



# GARLAND

## 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.

### CITY OF GARLAND WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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](http://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. GP&L Transmission Engineering Office Building Lease

*Council is requested to consider a GP&L Transmission Engineering Office Building Lease Agreement. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**2. Calling the 2026 General Election for May 2, 2026**

*Council is requested to consider an ordinance ordering a General Election for the City of Garland to be held on May 2, 2026 for the purpose of electing Councilmembers to respectively represent Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5, providing for a run-off election if needed, and providing for other matters relating to the conduct of the election. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**VERBAL BRIEFINGS**

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

**3. Introduction of Sarah Washburn, Police Legal Advisor**

*Council will be introduced to Sarah Washburn, the City's new Police Legal Advisor.*

**Presenter: Brian England, City Attorney**

**4. Introduction of Lilly Clarke, Managing Director**

*Council will be introduced to Lilly Clarke, the City's new Managing Director of Human Resources.*

**Presenter: Matthew Watson, Assistant City Manager**

**5. Garland Fire Department and RightSite for Non-emergency Patients**

*Council is requested to consider approval for Garland Fire Department and Garland Police Department Dispatch to contract with RightSite to assist non-emergency patients and improve ambulance availability. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**Presenter: Keith Webb, Assistant Fire Chief, Larry Movsik, RightSite**

**6. Agreement with the City of Garland and Parkland ILA Update**

*Council is requested to consider approving the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Garland and Parkland Hospital to launch the Parkland Telehealth Pod pilot program at the South Garland Library. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**Presenter: Karen Archibald, Library Director**

**7. Consider an Ordinance Ordering a Special Home-Rule Election**

*Council is requested to consider an ordinance ordering and providing notice of a special home-rule election to be held on May 2, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters a nonbinding proposition regarding the provision of telehealth services by a fee within the City utility bill. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**Presenter: Brian England, City Attorney, Mike Betz, Interim City Manager**

**8. Discussion & Final Direction on the 2026 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

*Council will continue the discussion and provide final direction to Staff on the 2026 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP). If changes have been proposed to the CIP by City Council during the discussions in January, Staff will provide an overview of any/all proposed changes received to date.*

**Presenter: Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer**

**9. Travel Expenses Related to Mayor Pro Tem Lucht's Attendance at the 2026 Texas Police Chiefs Association Summit**

*Council will discuss whether to approve, by consensus, travel expenses related to Mayor Pro Tem Lucht's Attendance at the 2026 Texas Police Chiefs Association Summit.*

**Presenter: Margaret Lucht, Mayor Pro Tem**

**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, 551.072, and 552.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate and discuss the following:

- 10. Discuss or deliberate commercial or financial information that the City has received from one or more business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the downtown district of the City, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations (551.087); including the potential sale, exchange, or value of real property in the vicinity of W. Avenue A and S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street (551.072); and attorney/client communications related to the same (551.071).**

**ADJOURN**

All Work Sessions of the Garland City Council are broadcast live on CGTV, Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and Frontier FIOS TV 44. Meetings are rebroadcast at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Sundays. Live streaming and on-demand videos of the meetings are also available online at [GarlandTX.tv](http://GarlandTX.tv). Copies of the meetings can be purchased through the City Secretary's Office (audio CDs are \$1 each and DVDs are \$3 each).

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



Commercially  
Thriving Downtown