



City of Garden Ridge

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

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a special session on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 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

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approvals/Authorizations

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

a) 2020 Tax Rate.

1. Review and discuss the 2020 Tax Rate Proposal of \$0.321106.
2. Hold a public hearing.
3. Ratify the property tax increase of \$47,265.00 as reflected in the 2021 Budget for the City of Garden Ridge General Fund and Interest and Sinking Fund.
4. Approve \$0.226559 as the 2020 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
5. Approve \$0.094547 as the 2020 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.
6. Take action on Ordinance No. 228-082020 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, adopting a Tax Rate of \$0.321106 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) consisting of the approved Maintenance and Operation Rate and Debt Service Rate of assessed valuation for the City of Garden Ridge to be effective for the Tax Year 2020 (Fiscal Year 2021).

5. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

Rules for Citizens' Participation: The City Council welcomes citizen participation and comments at all City Council Meetings. 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. You are not required to sign up to speak and you are limited to one 2-minute period.
2. State your name and address before your comments begin.
3. 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. Executive Session

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

- a) Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1)– 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.

7. 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.

8. Adjournment

AGENDA NOTICES:

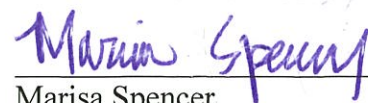
Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order 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 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2020, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary