

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
September 19, 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]

(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:

a. Conveyance of City Parcels to NTTA for the President George Bush Turnpike Eastern Extension Right-of-Way

The North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) has identified twenty parcels owned by the City of Garland that will become part of the President George Bush Turnpike right-of-way. The NTTA has requested that the City of Garland convey these parcels to the authority. The interlocal agreement between the City and NTTA includes provisions for such transfers to facilitate the construction and operation of the extension. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting.

b. Sale of Property to Two C-Three C, Inc.

On May 3, 2011, property located at 914 Quincy was struck off to the City of Garland pursuant to a delinquent tax suit for \$15,198.93. Two C-Three C, Inc. has offered to purchase this lot for \$15,200, which is greater than the market value stated in the judgment. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.

c. Interlocal Agreement with El Centro College

Council is requested to consider authorizing an interlocal agreement between the City of Garland and El Centro College to provide instructional assistance and accreditation for classes delivered in the course of the Garland Fire Academy and the Garland Fire Department Continuing Education program. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the October 3, 2011 Regular Meeting.

d. Repealing of Competitive Matters Resolution

In its last session, the Texas Legislature enacted substantial revisions to the laws that govern the confidentiality of "competitive matters", that is, information that could affect the competitive interests of the City's electric utility, GP&L. Under the previous state of the law, the governing bodies of municipally-owned utilities had a great deal of authority to determine what categories of information

would be deemed to be competitive and thus excepted from disclosure. The new law removes that discretion and instead provides an "either or" categorization, that is, information is either competitive (as defined by the revised law) or it is not. Resolution No. 8383 was adopted under the old law. It is no longer relevant, and should therefore be repealed. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the September 20, 2011 Regular Meeting.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

- a. DART Board Member Report and Update on Reapportionment Resolution** **Mayor**

DART Board Members Mark Enoch and Michael Cheney will provide a report on current DART issues and update Council regarding DART's approval of a resolution selecting reapportionment of the DART Board based on the 2010 Census.

- 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.

- (7:00) 5. Adjourn** **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)