

Work Session Room at City Hall
Monday, May 19, 2025
6 p.m.



William E. Dollar Municipal Building
200 N. Fifth St.
Garland, Texas

GARLAND

CITY OF GARLAND WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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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 Utility Easement and Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement in Digital Realty Addition

Council is requested to consider the abandonment of a Utility Easement and a Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement in the Digital Realty subdivision to the current property owner, Digital Garland Campbell, L.P. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.

VERBAL BRIEFINGS

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

2. Garland Youth Council End-of-Year Recap

GYC members and staff liaisons will provide an overview of learning and service activities that occurred over 2024-25, as well as provide an update on recruitment for 2025-26. An update on recruitment and incentive programs for the Garland Youth Council was requested by Councilmember B.J. Williams at the July 15, 2024 Work Session.

3. Interview for Appointment to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board

Information was posted on the City website in order to provide an opportunity for citizens to apply for the North Texas Municipal Water District Board position. At the close of the notice period on May 12, 2025, four applicants, Lori Barnett Dodson, Tomas Perez, Robert Cooper, and Jose Orozco responded. An interview has been scheduled for May 19, 2025. Council is scheduled to formally appoint a representative to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board at the May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting.

4. Proposed Lease Agreement for Soccer Complex and Training Facility

Staff will brief City Council on the proposed lease agreement for a multipurpose soccer complex and training facility to be located at the intersection of Holford Road and the President George Bush Turnpike. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.

5. Presentation of an Advanced Meter Infrastructure System for the City of Garland

Council is requested to consider the approval of installing new infrastructure that will allow for remote communication with both electric and water meters. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting.

6. Accreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

Staff will provide a report on the Parks and Recreation Department's progress toward national accreditation.

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

7. Deliberate or discuss:

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:

1. 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 located within the City in the area of President George Bush Turnpike and Holford Road, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (551.087), and which may include the sale or 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]*

Mission

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

Vision

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

Strategic Focus Areas



Safe Community



Well-Maintained
City Infrastructure



Reliable, Cost-Efficient
Utility Services



Sound Governance
and Finances



Vibrant Neighborhoods
and Commercial Centers



Customer-Focused
City Services



Growing
Economic Base



Future-Focused
City Organization



Enhanced Quality of
Life through Amenities,
Arts and Events



Commercially Thriving
Downtown

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