

Work Session Room at City Hall
Monday, December 1, 2025
6:00 PM



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

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. **Revision of City of Garland Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Emergency Ambulance Service**

Council is requested to consider revisions to Chapter 21 regarding charity care removal and EMS billing for residents. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

2. Abandonment of a Utility Easement and Portions of Two Utility Easements in the proposed Mission Hills Phase 1

Council is requested to consider the abandonment of a Utility Easement and portions of two additional Utility Easements in the proposed Mission Hills Phase 1 subdivision. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

3. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program-State 2026

Council is requested to consider approval of the FY 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-State funding request. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

4. Texas First Responder Mental Health Program Grant 2026

Council is requested to consider approval of the FY 2026 Texas First Responder Mental Health Program Grant funding request. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

5. TxDOT Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) Grant 2026

Council is requested to consider approval of the FY 2026 TxDOT Impaired Driving Mobilization Grant. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 2, 2025 Regular Meeting.

6. Annual Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategy

Annual Review of City Councils Investment Policy and Investment Strategy as required by the Public Funds Investment Act. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 16, 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.

7. Professional Design Services for Granville Arts Center Renovation

Proposition C of the 2025 Bond Program allocates \$25 million to renovate the Granville Arts Center. A Request for Qualifications process has been completed for Professional Design Services, and Council is requested to consider an award. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Amy Rosenthal, Cultural Arts Director

8. South Garland Lakeside Area Plan Update

An overview will be provided to the City Council on the South Garland Lakeside Area Plan. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the December 16, 2025 Council Meeting.

Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director

9. Public Safety Committee Report - Fire | EMS Stakeholder Committee Update

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ott, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and Staff, will brief Council on the work and progress to date of the Fire and EMS Stakeholder Committee.

Presenter: Christopher Ott, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Letecia McNatt, Assistant to the City Manager

10. 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

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 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate and discuss the following:

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- 1. Personnel matters related to an active investigation into employee conduct, duties, and performance (551.074); and attorney/client matters related to the same (551.071).**
- 2. Personnel matters related to the performance, appointment, employment, evaluation, or duties of the City Auditor and City Attorney (551.074); and attorney/client matters 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.



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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



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