

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
September 7, 2010**

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. Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County

Council is requested to consider authorizing an interlocal agreement with Dallas County in the amount of \$174,600 to perform hot-in-place asphalt recycling on Pleasant Valley Road between Merritt Road and Elm Grove Road, and on Elm Grove Road between Pleasant Valley Road and the Hinton Landfill. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting.

b. Appointment to the Animal Services Advisory Committee

The six-person Animal Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) has a vacant position. By statute, the position is to be filled with a "county or municipal official." Letters of Interest were solicited from July 16, 2010 through August 16, 2010. Council is requested to consider the City Manager's recommendation to appoint Robby Neill to fill the vacant position on the ASAC. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting.

c. Sale of Property to Habitat for Humanity

Council is requested to consider authorizing the sale of a vacant lot located at 826 June to Habitat for Humanity for \$13,000. The vacant lot was struck off to the City of Garland pursuant to a delinquent tax suit. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

d. Atmos Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) Settlement

Council is requested to consider an ordinance and attached rate tariffs with Atmos Mid-Tex Division to change residential and commercial gas rates pursuant to the RRM process. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

e. Naming of the Main Auditorium at the Granville Arts Center

At their July meeting, the Garland Cultural Arts Commission recommended that Council consider naming the main auditorium at the Granville Arts Center the "Linda Brownlee Auditorium," in recognition of the outstanding leadership of Linda Brownlee, a longtime supporter of the arts in Garland and former chairperson of the Cultural Arts Commission. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

f. Utility Easement Abandonment – St. Thomas – The Apostle Church Addition, Lot 1, Block 1

Council is requested to consider authorizing the abandonment of an existing 18 foot by 33.5 foot utility easement situated in the St. Thomas – The Apostle Church Addition. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

g. Utility Easement Abandonment – Barger's Subdivision, Part of Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1

Council is requested to consider authorizing the abandonment of an existing 8 foot utility easement situated in Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block 1 of Barger's Subdivision. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

h. Downtown Square Design Contract

Council is requested to consider authorizing a contract with David C. Baldwin, Inc. for consulting services for the Downtown Square design project. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 21, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Item	Key Person
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(6:15) 2. Regular Items:

a. Petition for Traffic Regulation in Private Subdivision

Council is requested to consider extending the general traffic regulations that are applicable to public streets to roads that are privately owned and maintained within the Retreat at Firewheel subdivision.

b. Discussion of 2010-11 Proposed Budget (Contingency Only)

This item is posted in the event that Council wishes to continue discussions, deliberations, or staff presentations related to the 2010-11 Proposed Budget.

3. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council

*Barbara R. Powers – CENAC (Athas)
Christopher Ott – Plan Commission (Lathen)
Aaron Garelis – Board of Adjustment (Willis)
Kenneth Ray Puckett – Building and Fire Code (Willis)
Betty Roberts – CENAC (Willis)
Chekeitha Gray – Community Multicultural Commission (Willis)
Howard Gay – Garland Cultural Arts Commission (Willis)
Noelia Garcia – Housing Standards Board (Willis)
Robert Brandon, Jr. – Library Board (Willis)
Patsy Rogers – Parks and Recreation (Willis)
Truett Welborn – Plan Commission (Willis)
Mina Andersen – Senior Citizen Advisory Board (Willis)
Margie Sloan – TIF Downtown (Willis)
Tom Jefferies – TIF South (Willis)*

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.

(6:45) 6. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)