

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
February 2, 2009**

6:00 p.m.

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. Rate Mitigation Fund

Council previously directed staff to report the financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund on a quarterly basis. As of December 31, 2008, the Fund had a book balance of \$80,010,932. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

b. Portfolio Summary

As previously directed by Council, staff is providing a quarterly report on the City's Portfolio Summary. This 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 Finance-06, Statement of Investment Policy and City Council Policy Finance-05, Statement of Investment Strategy.

c. Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategy

Chapter 2256 of the Local Government Code requires Council's annual review of the City's written Investment Policy (City Council Policy FIN-06) and Investment Strategy (City Council Policy FIN-05) and approved broker list. Subsequently, the independent audit firm confirms the existence of a resolution indicating such review in their annual audit. Council is requested to review the Investment Policy, the Investment Strategy, including the proposed revision, and the approved broker list. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting.

d. Change Order No. 1 to Scarborough Engineering ESA on Newman Plant 69kV Switchyard Improvements

Council is requested to consider authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$112,308 to the Scarborough Engineering, Inc. Engineering Services Agreement. This Change Order is required due to engineering and design changes for the Newman Plant 69kV Switchyard Improvements. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting.

e. Environmental Waste Services Rate Decrease

Due to recent declines in fuel costs, Council is requested to consider a mid-year rate decrease proposed for Environmental Waste Services residential and commercial solid waste collection customers. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 3, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

- a. Change of Chapter 32 - Dwelling Unit Capacity** **Neighbor/Briley**

On January 6, 2009, the Community Services Committee recommended that Council consider modification of Section 32.04(A)(4) that establishes the number of individuals that may occupy a single residential dwelling unit.

- b. Streetlight Policies and Issues** **Dollar**

Staff will brief Council on the City's streetlight policies.

- c. Alternative Financial Establishments** **Council**

Council is requested to discuss amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance that would provide a definition and establish regulations for Alternative Financial Establishments.

(8:00) 3. Regular Items:

- a. Proposed 2009 Capital Improvement Program Presentation and Deliberation** **Bradford**

Staff will provide final presentations of the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Council is requested to discuss and provide direction to staff regarding changes to the City Manager's Proposed CIP. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 3, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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.

(9:00) 6. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)