



City of Garden Ridge

"A way of life, not just a place to live"

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a special session on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 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 by August 17, 2019, before 6:00 p.m. 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

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 30 minutes total

Rules for Citizens' Participation: The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. The City Council offers citizens the opportunity to address them by signing up to speak prior to the meeting. If you speak, you must follow these guidelines:

- a) Respect and courtesy:
 1. Direct your comments to the entire City Council, not to an individual member, nor to the audience.
 2. Show the City Council the same respect that you would like to be shown.
 3. End your speaking at the time allotted below.
- b) Speaking:
 1. First citizen comment period/business item period
 - 1.1. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3-minute period.
 2. Second citizen comment period
 - 2.1. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2-minute period.
 3. State your name and address before your comments begin.
 4. You are only allowed to speak once per topic, unless also speaking during a posted Public Hearing.

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.

5. Business Items

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

- a) 2019 Tax Rate.
 1. Review and discuss the proposed 2019 Tax Rate of \$0.321106.
 2. Hold a public hearing to receive comments.
 3. Announce date, time, and place of:
 - 3.1. Second public hearing on proposed 2019 Property Tax Rate (Monday, August 26, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).
 - 3.2. Adoption of the 2019 Property Tax Rate (Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 6:00 p.m., City Council Chambers, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas).
- b) Ordinance No. 22-072019 An Ordinance 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; and regulating and requiring permits for certain assemblages and processions, providing for a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each violation concerning assemblages and processions.

1. Review and discuss request submitted by Garden Ridge Elementary School for an exception to Section 6. Pedestrian Traffic. to allow pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am on the following dates:
 - 1.1. Tuesday, August 27, 2019 – First Day of School.
 - 1.2. Wednesday, August 28, 2019
 - 1.3. Thursday, August 29, 2019
 - 1.4. Friday, August 30, 2019
 - 1.5. Friday, November 8, 2019 – Veterans Day Ceremony.
2. Take action on request.

6. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total
See “Rules for Citizen’s Participation” under Item 4.

7. 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.

This is to certify that I, Kat Balbi, posted this Agenda at 12:00 p.m. on August 15, 2019, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Kat Balbi
Assistant City Secretary

2019 Tax Rate Proposal

Tax Year	Adjusted Taxable Value	M&O Rate	Debt Rate	Total Tax Rate	Tax Revenue Generated	General Fund Revenue	Average Home Value (AHV)	Taxes Paid on Average Home Value
2018	\$697,317,871	0.222114	0.101032	0.323146	\$2,253,354	\$1,548,840	\$454,026	\$1,467.16
2019 Rollback Tax Rate (Recommended)	\$743,668,356	0.225158	0.095948	0.321106	\$2,387,963	\$1,674,428	\$488,670	\$1,569.14

* \$19,111,162 in Taxable Value remains under protest (included in Adjusted Taxable Value)

If property value remained at 2018 Average Home Value of \$454,026 taxes paid at 2019 Roll Back Rate would be \$1,457.90 (\$9.26 decrease)

City Administrator

From: City Administrator
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 4:46 PM
To: 'Jennifer Schultz (GRES)'
Subject: RE: GRES Overflow Parking

Ms. Schultz,

Thank you for providing information on the upcoming dates that impact parking for Garden Ridge Elementary School. On August 22nd the City will only be able to accommodate limited parking in the City Hall parking lot due to Municipal Court being scheduled on the same date and we must be able to assure and provide adequate parking for those that are scheduled for Court as well as for staff that will be working. The parking area above the Community Center can be utilized for overflow parking.

You will recall the City has an Ordinance (Ordinance 22) that prohibits pedestrian traffic to cross Municipal Parkway from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday on school days. The use of City property for parking during the school days from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and crossing Municipal Parkway encourages violation of a City Ordinance and that was put into place for pedestrian safety. Mayor Thompson, Chief Eberhardt nor I have the authority to waive the prohibition concerning the crossing of Municipal Parkway. Your request for parking came in after the agenda for the August 7th City Council meeting was posted so therefore it could not be addressed with City Council in time to accommodate the parking needs for the first week of school. That said we are calling a Special Council Session in order to request this exception from the Ordinance. In the future any requests for parking which will require an exception to Ordinance 22 must be submitted in advance of one month prior to the need.

