Notice is hereby given that the meeting, to the extent required by law, is also noticed as a meeting of the City Council, other boards, commissions and/or committees of the City, whose members may be in attendance. The members of the boards, commissions and/or committees may participate in discussions on the same items listed on the agenda, which occur at the meeting, but no action will be taken by such in attendance unless such item and action are specifically provided for on an agenda for that board, commission, or committee subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Budget Statement/Taxpayer Impact Statement: Regarding Agenda Item No. 6.1., 6.2., & 6.3. above, the City provides the following information in compliance with Texas Government Code §551.043(c):

1. A copy of the City's proposed budget, when available, may be located on the City's home page of its website and at: <https://www.ci.garden-ridge.tx.us/358/AuditsBudgetsReports>
2. Taxpayer Impact Statement – For the median-valued homestead property (median taxable value of \$712,130), a comparison of the City of Garden Ridge property tax bill for the current fiscal year, an estimate if the proposed budget is adopted for the upcoming fiscal year, and an estimate if a balanced budget is funded and adopted at the no-new-revenue tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year is as follows:
 - Current FY2025/2026: \$1,755
 - Estimated if the proposed budget is adopted for FY2026/2027: \$1,810
 - Estimated if a balanced budget is funded and adopted at the no-new-revenue tax rate for FY2026/2027: \$1,743

This is to certify that I, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 4:30 p.m. on August 26, 2026, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary