



City of Garden Ridge

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

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019, 6:00 PM

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 6:00 PM 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. 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. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

- a. Thank you note from Patrick and Jeannie Jang to Water Department Employee Chris Graef.
- b. Thank you note from Darren Bates to Water Department Employee Duane Scognio.
- c. Thank you note from Garden Ridge Library to Garden Ridge Police Department.
- d. Thank you note from Marilyn Winters to City Secretary Marisa Spencer, Public Works Department Employee Stanley Georg, and Community and Event Center Manager Kim Ryan.
- e. Thank you note from Rod Chamberlain to the Public Works Department.
- f. Recognition of Employee Service Years with the City of Garden Ridge.

5. 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
 - 5.b.1.i. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3--minute period.
 2. Business item period
 - 5.b.2.i. You are required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 3--minute period.
 3. Second citizen comment period

5.b.3.i. You are not required to sign up and you are limited to one 2--minute period.

4. State your name and address before your comments begin.
5. 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.

6. Consent Agenda

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN A SINGLE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON ANY OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD UNLESS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION, BUT COMMENTS HEARD DURING CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE ITEM WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSIDE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. Approval of Minutes for the November 6, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.
- b. Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations - October 31, 2019.
- c. Destruction of City records in accordance with the City of Garden Ridge Records Retention Plan.
- d. Approval of the Certification of Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2019 for the City of Garden Ridge.
- e. Approval of City Administrator's Recommendation for Appointments to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee.
- f. Ordinance No. 54-122019 An Ordinance adopting a comprehensive water company for the City of Garden Ridge; providing definitions; statement of organization; establishing a Water Commission; general policies; regulations and rules; rates and billing cycles; providing for a penalty; providing for severability; and declaring an effective date.
- g. Ordinance No. 22-122019 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.
- h. Agreement with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to install standard highway markers on the recognized highways leading into the area served by the City of Garden Ridge in view of having received a superior public water system rating in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality standards.

7. Staff Reports

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

- a. City Administrator Monthly Activity Report
 - Community Center usage and financial report, Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial and minor construction projects, City Council Idea/Suggestions, communication efforts, Citizen Concern/Input, and upcoming events.

- b. Police Department Monthly Activity Report
 - Traffic Enforcement, criminal activity within City, and Code Compliance Enforcement.
- c. Public Works Monthly Activity Report
 - Street and right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility and easement maintenance, City facility maintenance, Animal Services (domestic and wild), Oak Wilt, Public Works Projects, and City parking lots.
- d. Water Department Monthly Activity Report
 - Water pumping/usage from City wells, water system infrastructure maintenance, repairs and/or projects, Water and/or Drought Management (current Watering Stage).
- e. Library Monthly Activity Report
 - Upcoming events.

8. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

- a. FM 2252 TxDOT Project.
- b. FM 2252 Wastewater Project.
- c. The Woods of Garden Ridge / Bindseil Lane Drainage Project.
- d. T. Blackwell Office Building.
- e. Northeast Bible Church.
- f. Amended Plat Reviews Pending.

9. City Commission and Committee Reports/Recommendations/Possible Actions

- a. Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- b. Quarry Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- c. Water Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
 - 1. Request for water leak adjustment for 19907 Wild Crest for the billing period of June 24, 2019 - July 22, 2019.
 - i. Receive recommendation from the Water Commission.
 - ii. Take action on recommendation.
 - 2. Request for water leak adjustment for 21319 Forest Waters Circle for the billing period of July 22, 2019 - August 22, 2019.
 - i. Receive recommendation from the Water Commission.
 - ii. Take action on recommendation.
 - 3. Request for water leak adjustment for 9331 Gardenia Bend Drive for the billing period of July 22, 2019 - August 22, 2019.
 - i. Receive recommendation from the Water Commission.
 - ii. Take action on recommendation.
 - 4. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- d. Wildlife Management Advisory Commission Recommendations and Possible Action:
 - 1. Letter of appreciation to Craig Hensley, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- e. Garden Ridge Parks Committee:
 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- f. *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*
 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

10. Approvals/Authorizations

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

- a. Public Information Officer.
 1. Update on potential retention of Public Information Officer services.
- b. Garden Ridge Market Days.
 1. Discuss status and monthly activity update.
 2. Take action on modifications to operating procedures.

11. Updates

- a. City Administrator Reports.
 1. Update on Feral Hogs.
 2. Update on CIP projects.
 3. Update on security upgrades at Paul Davis Park.
 4. Update on City use of password management system.
- b. Mayor's Projects.
 1. Communication Report.
 2. Citizen Contact Report.
 3. City Facility Update.
 - i. Audio/Visual Upgrades and Streaming.
 4. TxDOT Coordination/FM 3009 Safety.
- c. City Council Projects.
 1. Length of City Council Meetings (Lantzy).
 2. Pets (Bower).

12. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

13. Citizen Comment Period - limited to 20 minutes total

14. Reports and Comments from Mayor and City Councilmembers

The Mayor and/or City Councilmembers may comment, make general announcements, and/or provide progress reports on events, activities and/or committees/board meetings concerning the following:

Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Boy Scouts and/or Girl Scouts
City of Garden Ridge sponsored events and outreach efforts
Comal ISD/Garden Ridge Elementary
Counties (Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe)
Garden Ridge Lions Club
Garden Ridge Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association/Citizen Patrol
Garden Ridge Women's Club
Greater Bexar County Council of Cities
Joint Base Land Use Study-Randolph
Northeast Partnership

15. Executive Session

The City Council will recess its open meeting and reconvene in Executive Session:

- a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.
 1. To seek legal advice in connection with deliberating the purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property and regarding related negotiations for City building projects, and utility projects.
- b. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.974 – Personnel Matters and Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, if necessary.
 1. To discuss the duties, responsibilities, and potential corrective action in relation to incident involving Eric Lowman and Brian Horne.
- c. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney.
 1. To seek legal advice regarding requirements for Comal County Emergency Services and authority to contract for such services through an interlocal agreement.
 2. To seek legal advice regarding settlement offer and potential litigation related to Republic Services waste management agreement.

16. Business Items

The City Council will reconvene into Regular Session upon conclusion of the Executive Session and may recall any item posted for Executive Session for action, as necessary.

17. 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, Marisa Spencer, posted this Agenda at 4:30 p.m. on November 26, 2019, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.

Marisa Spencer
City Secretary