

# **AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
City of Garland  
Work Session Room, City Hall  
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas  
January 5, 2009**

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

## **Executive Session**

- 1. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.**
  - a. Annual Review of City Secretary**
  - b. Annual Review of Municipal Judges**

## **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. 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 \$6,786 required for their Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and March and Youth Musical event on Saturday, January 17, and Sunday, January 18, 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.*

**b. Victim Assistance Advocate Program**

*Council is requested to consider authorizing the renewal of the "Victims of Crime Act" grant funding for the Victim Assistance Advocate program within the Police Department. The Victim Advocate began in November 2007 and has already assisted 2,914 victims of violent crime and domestic abuse in navigating the legal system and by referring them to the appropriate agencies for further assistance. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the January 6, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

**c. Optional Redemption of Tax Notes**

*When Council approved the issuance of \$3.2 million in tax notes on August 19, 2008, it was contemplated that the City would exercise a call provision to redeem the notes on February 15, 2009 prior to their scheduled maturity date on September 30, 2009. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal approval at the January 20, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

**d. Parking Restrictions on Richoak Drive for Parsons Pre-K**

*Numerous residents and motorists have complained about traffic operations at and around the GISD Parsons Pre-K school on Richoak Drive. The Transportation Department and GISD staffs have worked together to develop a traffic control plan to establish a more orderly traffic flow during school arrival and dismissal periods. Council is requested to consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting the stopping,*

*standing, and parking at all times along both sides of Richoak Drive from the easternmost intersection with Richview Drive to Windy Drive. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the January 6, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

**e. Limited Authorization for DART to Initiate Eminent Domain**

*DART is requesting that the City of Garland authorize DART to acquire two parcels of land through eminent domain for the Blue Line Rail extension from Garland to Rowlett. Efforts by DART to reach the property owners have been unsuccessful. This action would give DART the authority to initiate eminent domain proceedings on only these parcels if, and only if, negotiations are unsuccessful. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the January 6, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

Item	Key Person
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**(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:**

**a. Discuss Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Planning Ordinance** **Neighbor/Betz**

*Staff will discuss proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Ordinance related to single family residential structures and requirements related to proportionality between the number of bedrooms in a single family structure and the number and type of bathrooms and living areas within the structure.*

**b. Amendment to Garland Youth Council Ordinance** **White**

*The Garland Youth Council is requesting revisions to Section 10.26(B) of the City Code of Ordinances. Members of the Youth Council will be present to discuss the benefits of these revisions and give a brief overview of Youth Council activities for 2008-09.*

**c. Preview of Proposed 2009 CIP** **Bradford**

*Staff will provide an overview of the Proposed 2009 Capital Improvement Program which will be formally presented by the City Manager at the January 6, 2009 Regular Meeting.*

**(7:30) 3. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council**

*Martha Melaku – Community Multicultural Commission*

**4. 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.*

**5. 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.*

**(7:45) 6. Adjourn Council**

**(Estimated time to consider)**