

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
August 3, 2009**

Council will meet beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Consult with Attorney: A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (a) pending or contemplated litigation; or (b) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code.

- *Ex Parte: Texas Municipal Power Agency – II; D-1-GN-08-003693*, in the District Court of Travis County, Texas, 261st Judicial Court;
- *Texas Municipal Power Agency v. City of Bryan v. City of Denton, City of Garland, and City of Greenville; No. 28,169*, in the District Court of Grimes County, Texas, 506th Judicial Court.

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. 2009-2011 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) Budget

The City expects to receive \$858,997 through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 for an HPRP Program. A public hearing is scheduled at the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting in order to receive public input on the allocations for funding the HPRP budget. This item will also be scheduled at the August 17, 2009 Work Session to discuss the proposals and the budget, with formal consideration at the August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

b. Revisions to City Council Policy No. OPNS-05 – Council Travel

As directed by Council, the Administrative Services Committee met to discuss and review City Council Policy OPNS-05 - Council Travel. The ASC is recommending that revisions be made to the policy by eliminating the costs for spouses to accompany Council Members on out of town meetings. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. Atmos Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) Settlement

Council is requested to consider approval of Atmos gas rate tariffs with Atmos Mid-Tex Division to change gas rates pursuant to the RRM process. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the August 18, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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

a. Bunker Hill Road Glenn

City of Sachse staff will be present to provide information on the development and process for the reconstruction of Bunker Hill Road.

b. Utility Advisory Board Update **UAB**

At the request of Council Members Douglas Athas and Larry Jeffus, the Utility Advisory Board will provide Council with an annual update on past, current, and future matters.

c. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem **Edwards/Williams**

At the request of Council Members Preston Edwards and Rick Williams, Council is requested to discuss the election of a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem. In accordance with City Council Policy OPNS-30 – Who Shall Act As Mayor, the City Council may elect a Deputy Mayor Pro Tem at its discretion.

d. Appointments to Council Committees **Mayor**

In accordance with City Council Policy OPNS-23 – Council Committees, appointments to Council committees will be recommended by the Mayor. Final committee nominees shall be approved by a majority vote of the Council. The chair of each committee shall be selected by the Mayor.

e. Charter Review **Mayor**

At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones, Council is requested to discuss charter review considerations.

(8:00) 3. Regular Items:

a. Preview of the 2009-10 Proposed Budget **Bradford**

Staff will present an overview of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for 2009-10. The 2009-10 Proposed Budget document will officially be presented to Council at the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting.

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.

(8:45) 6. Adjourn

Council

(estimated time to consider)