

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
July 21, 2009**

Council will meet beginning at 5:30 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.

(5:30) 1. Written Briefings:

a. Home Solicitations

Council is requested to consider amending Article V of Chapter 26, "Police – Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland regarding Home Solicitations. These recommended revisions would transfer all processing duties from the City Secretary's Office to the Police Department, simplify the application and permitting process, and enhance the revocation clause. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting.

b. 2009 Justice Assistance Grant

The Police Department is eligible to apply to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety. The estimated net award to the City of Garland will be approximately \$51,369.76. JAG does not require any matching funds or contributions from the City. If Council concurs, staff will proceed with the submission of the application.

c. Portfolio Summary

The Portfolio Summary is reported to Council each quarter. The 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 FIN-06, Statement of Investment, and City Council Policy FIN-05, Statement of Investment Strategy.

d. Rate Mitigation Fund

As previously directed by Council, staff provides a report on the financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund on a quarterly basis. As of June 30, 2009, the Fund had a book balance of \$81,479,006. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

Item	Key Person
(5:35) 2. Verbal Briefings:	
a. Financial Update	Kauffman
<i>Staff will provide Council with a financial update.</i>	
b. Replacement of Undersized Water Lines in Alleys	May
<i>Staff will brief Council on a proposed project to replace undersized water lines that are still in service in alleys at several locations in the older areas of Garland. These mains are usually 2" or smaller in diameter and constructed of galvanized steel piping resulting in restricted flows and lower pressures to the customers. Due to the limited space in the older alleys, new water lines are installed in the front and the customer's service line is relocated to the front of the property.</i>	
c. Audit Committee Report	Williams
<i>Mayor Pro Tem Rick Williams, Chair of the Audit Committee, will brief Council on the following items:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Customer Service Audit</i>• <i>P-card and Expense report audit</i>• <i>GHFC unified agreement and related matters</i>• <i>Internal Auditor involvement with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act</i>• <i>Internal Auditor involvement with testing controls in important processes identified by Sarbanes-Oxley consultant</i>• <i>Follow-up audits/investigations regarding safelight program, employees as vendors, payroll check-off, and insurance claims processes.</i>	

(6:30) 3. Regular Items:

a. Naming of the Utility Services Building Community Meeting Room for Goldie Locke **Montgomery**

Council is requested to consider naming the community meeting room at the new Utility Services Building in honor of longtime community leader Goldie Locke. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting.

4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions **Council**

- Aaron D. Garelis – Board of Adjustment
- Truett Welborn – Plan Commission
- Garland Youth Council

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.

(6:45) 7. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)