



GARLAND

Mission

We serve to grow public trust and a thriving Garland community, today and for the future.

CITY OF GARLAND WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Vision

Garland will be an engaged and vibrant community that residents proudly call home.

The Garland City Council extends to all visitors a sincere welcome. We value your interest in our community and your participation in the meetings of this governing body. Visit GarlandTX.gov/Council for a full list of meeting dates.

The Council Chambers at Garland City Hall is wheelchair accessible, and ADA parking is available on the street as well as in the public parking garage. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services must contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Braille is not available.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code, one or more members of the City Council may attend this meeting by internet/video remote means. A quorum of the City Council, as well as the presiding officer, will be physically present at the above-identified location. Members of the public that desire to make a public comment must attend the meeting in person.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORK SESSION ITEMS

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any Work Session item at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers are allowed three minutes each, grouped by agenda item and called in the order of the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a speaker card (located at the entrance to the Council Chambers and on the visitor's side of the Work Session Room) and give it to the City Secretary before the Mayor calls the meeting to order. Speakers are limited to addressing items on the Work Session agenda only. Items on a Regular Meeting agenda should be addressed at the respective Regular Meeting. Items not currently on an agenda may be addressed during the citizen comments portion of any Regular Meeting.

CONSIDER THE CONSENT AGENDA

Council may ask for discussion or further information on any item posted in the consent agenda of the next Regular Meeting. Council may also ask that an item on the consent agenda be pulled and considered for a vote separate from the consent agenda at the next Regular Meeting. All discussions or deliberations are limited to posted agenda items and may not include new or unposted subject matter.

WRITTEN BRIEFINGS

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a written briefing.

1. **Abandonment of Portion of Utility Easement in the Garland High School No. IV Addition**

Council is requested to consider the abandonment of a portion of a Utility Easement in the Garland High School No. IV Addition to the current property owner, Garland Independent School District. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting.

2. Consider an Ordinance in Support of Foreign-Trade Zone Designation

Consider an ordinance supporting the establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) within the city limits, as authorized under Texas Business & Commerce Code Chapter 681. Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff will draft the ordinance for consideration at the August 4, 2025 Work Session and will schedule formal consideration at the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting.

3. Fire/EMS Stakeholder Committee – Committee Composition and Overview

Presentation of the final proposed committee slate and purpose of the Fire/EMS Stakeholder Committee

4. Pending Items List - City Council Committees and Future Work Sessions

An informational update with a dated list of items referred to Council Committees by two Councilmembers. These items are currently under committee-level discussion and remain pending. No Council action is requested at this time; items will return to the full Council with a report from the committee chair upon completion of committee review. This item also includes a list of future Work Session items that have been referred by Council. These items may not yet be scheduled, but remain in the queue for placement on future agendas.

VERBAL BRIEFINGS

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a verbal briefing.

5. Spring Creek Forest Preserve - Briefing

Staff continues to coordinate restoration efforts following clearing activity in the Spring Creek Forest Preserve. This item provides an update on the City's response, including restoration planning and ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders.

Presenter: Judson Rex, City Manager, Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager, Michael Brinkman, Managing Director-Water

6. DART Overview

Staff will provide the Council with an overview of issues related to the funding and governance of DART.

Presenter: Judson Rex, City Manager

7. Flood Emergency Preparedness

Staff will provide an overview of current flood preparedness efforts, including planning, coordination, and public communication strategies related to flood response. This item was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and seconded by Councilmember Beard on July 8, 2025.

Presenter: Joseph Ellis, Emergency Management Director, Michael Polocek, Engineering Director

8. Overview on Senate Bill 840

Staff will provide an overview of recently passed Senate Bill 840 and its potential impact.

Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director

9. Update on Garland Police School Resource Officer (SRO) Program

Staff will provide an update on recent discussions regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO) program, including key takeaways and potential next steps.

Presenter: Jeffrey Bryan, Chief of Police

10. Update on Pet Limits & Wildlife Trapping

Staff will present an update on current practices and trends related to pet limits and wildlife trapping. The request to review these items was made on August 17, 2024 by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and seconded by Councilmember Dutton.

Presenter: Uriel Villalpando, Interim Animal Services Director, Justin Craft, Animal Services Manager

11. Audit Committee Meeting Report

Staff will provide City Council with updates on recently completed audits by the Internal Audit Department.

Presenter: Jedson Johnson, City Auditor

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Terms are usually staggered whereby at least half of the membership has previous experience. Members are appointed based on qualifications.

12. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott

- **Louis Moore - Library Board**

13. Councilmember Ed Moore

- **Aju Mathew - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**

ANNOUNCE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Councilmember, 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 of a committee of the City Council. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council will adjourn into executive session pursuant to sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate and discuss the following:

- 14. A potential offer by the City of financial and other incentives to a business prospect and the receipt of commercial or financial information that the City has received from that same business prospect, which the City seeks to have locate within the city in the area of South Garland Avenue and Wilson Street, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (551.087); and attorney/client communications related to the same. (551.071).**
- 15. A potential offer by the City of financial and other incentives to a business prospect and the receipt of commercial or financial information that the City has received from that same business prospect which the City seeks to have locate within downtown district of the City, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (551.087), including the possibility of the sale of real property (551.072), and attorney/client communications related to the same. (551.071).**
- 16. A potential offer by the City of financial and other incentives to a business prospect and the receipt of commercial or financial information that the City has received from that same business prospect which the City seeks to have locate within downtown district, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (551.087), including the possibility of the lease of real property (551.072), and attorney/client communications related to the same. (551.071).**

ADJOURN

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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 to 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]

Each year, the City Council reviews and updates its goals for the Garland community and City operations. City management uses the goals to guide operational priorities, decision-making and resource allocation.



