

AGENDA

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

**October 20, 2008
6:00 p.m.**

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. Rate Mitigation Fund Quarterly Report

Council previously directed staff to report the financial position of the GP&L Rate Mitigation Fund on a quarterly basis. As of September 30, 2008, the Fund had a book balance of \$79,352,843. This balance includes all Council-approved transfers and all interest earnings since inception of the Fund.

b. Portfolio Summary

As previously directed by Council, staff is providing a quarterly report on the City's Portfolio Summary. This 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 Finance-06, Statement of Investment Policy and City Council Policy Finance-05, Statement of Investment Strategy.

c. Proposed Calendar for Review and Adoption of the 2009 Capital Improvement Program

A proposed calendar for the review and adoption of the 2009 Capital Improvement Program is being submitted for Council's consideration.

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

a. City Financial Update

Kauffman

First Southwest Company and City staff will brief Council regarding the major financial risks facing the City of Garland and actions taken to mitigate these risks.

b. Firewheel Golf Course Update

Bradford

Staff will provide an update on the Firewheel Golf Course.

c. Draft FY 2009 Annual Internal Audit Plan

Audit Committee

At the request of the Audit Committee, Council is requested to consider the draft FY 2009 Annual Audit Plan. City Council Policy No. OPNS-36 provides, "The Committee Chair shall provide the draft Annual Audit Plan to the Council for their input prior to adoption by the Audit Committee each year." City Auditor Craig Hametner will provide a brief overview of how the Annual Audit Plan is developed and will receive input from the Council.

**d. Revisions to City Council Policy No. Legal-03 Council
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse**

At the October 6, 2008 Work Session, Council discussed revising City Council Policy No. Legal - 03 – Fraud, Waste, and Abuse. A proposed revised policy is provided for Council's discussion and consideration.

e. Enforcement of Loud Music Complaints Willis/Cox

At the request of Council Members John Willis and Laura Perkins Cox, Council is requested to discuss the enforcement of loud music complaints.

f. Turnpike Overlay District Athas/Edwards

At the request of Council Members Douglas Athas and Preston Edwards, Council is requested to discuss the creation of a turnpike overlay district.

**g. Street Name Change for a Community Services
Portion of Marketplace Drive Committee**

At a previous Work Session, Council directed the Community Services Committee to review and consider a request to change the street name for a portion of Marketplace Drive. The Committee is now bringing forth their recommendation for Council's consideration.

h. Changes to Work Session Agenda Neighbor

The City Attorney will brief Council regarding changes to the Work Session agenda resulting from a recent Texas Attorney General ruling regarding the posting of notices under the Open Meetings Act.

i. Naming of the Utility Services Building **Dollar**

Council is requested to consider naming the new Utility Services Building in honor of Charles E. Duckworth, former Garland City Manager from 1965 to 1977.

j. Legislative Agenda **Dollar/Neighbor**

The City Manager and City Attorney will brief Council on proposed topics and issues for the upcoming Legislative Session.

(9:30) 3. Regular Item:

a. Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program **Montgomery**

Council is requested to discuss the submittal of an action plan for the use of Neighborhood Stabilization program funds.

(10:00) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions **Council**

Edwin "Wayne" Dalton - Lake Ray Hubbard Appeals Board

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.

(10:15)7. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)