

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
November 14, 2011
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, deliberations, votes, or other final action on matters related to the City's competitive activity, including information that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors and is reasonably related to one or more of the following categories of information:

- generation unit specific and portfolio fixed and variable costs, including forecasts of those costs, capital improvement plans for generation units, and generation unit operating characteristics and outage scheduling;
- bidding and pricing information for purchased power, generation and fuel, and Electric Reliability Council of Texas bids, prices, offers, and related services and strategies;
- effective fuel and purchased power agreements and fuel transportation arrangements and contracts;
- risk management information, contracts, and strategies, including fuel hedging and storage;
- plans, studies, proposals, and analyses for system improvements, additions, or sales, other than transmission and distribution system improvements inside the service area for which the public power utility is the sole certificated retail provider; and
- customer billing, contract, and usage information, electric power pricing information, system load characteristics, and electric power marketing analyses and strategies. Sec. 551.086; TEX. GOV'T CODE; Sec. 552.133, TEX. GOV'T CODE]

Item	Key Person
(6:00) 1. Verbal Briefings:	
a. Comprehensive Plan Update	Montgomery
<i>Staff will provide an update on the Comprehensive Plan.</i>	
b. Citizen-Initiated Municipal Court Complaints	Neighbor
<i>At the request of Council Members Rick Williams and John Willis, the City Attorney will provide a briefing on the processing and prosecution of citizen-initiated criminal charges in Municipal Court. The City Attorney will present a synopsis of the Constitutional and statutory rules that govern the processing of charges in Municipal Court and a discussion of what is needed to make the successful prosecution of a citizen-initiated complaint more likely.</i>	
c. Community Services Committee Report	Cox
<i>Council Member Laura Perkins Cox, Chair of the Community Services Committee, will provide a committee report on the following item:</i>	
<i>Permitting requirements for carnivals</i>	
d. Change in December Meeting Dates	Mayor
<i>Council is requested to consider rescheduling the second regular meeting in December 2011 from December 20 to December 13. The Work Session would be held on December 12. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the November 15, 2011 Regular Meeting.</i>	
(7:30) 2. Regular Item:	
a. Proposed Adoption of the International Codes (2009 Edition)	Knight/Gaiter
<i>Council is requested to consider the recommendation of the Building and Fire Code Board and the Plumbing and Mechanical Code Board to adopt the 2009 International Fire, Residential, Building, Energy</i>	

Conservation, Plumbing, Mechanical, Property Maintenance and Fuel Gas Codes along with local amendments.

(8:15) 3. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council

- *Harry H. Wilson – Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (Edwards)*
- *Dorothy L. Brooks – Community Multicultural Commission (Mayor)*
- *Henry Evans Hammons, II – Community Multicultural Commission (Mayor)*
- *John T. Ball – Housing Standards Board (Cahill)*
- *Joanne E. Stephens – Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (Cahill)*

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.

(8:30) 6. Adjourn Council

(Estimated time to consider)