

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
December 2, 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. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Impaired Driving Mobilization

Council is requested to consider accepting a TxDOT Selective Traffic Enforcement Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant in the amount of \$20,000. If accepted, the grant will provide 100% salary reimbursement for police officers conducting DWI enforcement during major holiday periods from December 2008 through September 2009. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2008 Regular Meeting.

b. Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP)

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has taken over long-term rental assistance for approximately 45,000 eligible families displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through a program called Disaster Housing Assistance Program (DHAP). With an interagency agreement between HUD and FEMA, DHAP will be vital for helping families rebuild their lives, get on a path to self-sufficiency and have the opportunity to return, if they choose. Because housing authorities have experience in implementing housing assistance programs, HUD is passing on the responsibility of implementing this program to local housing authorities in the area. Council is requested to consider authorizing the HUD Disaster Housing Assistance Program.

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(6:05) 2. Verbal Briefing:

a. Castle Drive and Hinton Landfill Gas to Electric Project Update **Hancock/Banks**

Staff will update Council on the Castle Drive and Hinton Landfill Gas to Electric Project.

3. 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.

4. 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.

(6:30) 5. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)