

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
August 5, 2008**

Council will meet beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Session

- 1. Deliberate Regarding Real Property: A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072, Texas Government Code.**
 - a. Consider the disposition of unneeded ROW located at First Street and SH78, north of Main Street**
 - b. Consider purchase or condemnation of land for the extension or expansion of Brand Road north of Beltline**

- 2. Consider Competitive Matters in the Electric Utility; The Texas Open Meetings Act does not require a public power utility governing body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate, vote or take final action on any competitive matter, as that term is defined in Subsection 551.086. "Competitive matter" means a utility-related matter that the public power utility governing body in good faith determines by a vote under this section is related to the public power utility's competitive activity, including commercial information, and would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors. Section 551.086(b)(3), Texas Government Code.**
 - a. ROP #4 Control System Upgrade Bid No. 324-08**
 - b. Power Plants CEMS Upgrade Bid No. 344-08**

**[Public comment will not be accepted during Work Session
unless Council determines otherwise.]**

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.

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.

(5:00) 1. Written Briefings:

a. 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.

b. 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, 2008, the Fund had a book balance of \$78,618,073. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

c. Suspension of Oncor Rate Filing Request

Council is requested to consider a resolution to suspend the August 8, 2008 effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's request to change rates. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the August 5, 2008 Regular Meeting.

d. Tax Note Sale

Council is requested to consider authorizing the issuance of tax notes in the amount of \$3.2 million to provide funding for the streets Capital Improvement Program. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the August 18, 2008 Regular Meeting.

e. Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant

At the July 14, 2008 Work Session, Council discussed modifications to the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program application guidelines to (1) allow City staff to submit applications as a co-applicant with neighborhoods without mandatory associations; (2) stipulate a maximum disbursement of \$100,000 within a five-year

period; and (3) include a project termination clause. If Council concurs, the proposed modifications will be incorporated into the application guidelines.

Item	Key Person
(5:30) 2. Verbal Briefings	
a. Street Name Change	Willis/Jeffus
<i>At the request of Council Members John Willis and Larry Jeffus, Council is requested to discuss a request to change the name of Marketplace Drive between Centerville Road and LaPrada Drive.</i>	
(5:45) 3. Regular Item:	
a. Preview of 2008-09 Proposed Budget	Bradford
<i>Staff will present an overview of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for 2008-09. The 2008-09 Proposed Budget document will officially be presented to Council at the August 5, 2008 Regular Meeting.</i>	
(6:15) 4. Discuss Committee Reports/Assignments	Council
5. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions	Council
• Utility Advisory Board Interview Process	
6. Discuss Consent Agenda	Council
7. Discuss Future Agenda Items	Council
(6:45) 8. Adjourn	Council
(Estimated time to consider)	