

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
April 6, 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 Officer Injury Leave Extension

Officer Dustin Raley sustained a line of duty gunshot injury to his hand while performing his duties as a Garland Police Officer. The officer is not yet able to return to work after multiple medical procedures and further medical treatment is required. Section 143.073 of the Municipal Civil Service for Firefighters and Police Officers specifies that a police officer may be on a leave of absence for a line of duty injury and that the leave, if necessary, shall continue for at least one year. At the end of one year, the municipality's governing body may extend the line of duty injury leave at full or reduced pay. Council is requested to extend Officer Raley's injury leave at full pay for another year as recommended by Chief Bates.

b. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant – “Click It or Ticket”

Council is requested to consider authorizing the acceptance of a TxDOT – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant – “Click It or Ticket” in the amount of \$39,965. The purpose of this grant is to save lives by conducting intense occupant protection enforcement as well as public information and education efforts during the 2009 Memorial Day holiday period, May 11, 2009 – May 31, 2009. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. Dallas Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce

Council is requested to consider authorizing the Police Department to participate in the Dallas Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. This taskforce is federally funded and would facilitate supplemental funding for the Garland Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

d. 2009/2010 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget

Council is requested to consider allocations for funding the CDBG/HOME/ESG budget for 2009/2010. The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 must be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by August 14, 2009. A number of neighborhood meetings have been held to receive input on the proposed use funds and a public hearing is scheduled at the April 7, 2009 Regular Meeting. This item will also be scheduled at the April 20, 2009 Work Session to discuss proposals and the allocations. Adoption of the budget will be scheduled at the May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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

- a. COPS Hiring Recovery Program** **Bates**
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) of the U. S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) has announced the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The COPS Office will receive the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the USDOJ has also announced the availability of funding to units of local government under the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. Council is requested to consider authorizing the Police Department to apply for grant funding for five new Police Officer positions (3 Patrol Officers and 2 Neighborhood Police Officers).

- b. Convenience Store Ordinance** **Community Services
Committee**

The Community Services Committee is recommending that Council consider amending Chapter 26, "Police – Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses," of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article titled, "Convenience Stores." This new Article XII is designed to further protect citizens by preventing some convenience store crime and enhancing prosecutions in those offenses that are committed at

convenience stores. In addition, the proposed ordinance creates a formal registration process for all convenience stores in the City.

c. Community Garden Program **Community Services Committee**

The Community Services Committee is recommending that Council consider a Community Garden Program.

d. Country Club Road/Commerce Street Name Change **Montgomery**

The opening of a new alignment of Country Club Road in the vicinity of State Highway 66 requires renaming certain segments of Country Club Road and Commerce Street to avoid duplication and to create a logical street name pattern.

e. 2008 Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP) **Montgomery**

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the City of Garland is eligible to receive \$858,997 in Emergency Shelter Grant funding for Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program. This dollar figure represents approximately nine times the annual dollar amount the City receives for ESG funding. The City would have two years to obligate the funds and have up to three years to spend 100% of the funds.

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.

(9:00) 5. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)