



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Community Services Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 10:00 AM on September 25, 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, Chair
Councilmember Jeff Bass
Councilmember Kris Beard

Staff Present: Kevin Slay, Managing Director, Staff Liaison
Jud Rex, City Manager
Brian England, City Attorney
Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager
Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Becky King, Managing Director
Tiffany Veno, Chief Communications Officer
Brian Morris, Code Compliance
Chris Harris, Code Compliance
Lance Polster, Code Compliance
Shawn Weinstein, Building Inspection
Laura De La Vega, Neighborhood Vitality

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the August 28 Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Beard and seconded by Councilmember Bass to approve the August 28 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. Discuss Outside Storage of Tires at Businesses

This is a continuation of the discussion from the August 28, 2025, Community Services Committee meeting. The item was assigned to the Committee after a motion by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht at the March 3 Work Session.

Morris described the current ordinance that governs outdoor displays. Morris reported that the Committee requested to hear from tire shop operators, whom the Code Compliance Department arranged to appear.

The first operator described day-to-day operations, with a particular concern being overflowing tire bins and stolen tires. The next two operators describe dumping issues at their locations and the expense of tire disposal. There was some discussion about tire acceptance and recycling, later deemed outside the scope of this agenda item.

Morris described how education and enforcement activities will be considered. CM Dutton anticipates making a future agenda item request.

b. Lake Ray Hubbard: Scoping

The Committee will discuss Lake Ray Hubbard area maintenance. The item was assigned to the Committee following a motion by Councilmember Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht.

CM Dutton invited CM Moore to speak on this topic. CM Moore described the issue primarily as litter and debris that builds up on the Garland shores of Lake Ray Hubbard. CM Moore acknowledged the efforts of City staff, volunteers, and residents in addressing the issue over the years. However, after meeting with the Honorable Paula Blackmon of the City of Dallas, he is seeking a comprehensive, ongoing solution to this issue.

City Manager Judson Rex spoke about how staff has also researched the issue, including speaking with the City of Dallas (DWU) Water Director, and confirmed that they have resources to assist with this effort. City staff is currently reviewing the logistics of how that arrangement will work, and have allocated some funding to support these efforts.

CM Dutton asked staff about the possibility of building a seawall. ACM Hesser stated that, as part of the deployment of the 2025 Grow Garland Bond Program for Harbor Point, wall construction is being considered. CM Bass asked about the history of the City of Dallas for these types of efforts, and what agreements other municipalities might have for these efforts. ACM Hesser stated that there is no formal or official recourse in the written agreements for this type of maintenance. CM Dutton asked about installing litter traps. ACM Hesser responded that several technologies have been researched, but none currently fit the Garland situation. The Committee granted City staff until December to research potential solutions. CM Moore praised City Council and staff for their willingness and efforts.

c. Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Guidelines: Scoping

The Committee will discuss the current guidelines for participation in the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant program. The item was referred to the Committee by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Dutton.

The Committee tabled this item until October 23.

d. Emergency Weather Alerts Posted on Social Media: Scoping

The Committee will discuss emergency weather alerts posted on the City of Garland's social media accounts. This item was referred to the Committee by Councilmember Dutton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht.

Veno described how weather alerts are currently distributed via City-administered social media channels. She also described how the automatic message distribution among multiple social media channels malfunctioned during a recent weather event but has since been restored. CM Dutton asked if NextDoor could be added to the social media distribution. Veno responded that is not in the current workflow, but that she will investigate if that is possible.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items announced

5. ADJOURN

At 11:40 a.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:

Councilmember Carissa Dutton, Chair

Scott Bollinger, Secretary