



GARLAND

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The City Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 8:30 AM on August 16, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Dylan Hedrick
Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Lucht
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Ott
Councilmember Jeff Bass
Councilmember Kris Beard
Councilmember Ed Moore
Councilmember BJ Williams
Councilmember Carissa Dutton
Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr.

Staff Present: Jud Rex, City Manager
Mitch Bates, Deputy City Manager
Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager
Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Brian England, City Attorney
Matt Watson, Chief Financial Officer
Allyson Bell Steadman, Budget and Financial Strategy Director
D'Lee Williams, Managing Director-Parks & Recreation
Mark Lee, Fire Chief
Chris Hoofnagle, Landfill Director
Michael Brinkmann, Managing Director-Water
Uriel Villalpando, Sanitation Director
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the audience wishing to address issues not on the meeting agenda may have three minutes to speak. However, according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing any item not on the posted agenda.

Bob Duckworth.

Agenda:

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item related to the FY26 Proposed Budget.

1. Overview of FY26 Proposed Budget and navigating the budget document presentation

Jud Rex, Matt Watson, and Allyson Bell Steadman will provide a detailed overview of the FY 2025-

26 Proposed Annual Operating Budget and budget document.

Presenter: Judson Rex, City Manager, Matthew Watson, Managing Director-Financial Services, Allyson Bell Steadman, Director of Budget & Research

Councilmember Williams arrived at 8:33 a.m. Ms. Bell Steadman presented an overview of the budget, highlighting key priorities, the property tax base, general fund revenues and expenditures, anticipated revenue changes, and proposed Strategic Partnership Program (SPP) initiatives. Mr. Rex provided a summary of the Group Health Fund, including proposed rate adjustments. Mr. Watson shared a long-term financial outlook and offered insights into the anticipated tax rate election in 2026. Councilmember Dutton arrived at 8:43 a.m.

2. Department presentations on FY26 Proposed Budget:

a. Parks and Recreation Department

D'Lee Williams will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY26 Proposed Budget for Parks and Recreation & proposed fee changes.

Presenter: D'Lee Williams, Managing Director-Parks and Recreation

Councilmember Bass arrived at 9:06 a.m. Ms. Williams provided a presentation outlining new funding requests associated with the upcoming Surf & Swim facility. She also reviewed the proposed fee structure related to the facility's operations and answered questions of the Council. Mayor Hedrick announced that the Council was retiring into a short break at 10:01 a.m. Mayor Hedrick reconvened the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

b. Fire Department

Chief Mark Lee will provide an overview of proposed fee changes.

Presenter: Mark Lee, Fire Chief

Chief Lee provided a presentation outlining proposed fees and providing updates on related initiatives and answered questions of the Council. Councilmember Williams left the dais at 11:12 a.m. and returned at 11:18 a.m.

c. Landfill Department

Chris Hoofnagle will provide an overview of proposed fee changes.

Presenter: Chris Hoofnagle, Landfill Director

Mr. Hoofnagle provided a presentation on an overview of the proposed fee changes and answered questions of the Council. Mayor Hedrick announced that the Council would be retiring into recess for a lunch break at 11:22 a.m. Mayor Hedrick reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

d. Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 (TIF #2)

Matt Watson will provide an overview of proposed changes to the TIF #2 Project and Financing Plan, including proposed modifications to the TIF boundaries, proposed extension of the TIF life beyond December 2025, and proposed TIF revenue projections and uses.

Presenter: Matthew Watson, Managing Director-Financial Services

Mr. Watson delivered a presentation outlining the changes to the TIF #2 Project and Financing Plan and discussed the updated implementation strategy for Tax Increment Financing District #2.

e. Water and Wastewater Utility Funds

Michael Brinkmann will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY26 Proposed Budget for Water and Wastewater Utilities & proposed rate changes.

Presenter: Michael Brinkmann, Managing Director-Water

Mr. Brinkmann delivered a presentation highlighting the challenges associated with aging infrastructure. He discussed both current and anticipated future issues and presented the funding requests for FY26.

f. Sanitation Utility Fund

Uriel Villalpando will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY26 Proposed Budget for Sanitation Utilities & proposed rate changes.

Presenter: Uriel Villalpando, Sanitation Director

Mr. Villalpando delivered a presentation and outlined the funding requests for FY26.

3. Council discussion and deliberation on FY26 Proposed Budget

City Council, with support from various City Staff, will discuss the FY 2025-26 Proposed Annual Operating Budget and provide direction to Staff as applicable.

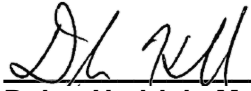
Staff answered questions of the Council.

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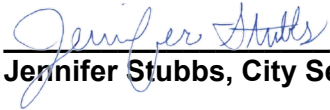
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Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Submitted By:



Dylan Hedrick, Mayor



Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

