

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
June 20, 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. 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has made funds available to units of local government under the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. The Garland Police Department is eligible to apply to the BJA. If approved by the federal government, the grant will provide \$42,553.92 in funding. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting.

b. Annual Performance Update on the City of Garland Housing Agency 2010-2014 Five-Year Plan and Administrative Plan Revision

On July 13, 2010, Council approved the Garland Housing Agency's Five-Year Plan. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each agency to submit an annual performance progress report on their five-year plan. In addition, HUD requires that each Housing Agency develop and adopt an Administrative Plan that identifies the policies the agency will follow to administer the Housing Choice Voucher Program Funds. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 5, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Item	Key Person
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(6:10) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Interviews for Appointments to Vacant Positions on Various Outside Boards **Council**

Council will interview candidates for vacant positions on the Animal Services Advisory Committee, Garland Housing Finance Corporation, Garland Health Facilities Development Corporation and Garland Economic Development Authority. Council will make their appointments at the June 21, 2011 Regular Meeting.

b. City of Garland CREZ Transmission Line Update **Schwertner**

Council will be updated on the status of the Competitive Renewable Energy Zone (CREZ) transmission project that passed in Senate Bill 20 in 2005 that directed the PUC to designate competitive renewable energy zones throughout the State and develop a plan to construct transmission capacity necessary to deliver renewable energy to electric customers.

c. GGI Waste to Energy Facilities Project **Glenn/Bradford**

Council will be briefed on a proposal by GGI Energy and Automatic Products Corp. to partner with the City of Garland to develop waste to energy facilities.

d. Emergency Warning Systems **Rivas**

The City of Garland's outdoor warning system has exceeded its lifespan; therefore, a majority of the system is no longer functioning. During the 2008 Capital Improvement Program review, the decision was made not to replace or expand the outdoor warning system. Council will be briefed on plans to discontinue use of the outdoor warning system and begin scheduling the removal of the sirens as time and resources permit.

e. Changeable Message Signs **Edwards/Jeffus**

At the request of Council Members Preston Edwards and Larry Jeffus, Council will discuss Section 30.104(B) of the Code of Ordinances, "No sign or part of any sign shall flash, change its illumination or copy, rotate, move or create an illusion of movement."

f. Senate Bill 100 **Mayor**

At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones, Council will be briefed on the status of Senate Bill 100.

(8:15) 3. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions **Council**

*Diego Valderrama – Garland Youth Council (Cox)
Stephanie Samuel – Garland Youth Council (Cox)
Seth Fernandez – Garland Youth Council (Willis)
Aquila Runyon – Garland Youth Council (Willis)
Jessica Santibanez – Garland Youth Council (Cahill)
Gabrielle Reed – Garland Youth Council (Cahill)*

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.

(8:30) 6. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)