



City of Garden Ridge

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

AGENDA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021, 6:00 P.M.

The Garden Ridge City Council will meet in a regular session on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 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. City/Employee Recognitions/Employee Introductions

- a) Introduction of Officer Smith.
- b) Thank you note from Jim Mueller to the Water Department.
- c) Thank you note from Rob McGrath to Water Operator Duane Scognio.
- d) Thank you note from Denice Fox to Front Office Staff.
- e) 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. 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.
 - 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.

6. 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.

- a) Approval of Minutes for the February 3, 2021, City Council Regular Meeting.
- b) Financial Statement, Summary Report, and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations – January 31, 2021.
- c) Ordinance No. 229-032021 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, to order a General Election on May 1, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, City Councilmember Place Two, and City Councilmember Place Three; making provisions for the conduct of such election; and resolving other matters related to the conduct of such election.

7. Approvals/Authorizations

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

- a) Winter Weather Emergency.
 - 1. Receive updates and discuss matters related to the winter weather emergency response.
 - 2. Take action on Resolution No. 471-032021 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Garden Ridge, Texas, reserving the authority and power conferred by Ordinance No. 54, Section 8.01 to respond as necessary to the 2021 Winter Weather Emergency and establish special service rates where extenuating circumstances exist.

8. Staff Reports

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

- a) City Administrator Monthly Activity Report.
 - Community and Event Center usage/financial report, Building Permits issued to date for residential, commercial, and minor construction projects, City Council ideas/suggestions, communication efforts, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- b) Finance/HR Monthly Activity Report.
 - Financial reporting, audits, employee benefits, communication efforts, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- c) City Secretary Monthly Activity Report.
 - Administrative operations and projects, records management, communication efforts, citizen concern/input, upcoming events, personnel updates, and continuity of operations.
- d) Police Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Traffic/code compliance enforcement, criminal activity, upcoming events, and continuity of operations.
- e) Public Works Monthly Activity Report.
 - Street and right-of-way maintenance, drainage facility and easement maintenance, City parking lots and facility maintenance, Animal Services (domestic and wild), projects, and continuity of operations.
- f) Water Department Monthly Activity Report.
 - Water pumping/usage from City wells, water system infrastructure maintenance/repairs/projects, leak adjustments, water and/or drought management (current watering stage), and continuity of operations.
- g) Library Monthly Activity Report.
 - Upcoming events and continuity of operations.

9. City Engineer Projects Status Reports

- a) FM 2252 TxDOT Project.
- b) FM 2252 Wastewater Project.

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

- a) Planning and Zoning Commission:
 - 1. Petition from Kim Wood for variance requests to Ordinance No. 55, Section 14, Number of Signs, for the placement of five (5) temporary signs advertising Garden Ridge Market Days.
 - 1.1. Receive recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - 1.2. Take action on recommendation.
 - 2. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- b) Quarry Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- c) Water Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

- d) Wildlife Management Advisory Commission:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- e) Parks Committee:
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.
- f) *Volunteer Garden Ridge!*
 - 1. Receive monthly activity update as applicable.

11. Updates

- a) COVID-19.
 - 1. Discuss status, updates, response, and matters related to COVID-19.
 - 2. Discuss funding and expenditures from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.
 - 3. Take possible action on matters related to COVID-19.
- b) City Council Projects.
 - 1. Comal ISD Events (Swint and Arvidson).
 - 2. Animal Foster Program (Bower).
- c) Mayor's Projects.
 - 1. Communication Report.
 - 2. Citizen Contact Report.

12. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

13. Citizen Comment Period – limited to 20 minutes total

See "Rules for Citizens' Participation" under Item 5.

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 School/Danville Middle School/Davenport High School)
 Counties (Bexar/Comal/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
 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 and 551.072 – Deliberations About Real Property.
 - 1. To seek legal advice, if needed, in connection with deliberating the purchase, lease, exchange, or value of real property and regarding related negotiations for City building projects, and wastewater utility projects.
 - 2. To seek legal advice regarding requirements for Comal County Emergency Services and authority to contract for such services through an interlocal agreement and discuss any related liability issues.

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:

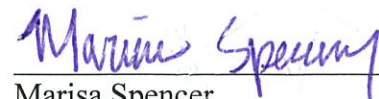
Decorum Required: Any disruptive behavior, including shouting or derogatory statements or comments may be ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in a request by the Presiding Officer that the individual leave the meeting, and if refused, an order 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 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2021, on the bulletin board located at the entrance to Garden Ridge City Hall, 9400 Municipal Parkway, Garden Ridge, Texas.



Marisa Spencer
City Secretary