

# **AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
City of Garland  
Work Session Room, City Hall  
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas  
January 4, 2010**

**Council will meet beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

## **Executive Session**

**Consult with Attorney:** A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (a) pending or contemplated litigation; or (b) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

- **Municipal Court Collections Compliance Briefing**

## **DEFINITIONS:**

**Written Briefing:** Items that generally do not require a presentation or discussion by the staff or Council. On these items the staff is seeking direction from the Council or providing information in a written format.

**Verbal Briefing:** These items do not require written background information or are an update on items previously discussed by the Council.

**Regular Item:** These items generally require discussion between the Council and staff, boards, commissions, or consultants. These items are often accompanied by a formal presentation followed by discussion.

**[Public comment will not be accepted during Work Session  
unless Council determines otherwise.]**

**NOTICE:** The City Council may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns one or more of the following matters:

(1) Pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Sec. 551.071, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(2) The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Sec. 551.072, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(3) A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Sec. 551.073, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(4) Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Sec. 551.074, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(5) The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Sec. 551.076, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(6) Discussions or deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect of the sort described in this provision. Sec. 551.087, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(7) Discussions or deliberations regarding a utility-related matter that the City Council in good faith determines by a vote is related to the City's public power utility's competitive activity, including commercial information, that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors. Sec. 551.806, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

**(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:**

**a. Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant**

*Council is requested to authorize the submittal of an application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for a Community Outdoor Outreach Program grant of \$11,028 in matching funds to provide a children's outdoor education camp activity. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the January 19, 2010 Regular Meeting.*

**b. Emergency Management Planner**

*Council is requested to consider authorizing the acceptance of Urban Area Security Initiative grant funds totaling \$140,000 for the creation of an Emergency Management Planner position within the Office of Emergency Management. This position will allow the City of Garland to meet its State planning requirements while enhancing its capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters through more thorough and dedicated planning efforts. The grant funds will provide the necessary funding to develop and maintain this position for at least two years without an economic impact to the City.*

**c. Assistance Request for Nonprofit Special Event**

*Council is requested to consider a request by the Garland NAACP for the waiver of expenditures for city services in the amount of \$6,436 required for their Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and March and Youth Musical event on Saturday, January 16, and Sunday, January 17, 2009. City Council Policy No. OPNS-29, Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations, states that requests from nonprofit organizations for donated services in excess of \$1,000 must be brought to Council for consideration.*

Item	Key Person
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**(6:10) 2. Verbal Briefings:**

- a. Update on Single-Family Rental Licensing and Inspection Program** **Briley**

*Council will be updated on the single-family rental program that was approved by Ordinance No. 6127 on May 1, 2007. Section 2 of this ordinance provided a “sunset clause”: “That, unless reauthorized by an affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council, Section 32.09 is repealed effective on the third anniversary of the adoption of this Ordinance.” Council is requested to provide direction regarding the reauthorization of Section 32.09.*

- b. Update on 2009 Health and Code Compliance Departmental Activities** **Briley**

*Council will be updated on Health and Code Compliance departmental activities in 2009.*

- c. Public Safety Committee Report** **Jeffus**

*Council Member Larry Jeffus, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, will provide a report on the following items that have been considered by the Committee:*

- Controlling traffic in neighborhoods during public events*
- Ongoing security issues at vacant commercial properties*

- d. Development Services Committee Report** **Athas**

*Council Member Douglas Athas, Chairman of the Development Services Committee, will provide a report on the following item that has been considered by the Committee:*

- Creation of Public Improvement Districts*

**(7:10) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council**

*Jim Bookhout – Building and Fire Codes Board (Jeffus)  
Jaime Ornelas – Community Multicultural Commission (Cox)*

**5. Consider the Consent Agenda Council**

*A member of the City Council may ask that an item on the consent agenda for the next regular meeting be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separate from the other consent agenda items. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.*

**6. Announce Future Agenda Items Council**

*A member of the City Council, with a second by another member, or the Mayor alone, may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda of the City Council or a committee of the City Council. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.*

**(7:20) 7. Adjourn Council**

**(Estimated time to consider)**