Again thank you for providing information concerning upcoming school activities and encourage continued advance coordination so that when opportunities arise the City may, if possible, be able to assist with overflow parking.

Thanks,
Nancy Cain
City Administrator
City of Garden Ridge
administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us
210-651-6632

From: Jennifer Schultz (GRES)
Sent: Sunday, August 4, 2019 10:44 AM
To: City Administrator <administrator@ci.garden-ridge.tx.us>
Cc: Joe McKenna Steve Stanford
Subject: GRES Overflow Parking

Good Morning,

We are gearing up to get another wonderful year under way with our staff, students, and families. With this new year brings many vehicles coming in and out of the campus. I wanted to make you aware of a few upcoming dates that we will have an overcrowding with our parking. I am certain that we will need to utilize parking spaces in the city parking lots as well as many families will park along 3009. I hope that you and your staff will be able to assist with accommodating this overflow.

Thursday, August 22nd – Meet the Teacher Night – 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 27th – First Day of School – 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 27th – Friday, August 30th – First Week of School – 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 8th – Veterans Day Ceremony – 7:00 – 9:30 a.m.

We truly do appreciate any support and flexibility you can give on these days. Our numbers continue to grow, which is a blessing because this means that families are choosing GRES for the education of their child, but we know this brings parking factors that cause difficulty for the campus and city.

We look forward to partnering with the City of Garden Ridge this coming school year. Thank you for always supporting our campus.

Have a most wonderful day,

Jennifer Schultz, Principal
Garden Ridge Elementary
830-837-7006

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- a) A "Through Truck Traffic Route" is established in the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, as follows:
 - 1. On FM 2252, within the City Limits as traffic enters the City until traffic exits the City Limits.
 - 2. On FM 3009, within the City Limits as traffic enters the City until traffic exits the City Limits.
 - 3. Approximately thirty feet (30') along FM 2252 at its intersection with Old Nacogdoches Road located generally at the main entrance of Hanson Quarry and as described herein.
- b) The Chief of Police is hereby authorized and directed to cause appropriate "THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ON FM 2252 AND FM 3009 ONLY" signs and any other signage necessary to be installed in the appropriate locations to properly delineate the through truck traffic route. The Chief of Police is hereby directed to consult with the Texas Department of Transportation in the installation of said signs. The Chief of Police is further directed to cause appropriate signs to be installed informing the public that through trucks are permitted to travel through the City of Garden Ridge, Texas only on the designated through truck traffic routes. The location of such signs shall be shown in the list of traffic control devices attached to this ordinance.
- c) Any person, firm or corporation who operates a Truck or causes a Truck to be operated on any roadway in the City in violation of this ordinance, shall, upon being found guilty of such violation by a Court of competent jurisdiction, be fine up to \$500 per violation, in accordance with the Traffic Control Ordinance of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas. Each roadway a truck is operated on in violation of this ordinance by a violator constitutes a separate and independent offense when enforcing this ordinance.
- d) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the Commercial Motor Vehicle was traveling the portion of the roadway described in Section 10(A)(3) for the sole purpose of making a delivery between Hanson Quarry and the "Industrial Asphalt" Plant, evidenced by a bill or sale, invoice or other proof of route which shall be displayed immediately upon request.

SECTION 5. RESTRICTED TURN IN INTERSECTIONS.

- a) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to make a left turn as indicated at the following location(s) between 7:00am and 8:00am Monday through Friday school days only:
 - 1. Teakwood Dr. onto FM3009
- b) The City of Garden Ridge will erect and maintain "No Left Turn" signs at the above location(s).

SECTION 6. PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

There shall be no pedestrian traffic allowed to cross Municipal Parkway between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00am, Monday through Friday school days only.