

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
June 15, 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. Recodification of City of Garland Code of Ordinances

Council is requested to consider authorizing the recodification of the City of Garland Code of Ordinances. Approval of this project will standardize the numbering and formatting of the Code and enhance the historical notes and disposition tables. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal approval at the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

b. Annual Performance Update on Garland Housing Agency

As part of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the City of Garland Housing Agency (GHA) is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit an annual performance progress report on their five-year plan. Council is requested to consider adopting the accomplishments presented in the fourth year annual performance plan update for submission to HUD. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. City of Garland Identity Theft Prevention Program

Council is requested to consider authorizing the City of Garland Identity Theft Prevention Program designed to address specific activities required in order to meet the recent amendment to the Fair and Accurate Reporting Act of 2003, whereas the Federal Trade Commission adopted the Identity Theft Red Flags Rule. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting

d. Scofflaw Program

The Scofflaw Program is a collection tool which blocks vehicle registration of offenders who have outstanding fines owed to a city. The Scofflaw legislation has been in place since 1997; however, it has not been attempted in Dallas County. Garland has been selected to pilot the program in North Texas. Council is requested to consider authorizing an interlocal agreement with Dallas County to implement the Scofflaw Program in Garland. If Council concurs, this

item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

e. Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Council is requested to consider authorizing staff to apply for and, once awarded, accept the \$1,978,800 formula allocation of the EECBG Program from the Department of Energy. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the June 16, 2009 Regular Meeting.

f. Amendment to Truck Route Ordinance

The truck route ordinance, Section 33.14 of the Code of Ordinances, is outdated and has not been significantly amended (except for changes in truck route designations) for many years. In order to correct deficiencies in the ordinance that were recently revealed and make it more enforceable, the ordinance has been rewritten. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 7, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

**a. North Texas Municipal Water District Briefing
Ozonation and Operational Issues** **May**

Representatives from the North Texas Municipal Water District will be present to brief Council on ozonation and other operational issues.

**b. Placement of Residential Solid Waste
for Collection** **Banks**

Council previously requested that the Citizens Environmental Neighborhood Advisory Committee review and provide recommendations to Chapter 52, "Sanitation," of the Code of Ordinances regarding the placement of residential solid waste for collection. The Committee will brief Council on their proposed recommendations.

c. Community Services Committee Report **Cox**

As directed by Council, the Community Services Committee considered the following items and will provide Council with proposed recommendations:

- *Enhanced Security Measures for Convenience Stores*
- *Amendment to Chapter 32 of the Code of Ordinances regarding a revised, updated definition of “family” for purposes of determining what constitutes a “single-family” residence.*

d. Public Safety Committee Report **Athas**

As directed by Council, the Public Safety Committee reviewed the home eviction process. The Committee will brief Council on their recommendations of the process.

e. Interview Process for the NTMWD and TMPA Boards **Council**

Council is requested to discuss the process for interviewing candidates for appointments to the North Texas Municipal Water District and Texas Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors.

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)