

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
May 18, 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. EMS Non-Transport Fee

As directed by Council, the Administrative Services Committee (ASC) met to discuss and review the EMS non-transport fee that Council approved on September 2, 2008 as part of the FY 2008-09 budget process. The ASC recommends that Council consider eliminating the \$50 non-transport fee by amending Ordinance No. 6260. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 2, 2009 Regular Meeting.

b. Revisions to City Council Policy OPNS-05, "Council Travel"

As directed by Council, the Administrative Services Committee met to discuss and review City Council Policy OPNS-05, "Council Travel", and is recommending changes regarding spousal travel when accompanying Council Members on business trips. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 2, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. 2009 Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Funds

Council is requested to authorize staff to make application for Community Development Grant funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (CDBG-R). The City of Garland expects to receive \$561,811 and proposes to use the funds to initiate a "Retrofitting for Energy Efficiency" project. If Council concurs, staff will proceed with the application process.

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

a. Water and Wastewater Rates

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Garland Water Utilities water and wastewater rate consultants, Economist.com, will make a presentation to Council on a new water and wastewater rate model. The rate model identifies a proposed

interim water rate increase as well as water and wastewater rates needed to cover capital and operational costs for the next five years.

b. Amendment of PD 82-42 Regarding Carport Location **Lathen/Williams**

At the request of Council Members Darren Lathen and Rick Williams, Council is requested to discuss amending the Planned Development District 82-42 conditions.

c. Dallas County Eviction Process **Willis/Cox**

At the request of Council Members John Willis and Laura Perkins Cox, Council is requested to discuss Dallas County's eviction process.

d. Administrative Services Committee Report **Chick**

Council Member Barbara Chick, Chair of the Administrative Services Committee, will brief Council on the following items considered by the Committee.

- *Arcades as a secondary use*
- *No parking on residential streets*

e. Citizen Comments **Dollar**

At the request of City Manager Bill Dollar, Council is requested to discuss the "Citizen Comments" section of the Council meeting agenda.

(8:30) 3. Regular Items:

a. 2009/2010 CDBG Budget **Montgomery**

Council is requested to review and provide direction for the allocation of funds for the 2009/2010 CDBG Budget.

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.

(9:00) 6. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)