

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
April 18, 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. Portfolio Summary

The Portfolio Summary report is presented to Council each quarter. The report is in compliance with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. Management of the City's portfolios is conducted in accordance with the City Council Policy Finance-06, Statement of Investment Policy, and City Council Policy Finance-05, Statement of Investment Strategy.

b. Rate Mitigation Fund

The financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund is reported to Council on a quarterly basis. The report presents investment information regarding the balances held in the Rate Mitigation Fund as of March 31, 2011.

c. Taxation of Leased Vehicles

Vehicles leased for business or personal use are currently subject to taxation as Business Personal Property. Property tax is assessed to the lessor (the entity holding title to the vehicle) who by contract typically passes on the tax to the lessee (person using the vehicle). The City, at its option, can exempt vehicles leased for personal use. If Council concurs, the City will continue to retain the current taxation of leased vehicles which generates estimated property tax revenue each year of \$230,300.

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

a. NTMWD Phase I Drought

Baker

Staff will brief Council on the North Texas Municipal Water District Phase I Drought.

b. Council's Role in GP&L

Athas/Jeffus

At the request of Council Members Douglas Athas and Larry Jeffus, Council is requested to discuss Council's role in GP&L.

c. Process for Garland's Appointment to the DART Board of Directors **Council**

Council is requested to review and discuss the applications for Garland's appointment to the DART Board of Directors.

d. Appointment to the NTMWD Board of Directors **Council**

At the April 4, 2011 Work Session, Council was informed that 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 was posted on the City's website for a minimum of 14 days which ended at 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2011 in order to provide citizens the opportunity to apply for the position. No citizens responded. Council is requested to consider reappointing Mr. Don Gordon to the NTMWD Board of Directors at the May 3, 2011 Regular Meeting.

(8:30) 3. Regular Items:

a. 2011/12 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget **Montgomery**

Council is requested to discuss the allocations for funding the CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for May 2, 2011.

b. Envision Garland **Montgomery**

Council is requested to continue discussions regarding the Envision Garland.

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.

(10:00)6. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)