

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
February 20, 2012**

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, deliberations, votes, or other final action on matters related to the City's competitive activity, including information that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors and is reasonably related to one or more of the following categories of information:

- generation unit specific and portfolio fixed and variable costs, including forecasts of those costs, capital improvement plans for generation units, and generation unit operating characteristics and outage scheduling;
- bidding and pricing information for purchased power, generation and fuel, and Electric Reliability Council of Texas bids, prices, offers, and related services and strategies;
- effective fuel and purchased power agreements and fuel transportation arrangements and contracts;
- risk management information, contracts, and strategies, including fuel hedging and storage;
- plans, studies, proposals, and analyses for system improvements, additions, or sales, other than transmission and distribution system improvements inside the service area for which the public power utility is the sole certificated retail provider; and
- customer billing, contract, and usage information, electric power pricing information, system load characteristics, and electric power marketing analyses and strategies.
Sec. 551.086; TEX. GOV'T CODE; Sec. 552.133, TEX. GOV'T CODE]

(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:

a. Police Contact Data

Since January 1, 2001, the Garland Police Department, in accordance with the Texas "Racial Profiling" Law (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 2.131 through 2.138, has been collecting police contact data for the purpose of identifying and responding (if necessary) to concerns regarding racial profiling. The Police Department is required to submit this report to Council by March 1 of each year for the previous calendar year's data.

b. Texas Department of Transportation's STEP – Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant

Council is requested to consider authorizing the acceptance of a TxDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Impaired Driving Mobilization grant to provide increased holiday DWI enforcement. Grant enforcement will take place in three waves, Spring Break (March 10 – 18, 2012), Independence Day (June 30 – July 8, 2012), and Labor Day (August 19 – September 5, 2012). This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting.

c. Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant

Proposition 6 was approved by Garland voters in May 2004 and included \$5,000,000 for the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Program. According to the program guidelines, approximately \$500,000 will be available annually for the grant program. The Community Services Committee recommends approval of the six applications submitted for consideration. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 6, 2012 Regular Meeting.

d. Suspend Effective Date of Atmos' Rate Increase

Council is requested to consider a resolution suspending the March 6, 2012 effective date of the Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division rate increase filed on or about January 31, 2012 for the maximum period allowed by law and authorize participation with other cities to review and inquire into reasonableness of the requested rate

increase. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. CPR Training Dr. Pepe

Dr. Paul Pepe, Professor and Chair of Emergency Medicine at UT Southwestern, will provide CPR training for Council.

b. DART Update Jeffus/Edwards

At the request of Council Member Larry Jeffus and Mayor Pro Tem Preston Edwards, DART representatives will provide an update on DART security changes and paying ridership.

c. Phase II Downtown Redevelopment Glenn

Representatives of the Oaks Properties Group will be present to brief Council on their plans for the next phase of residential development in downtown. They will provide conceptual drawings and other information regarding the proposed development.

d. Update on the City's Newly Redesigned Website King/White

Staff will update Council on the scheduled Go Live date for Phase 1 of the City's newly redesigned website. Some of the new features and highlights of the new website will also be presented.

e. Public Safety Committee Report Athas

Council Member Douglas Athas, chair of the Public Safety Committee, will provide a committee report on the following item:

- Adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of Salvia*

f. Consulting Agreement with Ray Schwertner Mayor/Dodson

At the January 3, 2012 Executive Session, Council discussed the reassignment of Ray Schwertner, the Managing Director of Electric Utility, to a consulting basis. Mayor Ronald Jones and Council Member Lori Barnett Dodson have requested that Council review and discuss the proposed consulting agreement between the City and Ray Schwertner.

(10:00)3. Regular Items:

a. Review and Deliberation of 2012 Capital Improvement Program

Council will deliberate changes, if any, in the City Manager's Proposed Capital Improvement Program.

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.

(10:30)6. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)