

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Garland

Council Chambers, City Hall

200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas

August 3, 2010

7:00 p.m.

The City Council extends to each visitor a sincere welcome. We value your interest in your community and your participation in the meetings of this governing body. Regular meetings of the City Council are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m.; the City Council meets regularly in work sessions at 6:00 p.m. the Monday preceding each regular meeting.

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS 2020

(Adopted by Resolution No. 9402 on December 20, 2005)

- **Sustainable quality development and redevelopment**
- **Financially stable government with tax base that supports community needs**
- **Defends rightful powers of municipalities**
- **Fully informed and engaged citizenry**
- **Consistent delivery of reliable City services**
- **Safe, family-friendly neighborhoods**
- **Embrace diversity**

CONSENT AGENDA

All items under this section are recommended for approval by a single motion of Council, without discussion. Council has been briefed on these items at a previous work session and approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Manager to implement each item. The Mayor will announce the agenda and provide an opportunity for members of the audience and the City Council to request that an item be removed and considered separately.

1. Consider approval of the minutes of the July 20, 2010 Regular Meeting.

2. Consider approval of the following bid:

**Underground Electric Distribution
Maintenance/Construction**

Bid No. 291-10

CAN-FER

\$1,500,000.00

This request is to provide all labor necessary to remove and replace existing underground cable in the ongoing Distribution Maintenance and Construction Program.

3. Consider approving by minute action the Council Rules of Order and Procedure.

In accordance with the City Charter, Council is required to annually adopt its own rules of order of business and procedure for meetings.



ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Speaker Regulations:

Anyone wishing to speak for, against, or on agenda items must fill out a speaker card and give it to the City Secretary before speaking (cards located at the entrance to the Council Chambers). The Mayor will recognize speakers; he may impose a time limit and may provide for rebuttal. All comments and testimony are to be presented from the podium.

4. Presentation of the 2010-11 Proposed Budget.

In accordance with the City Charter, the City Manager shall submit to the City Council a Proposed Budget for the coming fiscal year prior to August 15. The City Manager will formally present his Proposed Budget for 2010-11. Following the presentation to the Council, copies of the Budget will be placed at each City library, the Office of the City Secretary, and on the City's website for public review and inspection.

5. Proposal to vote on Proposed Tax Rate for 2010-11.

In accordance with Chapter 26 of the State Property Tax Code, the Council must vote to place on the agenda of a future meeting an action item calling for the adoption of the ad valorem tax rate. This vote must be recorded and must specify the desired rate. This action is required as part of the "Truth in Taxation" legislation surrounding setting ad valorem tax rates and does not commit Council to adopting the proposed ad valorem tax rate. Two public hearings will be held prior to the adoption of the proposed tax rate.

6. Hold a public hearing on the following zoning case:

Consider the application of Skilled Healthcare, LLC requesting approval of a change in zoning from Industrial-1 (I-1) District to Health Services (HS) District. The property is located north of Westwood Drive and east of Shiloh Road. (File 10-19)

The proposal is for approval of a change of zoning from Industrial-1 (I-1) to Health Services (HS) District to allow for the construction of a skilled-care nursing facility. At the July 12, 2010 meeting, the Plan Commission (by a 6 to 0 vote) recommended approval of the change as recommended by staff.

7. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Board members are selected for two-year terms by the City Council in August. Terms are usually staggered whereby at least half of the membership has board experience. Board members are appointed based on qualifications.

8. Citizen comments.

Persons wishing to address issues not on the agenda may have three minutes to address Council at this time. Council is prohibited from discussing any item not posted according to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

9. Adjourn.

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