



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Services Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 10:00 AM on August 28, 2025, in the Council Chambers at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Councilmember Carissa Dutton
Councilmember Jeff Bass
Councilmember Kris Beard

Staff Present: Kevin Slay, Managing Director, Staff Liaison
Brian England, City Attorney
Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Becky King, Managing Director
D'Lee Williams, Managing Director
Mandy Pippen, Health
Brian Morris, Code Compliance
Uriel Villapando, Sanitation
Lance Polster, Code Compliance
Chris Harris, Code Compliance
Shawn Weinstein, Building Inspection
Laura De La Vega, Neighborhood Vitality
Oswaldo Rodriguez, Sanitation
Scott Bollinger, Assistant to the City Manager

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the March 27, Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Beard to approve the March 27 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers for Public Comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Review Neighborhood Matching Grant Applications

The Committee will review Neighborhood Matching Grants applications.

Staff presented one application for the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program by the Shores of Wellington HOA, including two options for the Committee's consideration. Councilmember Bass asked clarifying questions regarding public use and access, and about maintenance responsibilities. Councilmembers Beard and Dutton also asked clarifying questions. Staff ensured that an instrument guaranteeing public access would be included in the executed funding agreement, if City Council approves the application.

A motion to approve the application for full City Council consideration was made by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Beard. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Discuss Nighttime Pop-up Businesses on Private Property

This is a continuation of the discussion from the March 27 Community Services Committee meeting. This item was submitted to the Committee for a scoping discussion during the Feb 17 Work Session by Council Member Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lucht.

Staff presented information about a pilot program for enforcement. Councilmember Bass inquired about the scope of staff's activity and if it met the expectations of the referring councilmember. Councilmember Beard asked how recidivism would be addressed, which staff resolves through targeted enforcement. Councilmember Beard also asked about citation amounts. Councilmember Dutton recommended, if approved by City Council, periodic status updates.

c. Discuss Outside Storage of Tires at Businesses

This is a continuation of the discussion from the March 27, 2025, Community Committee meeting. The item was submitted to the Committee by Council member Williams, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lucht at the March 3 Work Session.

Staff presented information on 56 tire shops. Councilmember Bass asked if any tire shop owners had been consulted, which staff said they had not. Councilmember Bass also asked for clarity regarding display as opposed to storage and reiterated a desire to consider the perspective of tire shop owners. Councilmember Beard asked clarifying questions about defining "display" and how it is enforced. City Attorney England confirmed that "temporary display" is defined in current ordinances.

The direction of the Committee to staff is to consult with tire shop operators regarding this issue.

d. Discuss Adopt-A- Street Program: Scoping

The Committee will discuss the Adopt-A-Street program. This item was referred to the Committee by Council Members Bass and Hedrick.

Councilmember Bass requested information on a traditional Adopt-a-Street program. Staff provided information about incorporating the existing volunteer program and requested parameters for setting up this program, if desired by City Council. Councilmember Bass suggested starting in particular corridors or areas and having rules for enforcing a lack of maintenance. Staff mentioned past efforts failing due to a lack of continued interest and volunteers. Councilmember Dutton suggested incorporating companies or agencies having mandatory community service hours, and working with the Chamber of Commerce to connect these efforts with businesses.

Staff will present more information on this at a future Community Services Committee meeting.

e. Discuss Lake Ray Hubbard Area Maintenance: Scoping

The Committee will discuss Lake Ray Hubbard area maintenance. This item was referred to the Community Services Committee by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and Council Member Moore.

Councilmember Dutton tabled this item due to the referring councilmember, Councilmember Moore, being unable to attend.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were announced.

5. ADJOURN

At 11:03 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Councilmember Carissa Dutton, Chair

Scott Bollinger, Secretary