

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
January 19, 2010**

Council will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

- 1. 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.**

Deliberate Regarding Real Property: A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072. Texas Government Code.

- a. Condemnation – Jack E. Counts Property – 4525 N. SH 190, Garland, TX**

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. Sale of Property

Council is requested to consider authorizing the sale of City-owned property located at 228 Lomas to Habitat for Humanity. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 2, 2010 Regular Meeting.

b. Portfolio Summary

The Portfolio Summary is reported to Council each quarter. The report is in compliance with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. Management of the City's portfolios is conducted in accordance with City Council Policy FIN-06, Statement of Investment, and City Council Policy FIN-05, Statement of Investment Strategy.

c. Rate Mitigation Fund

As previously directed by Council, staff provides a report on the financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund on a quarterly basis. As of December 31, 2009, the Fund had a book balance of \$81.9 million. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

d. 2009-10 Budget Amendment No. 1

Council is requested to consider amending the 2009-10 Adopted Budget in order to appropriate available funds for the following:

- *Projects approved in last year's Budget but not completed by the yearend*
- *Rollover of open purchase orders from the 2008-09 fiscal year*
- *Grant and other funds recently awarded to the City of Garland Expenditures not anticipated in the 2009-10 Adopted Budget*

Item	Key Person
(6:05) 2. Verbal Briefings:	
a. Financial Update	Kauffman
<i>Staff will provide Council with a financial update.</i>	
b. Scope of the Animal Services	Lathen/Mayor
<i>At the request of Council Member Darren Lathen and Mayor Ronald Jones, Council is requested to discuss the scope of the Animal Services Advisory Committee.</i>	
c. Community Services Committee Report	Cox
<i>Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chair of the Community Services Committee, will provide a report on the following items that have been considered by the Committee:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Newspaper dispensing boxes</i>• <i>Chapter 32, Weeds</i>• <i>Mandatory spay/neutering program</i>	
(6:25) 3. Regular Items:	
a. Preview of Proposed 2010 CIP	Bradford
<i>Staff will provide an overview of the Proposed 2010 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which will be formally presented by the City Manager at the January 19, 2009 Regular Meeting.</i>	
(6:40) 4. Consider the Consent Agenda	Council
<i>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.</i>	

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.

(6:45) 6. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)