

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
July 18, 2011**

Council will meet in executive session beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will meet in open work session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The City Council will meet in executive session to:

- 1. Consider Competitive Matters in the Electric Utility. The Texas Open Meetings Act does not require a public power utility governing body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate, vote or take final action on any competitive matter, as that term is defined by Section 552.133. "Competitive matter" means a utility-related matter that is related to the public power utility's competitive activity, including commercial information, and would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors. Section 552.133(a-1), Texas Government Code.**
 - a. Consider approval of a proposal regarding the City's participation in a transmission project to be located in North Texas and consider authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements to allow the City's participation in the project.**

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. Animal Services Advisory Committee Report **Fowler**

The Animal Services Advisory Committee (ASAC) is a six-person committee authorized by Section 22.23 of the Code of Ordinances to provide advice to the Council and Managing Director of Health in regards to the Animal Shelter operation. Mr. Pat Fowler, chair of the ASAC, will update Council on the committee's activities and staff will provide status on key departmental initiatives.

b. Proposed Changes to Section 32.07 Multi-Family Licensing **Briley**

On April 4, 2011, the Community Services Committee recommended that Council consider modifications to Section 32.07 that regulates the licensing and inspection of multifamily dwellings. Staff will present the proposed amended ordinance.

c. Removal of Property from Recycling Bins Placed for Collection by the City **Jeffus/Edwards**

At the request of Council Members Larry Jeffus and Preston Edwards, Council will discuss the issue of individuals removing property from red recycling bins placed for collection by the City.

(7:30) 2. Regular Items:

a. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant **Knight**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response program (SAFER) is a funding initiative designed to strengthen the nation's ability to respond to emergency incidents and improve the nation's overall level of preparedness. The Garland Fire Department has been awarded a SAFER grant in the amount of \$666,468 from the DHS to hire six firefighters.

**b. Amendment to Chapters 30 and 34 of the Edwards/Jeffus
Code of Ordinances Regarding Electronic Signs**

At the request of Council Members Preston Edwards and Larry Jeffus, Council is requested to discuss proposed amendments to Section 30.104(A) and (B) and Section 30.108(A) and (B) of the Code of Ordinances (Article VI) Sign Regulations, and Section 34.21(C)(2)(a) and (b) and Section 34.21(D)(1)(a) and (b) of the Development Standards for SH190, IH30, and IH635 corridors regarding electronic signs in residential and nonresidential zoning districts.

(8:30) 3. Discuss Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees Council

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.

(8:45) 6. Adjourn Council

(Times are estimated.)