

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
December 8, 2008**

Council will meet beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Executive Session

- 1. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.**
 - a. Annual Review of City Manager**
 - b. Annual Review of City Attorney**
 - c. Annual Review of City Auditor**

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 Briefing:

a. Governor's Gang Initiative Grant

Texas Governor Rick Perry recently announced a \$4 million grant program being released to eligible jurisdictions throughout the State that had been identified by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. These funds were allocated by the Governor's Office to increase law enforcement presence, in a uniformed overtime capacity, in order to assist the selected jurisdictions in combating transnational criminal gang activity in targeted areas. The Garland Police Department was selected as one of several major metroplex cities to receive funds under this Gang Initiative Grant and has been authorized for total funding of \$225,000. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the December 9, 2008 Regular Meeting.

Item	Key Person
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(6:10) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Update on DART's Legislative Agenda **Enoch/Whitaker**

The City of Garland's DART Board Representatives will brief Council on DART's legislative agenda for the 81st Session of the Texas Legislature. As partners in fulfilling regional transportation goals, DART is asking member cities to support their legislative initiatives by Council resolution. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the December 9, 2008 Regular Meeting.

b. Update on 2008 Health and Code Compliance Departmental Activities **Briley**

Staff will provide an update on Health and Code Compliance departmental activities in 2008.

c. Electric Standards for Consideration Per Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 **Janke**

Staff will brief Council regarding a request to consider approval of a resolution establishing a date for a public hearing to be scheduled by December 19, 2009 in order to consider certain Public Utility

Regulatory Policy Act and Energy Policy and Conservation Act Standards in accordance with the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the December 9, 2008 Regular Meeting.

(7:00) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council

*Robert Alan Smith – Community Multicultural Commission
Thomas Jerry Redden – Library 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.

(7:15) 7. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)