

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
May 4, 2009**

Council will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

1. Consider Competitive Matters in the Electric Utility; The Texas Open Meetings Act does not require a public power utility governing body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate, vote or take final action on any competitive matter, as that term is defined in Subsection 551.086. "Competitive matter" means a utility-related matter that the public power utility governing body in good faith determines by a vote under this section is related to the public power utility's competitive activity, including commercial information, and would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors. Section 551.086(b)(3), Texas Government Code.

a, Power and Ancillary Services Purchases Update

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. Funding Agreement with Dallas County

The Parks and Recreation Board is recommending that Council consider authorizing an agreement with Dallas County for \$1,000,000 in trail construction funding to connect the existing Winters Park/Spring Creek Greenbelt trail project to additional sections of the Spring Creek Forest Preserve and the Spring Creek Greenbelt. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 19, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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

a. Ecolab – Economic Development Incentive

Mayer

Paul Mayer, Chief Executive Officer of the Garland Chamber of Commerce, will brief Council on the Garland Economic Development Partnership Steering Committee’s recommendation that Council provide an economic development incentive to Ecolab.

b. Audit Committee Report

Williams

The Audit Committee is requesting further Council discussion and direction regarding future Garland Housing Finance Corporation (GHFC) Audits – Independent Auditor vs. Internal Auditor.

c. Memorandum of Understanding with GHFC

Neighbor/Glenn

Council is requested to consider a memorandum of understanding with Garland Housing Finance Corporation (GHFC) that would authorize the distribution to the GHFC, as a subrecipient, of federal grant money in the amount of \$204,019 to be used by the GHFC for the demolition of the Miller Garden Apartments. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

d. Amendment of the Sign Ordinance

Development

Services Committee

The Development Services Committee initiated a review of Garland's sign regulations pertaining to temporary special purpose signs and banners. The Committee's Chair, Council Member Larry Jeffus, will brief Council on the Committee's recommendations for amendment to the Sign Ordinance.

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.

(9:00) 7. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)