



City of Garden Ridge

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

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Larry Thompson
Mayor Pro-Tem John McCaw
Councilmember Lisa Swint
Councilmember Bryan Lantzy
Councilmember Todd Arvidson (arrived at 6:39 p.m.)
Councilmember Kay Bower

Councilmembers Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Nancy Cain, City Administrator
Marisa Spencer, City Secretary
Karen Ford, Finance/HR
Cynthia Trevino, City Attorney (present via telephone at 6:30 p.m. and arrived in person at 7:02 p.m.)

1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the City Councilmembers present, Mayor Thompson called the special meeting of the Garden Ridge City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, in the City Council Chambers of the Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas 78266.

2. Roll Call: See above.

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Thompson stated the tax rate agenda item includes a public hearing; therefore, this agenda does not include a citizen comment period in the beginning of the meeting but still contains the citizen comment period at the end.

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.

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the new terminology and calculations for the 2020 No-New-Revenue, Voter-Approval, and De Minimis Tax Rate Calculations. Mayor Thompson spoke regarding the tax rate proposal of \$0.321106 for the 2020 tax year, stating this is the same rate as the 2019 tax year, and discussed new legislation requiring specific language for tax rate adoption.

2. Hold a public hearing.

Mayor Thompson opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

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

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

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.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to 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. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve \$0.226559 as the 2020 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to approve \$0.226559 as the 2020 Maintenance and Operation Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve \$0.094547 as the 2020 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Swint, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, to approve \$0.094547 as the 2020 Debt Service Rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously.

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).

Mayor Thompson spoke regarding new legislation requiring specific language be used when adopting a tax rate, stating legislation now requires stating that the property tax rate be increased despite the proposed tax rate being the exact same as the 2019 tax rate. He reminded Councilmembers that to ensure the action taken on Ordinance No. 228-082020 satisfies these additional legal requirements, City Staff provided the required motion language.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Bower, seconded by Councilmember Lantzy, moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.321106, which is effectively a 3.415 percent increase in the tax rate, and that Ordinance No. 228-082020 is approved to adopt \$0.321106 as the 2020 tax rate for the City of Garden Ridge. The City Council voted by roll call:

Mayor Pro-Tem McCaw, Place 1 – aye
Councilmember Swint, Place 2 – aye
Councilmember Lantzy, Place 3 – aye
Councilmember Arvidson, Place 4 – not present at this time
Councilmember Bower, Place 5 – aye

The motion carried unanimously.

5. Citizen Comment Period

No one wished to speak.

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.

Mayor Thompson announced the City Council will recess at 6:18 p.m. and reconvene into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m., in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071(1) – Consultation with Attorney to discuss and seek legal advice on the item stated above.

Mayor Thompson adjourned the Executive Session and reconvened back into Regular Session at 7:44 p.m.

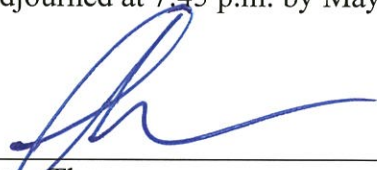
7. Business Items

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.

Mayor Thompson asked if any Councilmembers wanted to recall any items posted for Executive Session to allow for any action they wanted to take. Receiving no responses from Councilmembers, Mayor Thompson closed Business Items.

8. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Lantzy, seconded by Councilmember Swint, to adjourn. The City Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the Wednesday, August 26, 2020, City Council special meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Thompson.



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Mayor

ATTEST



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary