

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
December 8, 2009**

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

- 1. Consult with Attorney: A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (a) pending or contemplated litigation; or (b) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter. Section 551.071. Texas Government Code.**
 - a. Cause No. D-1-GN-08-003426, *Ex Parte: Texas Municipal Power Agency*; In the 126th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas (“TMPA I”)**
 - b. Cause No. D-1-GN-08-003693, *Ex Parte: Texas Municipal Power Agency*; In the 261st Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas (“TMPA II”)**
 - c. Cause No. 28,169; *Texas Municipal Power Agency v. City of Bryan*; In the 506th Judicial District Court, Grimes County, Texas**

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.

Item	Key Person
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(6:00) 1. Verbal Briefings:

- a. Economic Development Services Agreement with the Garland Chamber of Commerce** **Glenn**

In 1995, the City of Garland entered into an economic development services agreement with the Garland Chamber of Commerce. This agreement established the Garland Economic Development Partnership which consists of the City of Garland, Garland Chamber of Commerce, and the Garland Independent School District. The current economic development services agreement expires in January 2010. Council is requested to consider entering into a new agreement which shall consist of ten consecutive one-year periods through January 2019.

- b. Update on Single-Family Rental Licensing and Inspection Program** **Briley**

Council will be updated on the single-family rental program that was approved by Ordinance No. 6127 on May 1, 2007. Section 2 of this ordinance provided a "sunset clause": "That, unless reauthorized by an affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council, Section 32.09 is repealed effective on the third anniversary of the adoption of this Ordinance." Council is requested to provide direction regarding the reauthorization of Section 32.09.

- c. Update on 2009 Health and Code Compliance Departmental Activities** **Briley**

Council will be updated on Health and Code Compliance departmental activities in 2009. A copy of the 2009 Health Department Annual Productivity Report is also provided for Council's review.

- 2. 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.

3. 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.

(6:45) 4. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)