

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
August 17, 2009**

Council will meet beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session

- 1. 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. GP&L Resource Planning Update**

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

City Council Policy No. OPNS-29 states that requests from nonprofit organizations for donated City services in excess of \$5,000 require Council approval. Council is requested to consider authorizing a request by the Garland Jaycees for the waiver of City services required for their 64th Annual Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7, 2009.

b. Confirmation of City Health Officer

Chapter 121 of the Texas Health & Safety Code requires that a local health department (city or county) which employs a non-physician Director of Health have a licensed physician to aid the Director in the control of communicable diseases within the jurisdiction. The state law requires that the Director's appointment of the City Health Officer be confirmed by Council every two years. Dr. Timothy Lambert has served as Garland's City Health Officer since June 25, 2005. Dr. Lambert's two-year term expires on September 18, 2009. Council is requested to consider reappointing Dr. Lambert for another two-year term. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.

c. Issuance of Tax Notes

Council is requested to consider authorizing the issuance of tax notes in the amount of \$5.9 million to provide funding for street improvements, fire vehicles and apparatus, and landfill closure. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 1, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Item	Key Person
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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Garland Housing Finance Corporation Update

Jackson

At the request of Council, the Garland Housing Finance Corporation will provide an update on their past, current, and future issues.

b. Process for Appointments to the UAB

Council

Council is requested to discuss the process for making appointments to the Utility Advisory Board (UAB). Last year Council appointed Tony Torres to serve as the Position 5 member and Garry Pickens as the Position 7 member for a one-year term which will expire on August 31, 2009. At the August 3, 2009 Work Session, the UAB recommended that Council reappoint Mr. Torres and Mr. Pickens for a three-year term. Both board members have indicated their desire to be reappointed.

(7:00) 3. Regular Items:

a. 2009-2011 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Grants **Montgomery**

Council is requested to discuss the funding allocations for the 2009-2011 Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Budget.

b. Regulation of Temporary Special Purpose Signs **Montgomery**

Council is requested to discuss proposed amendments to the regulations governing temporary special purpose signs. This item was considered by Council at the July 6, 2009 Work Session and a public hearing was conducted at the August 4, 2009 Regular Meeting.

(8:00) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions **Council**

- *Board of Adjustment – Jerry DeFeo, Susan Nye*
- *Building and Fire Codes Board – Roy Brunz and Phillip Brown*
- *Citizens Environmental and Neighborhood Advisory Committee – David Vines*
- *Community Multicultural Commission – Hubert Hartin, Martha Melaku, Jennifer Nguyen*
- *Garland Cultural Arts Commission – Myron Craig Wright, Reta Day, Joann Traylor, Deanne Driver*
- *Housing Standards Board – Richard McGough, John Losher, Debbie Starling*
- *Library Board – Grace Smart, Allen McCorstin, Margaret Haynes, Nelson Prater*

- *Parks & Recreation Board – David Greer, Art Whitaker, J. R. Wynne, Laura McLarry*
- *Plan Commission – Lori Dodson, Thomas Craig Shells, James Luckie, James Scott LeMay*
- *Senior Citizens Advisory Committee – Stacy Faye Jarrett, Betty Kay Krischner, Charlotte Piercy*
- *TIF Downtown – Jay Jones, Mark Zigler*
- *TIF South Garland – Camille Ussery*

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.

(10:00)7. Adjourn **Council**

(estimated time to consider)