

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
August 16, 2010**

Council will meet beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

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.

- **Power Supply Strategy**

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. Assistance Request for Nonprofit Special Event

Council is requested to consider a request from the Garland Jaycees for the waiver of City services in the amount of \$9,527 for their 65th Annual Garland Jaycees Labor Day Parade. City Council Policy OPNS-29 states that requests from nonprofit organizations for donated City services in excess of \$5,000 be brought to Council for consideration.

b. Amend Tax Roll

Council annually amends the tax roll to reflect uncollected ad valorem taxes, as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Although the tax roll is reduced by this action, collection efforts continue unless the costs of those efforts exceed potential revenues. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting.

c. Downtown Parking Regulations for City-owned Facilities

Council is requested to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 33, "Transportation" of the Code of Ordinances to provide a new article relating to parking regulations for the downtown area. At this time, the only parking regulations at issue in this ordinance are those pertaining to City-owned facilities, in particular, City Hall, the Duckworth Building, the Granville Performing Arts Center, the Garland Utility Services Drive-Through Facility, and 5th Street Crossing. No other parking regulations for the downtown area are yet being proposed as part of this ordinance. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Item

Key Person

(6:10) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Interviews for an Appointment to the Texas Municipal Power Agency Board **Council**

At the July 12, 2010 Work Session, Council requested that information be posted on the City's website indicating that individuals interested in representing the City of Garland on the Texas Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors submit a letter of interest to the City Manager's Office by Friday, July 30, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. Letters were received from Jamie Ratliff and Conrad Alvarez. Council will interview each individual.

b. Texas Enterprise Zone Program - SST Truck Company LLC **Mayer**

SST Truck Company LLC plans to invest over \$5 million in its facility and equipment improvements over the next five years which will increase their Garland business personal property value by a total of \$35,230. The Garland Economic Development Partnership Steering Committee recommends that Council provide support of the nomination of SST Truck Company LLC for the Texas Enterprise Zone Program. A public hearing and consideration of an ordinance are scheduled at the August 17, 2010 Regular Meeting.

c. Administrative Services Committee Report **Lathen**

Council Member Darren Lathen, Chair of the Administrative Services Committee will provide a Committee report on the following item:

- *Policy for appointments to outside boards*

d. Community Services Committee Report **Cox**

Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chair of the Community Services Committee, will provide a Committee report on the following item:

- *Consider an ordinance to establish no parking requirements on specific days*

e. Banner Restrictions and Window Signs **Jeffus/Edwards**

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Larry Jeffus and Council Member Preston Edwards, Council is requested to discuss the current ordinance related to banner restrictions and window signs.

f. Appointments to Council Committees **Jones/Jeffus**

The Mayor will announce his new appointments to Council committees and various outside agencies. Mayor Pro Tem will also announce his appointments to the Economic Development Steering Committee.

(7:30) 3. Regular Item:

a. 2010-11 Budget Presentations **Bradford**

Staff will present the following items related to the 2010-11 Budget for Council consideration and discussion:

- *Overview of Selected Schedules in the Budget Document*
- *Employee/Retiree Health Insurance Changes*
- *Parks Departments*
- *Library*
- *Residential Solid Waste Collection – Second Container Fee*
- *Water/Wastewater Rates*

(9:00) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions **Council**

Board of Adjustment:

- *William Pierson – (Cox)*
- *Jim Bookhout – (Jeffus)*
- *Aaron Garelis – (Willis)*

Building and Fire Code:

- *Steven Hallman – (Cox)*
- *Kenneth Ray Puckett – (Willis)*

CENAC:

- *Betty Roberts – (Willis)*

Community Multicultural Commission:

- *Minerva Moreno – (Cox)*
- *Chekeitha Gray – (Willis)*

Garland Cultural Arts Commission:

- *Harlan Seagren – (Athas)*
- *Sandra Lockhart – (Cox)*
- *Blanca Sanchez – (Jeffus)*
- *Howard Gay – (Willis)*

Housing Standards Board:

- *Nicholas Oliver – (Athas)*
- *Anita Fern Goebel – (Cox)*
- *David Perry – (Jeffus)*
- *Noelia Garcia – (Willis)*

Library Board:

- *Robert Brandon, Jr. – (Willis)*

Parks and Recreation/Tree Board:

- *Ed Seghers – (Athas)*
- *Raymond Flood – (Cox)*
- *D. Cecil Williams – (Jeffus)*
- *Patsy Rogers – (Willis)*

Plan Commission:

- *Scott Roberts – (Athas)*
- *Louis Arthur Moore, Jr. – (Cox)*
- *Paul Hoffman – (Jeffus)*
- *Truett Welborn – (Willis)*

Senior Citizen Advisory Board:

- *Leea Marie Thompson-Fudge – (Athas)*
- *Claudia Jenkins – (Cox)*
- *Mina Andersen – (Willis)*

TIF (Downtown):

- *William Dunn – (Cox)*
- *Bob Duckworth – (Jeffus)*
- *Margie Sloan – (Willis)*

TIF (South):

- *Tom Jefferies – (Willis)*

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.

(9:30) 7. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)