

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
February 16, 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. Police Contact Data

Since January 1, 2002, the Garland Police Department, in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (S.B. 1074), has been collecting police contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling. Senate Bill 1074 requires that the department submit this report to Council by March 1 of each year for the previous calendar year's data.

b. Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

The Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board was formed to address areas of mutual concern and to coordinate efforts of the various components of the criminal justice system within Dallas County. Council is requested to consider authorizing the City Manager and Chief of Police to continue participation in the Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. Texas Historical Marker for Bankhead Highway

At their January 20, 2009 meeting, the Garland Cultural Arts Commission recommended that Council consider the installation of a Texas Historical Marker in the downtown Garland plaza recognizing the historic Bankhead Highway. If Council concurs, the marker sponsor, Robert Alan Smith, will cover the required payment to the State for the cost of the marker and the City will provide for the installation of the 27" x 42" marker on a post and assume any future maintenance.

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

- a. Rescheduling the Second Council Meetings in March 2009** **Mayor**

Due to some of the Council Members planning to attend the 2009 National League of Cities Annual Congressional City Conference on March 14-18, 2009, the Mayor has requested that Council consider rescheduling the second meetings in March from March 16 & 17, 2009 to March 23 & 24, 2009.

- b. Regional Transportation Council Update** **Mayor**

Mayor Ronald Jones will provide an update on the Regional Transportation Council.

- c. Regional Transportation Council's Legislative Position on Rail North Texas** **Mayor/Athas**

At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones and Council Member Douglas Athas, Council is requested to consider approving a resolution endorsing the Regional Transportation Council's legislative position on Rail North Texas.

- d. Mayor's Good Neighbor Award** **Community Services Committee**

The Community Services Committee will brief Council on their recommendation regarding the implementation of a "Mayor's Good Neighbor Award," a program to recognize outstanding property maintenance efforts.

- 3. 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.

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)