

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
April 20, 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. Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing Grant

At the April 6, 2009 Work Session, Council was briefed on the availability of \$858,997 in funding for a Homeless Prevention/Rapid Re-Housing Program. Council is requested to consider a Substantial Amendment to the 2008 Annual Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan for the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program. This item is scheduled for a public hearing at the April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting.

b. Texas Neighborhood Stabilization Program Application

Council is requested to authorize the submittal of an application to the State of Texas for additional Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding.

c. Revision to City Council Policy OPNS-29, "Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations"

As directed by Council, the Administrative Services Committee reviewed City Council Policy OPNS-29, "Assistance to Nonprofit Organizations," and is now recommending revisions to the policy. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

d. Proposed Debt Sale

On February 3, 2009, Council approved the 2009 Capital Improvement Program, which contemplated the sale of Certificates of Obligation in the amount of \$23.5 million, Tax Notes in the amount of \$1.1 million, GO Commercial Paper in the amount of \$11.8 million, Water & Sewer Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$17.9 million, and Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$11.9 million, excluding debt issuance costs. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

e. Appointment of a Program Administrator and Development of

Identity Theft Oversight Committee

Council is requested to consider authorizing the City Manager to appoint a Program Administrator and develop an Identity Theft Oversight Committee necessary to develop, implement and administer an identity theft program. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting.

f. Rate Mitigation Fund

Council previously directed staff to report the financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund on a quarterly basis. As of March 31, 2009, the Fund had a book balance of \$80,881,967. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

g. Portfolio Summary

As previously directed by Council, staff is providing a quarterly report on the City's Portfolio Summary. This report is in compliance with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. Management of the City's portfolios is conducted in accordance with City Council Policy Finance-06, "Statement of Investment Policy," and City Council Policy Finance-05, "Statement of Investment Strategy."

Item	Key Person
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(6:30) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Procurement Inclusion Program

Bradford/Cooper

Staff will provide an overview of the City of Garland's Procurement Inclusion Program Enhancement Strategy which is designed with the goal of ensuring that Historically Underutilized Businesses have the opportunity to compete in all segments of City procurement.

b. Financial Update

Kauffman

Staff will provide Council with a financial update.

c. Citywide Marketing Strategy **Stone/Arrant**

Staff will provide Council with an overview of the process for securing a marketing consultant to develop and implement the citywide marketing strategy.

d. Audit Committee Report **Williams**

Mayor Pro Tem Rick Williams, Chair of the Audit Committee, will brief Council on the following items:

- *Discussion and direction regarding future GHFC Audits – Independent Auditor vs. Internal Auditor.*
- *City of Garland FY 2008 Financial Audit by Deloitte & Touche LLP.*

e. Development Services Committee Report **Jeffus**

Council Member Larry Jeffus, Chair of the Development Services Committee, will brief Council on the following items:

- *Recommendation to Council regarding the geographic expansion of the downtown automobile uses overlay district.*
- *Recommendation to Council regarding the establishment and use of public improvement districts to fund neighborhood enhancements.*
- *Recommendation to Council regarding changes to restrictions for temporary signs and banners.*

(9:00) 3. Regular Items:

a. Zoning Enforcement Efforts **Gaiter/Montgomery**

Information on the zoning enforcement efforts throughout the City is provided to Council for their review.

b. 2009/2010 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget **Montgomery**

Council is requested to review and provide direction regarding the allocations for funding the 2009/2010 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget.

(10:15)4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council

- *Community Multicultural Commission – Chekeitha R. Gray*

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.

(10:30)7. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)