

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
November 17, 2008**

Council will meet beginning at 5:30 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. Centerville Water Line Easements**

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. Amendment to Chapter 50, Article II, Utility Rates and Fees

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) has developed new requirements and protocols that define standards for Power Factor in regards to electronic substations. GP&L must meet the ERCOT protocols concerning power factor at each of its substations and must insure that substations owned by individual companies that are connected to the GP&L system also adhere to ERCOT protocols. Council is requested to consider amending Article II, Rates and Fees, Section 50.30, specifically, the paragraphs dealing with High-Tension Service and General Service Large, to accurately reflect the requirements of ERCOT protocols in connection with power factor. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2008 Regular Meeting.

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

a. Citizens Environmental Neighborhood Advisory Committee **Banks**

Council will be briefed on the goals and objectives for the 2008-09 Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee.

b. Land Development Performance Metrics **King**

Staff will give a presentation of the performance metrics and customer feedback regarding the land development process and services.

c. FY 2007 - 2008 Off-System Power Purchases and Sales Update **Schwertner**

Staff will provide an update on power cost savings from power marketing for FY 2007-2008.

d. Legislative Process

Williams/Willis

At the request of Council Members Rick Williams and John Willis, the City Attorney will lead a discussion with Council regarding how the City communicates with the Texas Municipal League, local State legislators, and Garland's lobbyist regarding legislation the City supports/opposes.

e. Roadside Businesses

Mayor

At the request of Mayor Ronald Jones, Council is requested to discuss roadside businesses.

f. Mayor's Good Neighbor Award

Dollar

At the request of City Manager Bill Dollar, Council is requested to consider a Mayor's Good Neighbor Award that recognizes Garland residents or property owners who have made an extraordinary commitment to improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

(8:30) 3. Regular Items:

**a. 2008 Neighborhood Stabilization
Program Budget**

Montgomery

Council is requested to discuss the allocations for funding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program budget for 2008.

4. 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.

5. 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.

(9:00) 6. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)