

# **AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
City of Garland  
Work Session Room, City Hall  
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas  
February 15, 2010**

**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 Auditor**
  - 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.

Item	Key Person
<b>(6:00) 1. Verbal Briefings:</b>	
<b>a. Hiring of Federal Lobbyist</b>	<b>Dollar</b>
<i>As part of the 2010 Budget, Council approved funds to contract with a firm that would advocate on behalf of the City for a wide range of federal advocacy services. B &amp; D Consulting was selected as the top firm from among 26 proposals received from qualified firms. The firm's team of Ted Bristol (Senior Vice President/lead), Barbara Rhode (Senior Advisory) and Beena Patel (Public Policy Specialist) will be introduced to Council.</i>	
<b>b. DART Update</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<i>At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones, the City of Garland's representatives on the DART Board, Tracey Whitaker and Mark Enoch, will provide an update to Council on current DART issues.</i>	
<b>c. Public Improvement Districts</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<i>At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones, Council is requested to discuss public improvement districts.</i>	
<b>d. Change in Council Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<i>Due to several of the Council Members planning to attend the 2010 National League of Cities Congressional City Conference on March 13-17, 2010, Council is requested to consider rescheduling the second meetings in March from March 15 and 16, 2010 to March 22 and 23, 2010.</i>	
<b>(7:30) 2. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions</b>	<b>Council</b>
<i>Robert H. Brandon, Jr. – Library Board (Willis)</i>	
<b>3. Consider the Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Council</b>

*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.*

**4. 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.*

**(8:00) 5. Adjourn** **Council**

**(Estimated time to consider)**