

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
April 4, 2011
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. Duck Creek Greenbelt Pond

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Larry Jeffus and Council Member Preston Edwards, an update is provided on the plans to provide habitat for waterfowl around the area of the Duck Creek Greenbelt pond that is being renovated in concert with the University Creek channel drainage improvement project.

b. 2011/2012 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budgets

Information regarding the allocations for funding the CDBG, HOME, and ESG budgets for 2011/2012 is provided for Council's review.

c. Downtown Parking Regulations for City-owned Facilities

Council is requested to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 33, "Transportation," of the Code of Ordinances to provide a new article relating to parking regulations for City-owned facilities in the downtown area. At this time, the only parking regulations at issue are those pertaining to City-owned facilities, in particular, City Hall, the Duckworth Building, the Granville Performing Arts Center, the Garland Utility Services Drive-through Facility, and the parking garage at 5th Street Crossing. No other parking regulations for the downtown area are yet being proposed. The proposed ordinance would prohibit 1) skating and skateboarding on sidewalks, ramps, and loading docks at the foregoing City facilities and 2) parking a vehicle on the premises of City Hall for more than three consecutive hours on a day on which public voting is being conducted at City Hall. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting.

d. 2011 Update of Library Assessment and Strategic Plan for Information Technology, Services and Facilities

Council is requested to consider approving the five-year update to the Library's long range plan as approved by the Library Board. The Library's Assessment and Strategic Plan for Information Technology Services and Facilities was originally approved by Council in 2006

and must be revised every five years as required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to maintain membership in the Texas Public Library System. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the April 19, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Community Services Committee Report

Willis

Council Member John Willis, Chair of the Community Services Committee, will provide a Committee report on the following items:

- Consider modifications to Section 32.07, Multi-family Licensing, of the Code of Ordinances*
- Discuss National League of Cities Service Line Warranty Program*

(6:30) 3. Regular Items:

a. Request for Recycling Processing Proposals

The City issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the vendor selection for the processing of the City's recycling commodities, including Residential Recycling, Drop-Off Center Recycling, Commercial Recycling and City Workplace Recycling. In context with the RFP, staff conducted an evaluation of six proposals from recycling processors interested in this proposal. Council is requested to consider authorizing staff to begin contract negotiations with the selected processor, Allied Waste Services. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at a future Regular Meeting.

4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Council

a. North Texas Municipal Water District Board Member

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) notified the City that Mr. Don Gordon's term of office as a NTMWD Board Member expires on May 31, 2011. Mr. Gordon has indicated his desire and willingness to continue serving in this position. In accordance with City Council Policy No. GOV-01, Council Appointments to and Communications with Outside Agencies/Authorities, a notice has been posted on the City's website for a minimum of 14 days in order to provide citizens the opportunity to apply for the position. The applications will be presented to Council at the end of the 14-day period and Council will have an opportunity to determine the interview process at the April 18, 2011 Work Session.

b. DART Board Member

Council will discuss the resignation of Garland's representative to the DART Board of Directors and the process for appointing an individual to fill the vacant position.

5. 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.

6. 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.

(7:30) 7. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)