



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. Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Funding Request - Fall 2025 Cycle

Council is requested to consider approval of the Fall 2025 Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant request from the neighborhoods below:

1. Heron's Bay
2. Oakcrest Addition
3. Oaks at Stoney Creek

Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.

2. Police Contact Data Report 2025

In accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling statute (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 2B, Subchapter B), the Garland Police Department has collected police contact data to identify and respond to racial profiling concerns since its inception. The statute requires the Garland Police Department to submit this report to the Council by March 1 of each year, covering data from the previous calendar year.

3. Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone Number Two (TIF #2) Amended Project and Financing Plan

At the November 3, 2025 Work Session, staff provided an overview of a TIF #2 Board recommendation to extend the termination date of the zone until December 31, 2045; expand the geographic boundaries of the zone; and, amend the TIF #2 Project and Financing Plan. On December 17, 2025, the TIF #2 Board met and recommended approval of the amended Project and Financing Plan, with allocation of 50% of TIF Funds to the City's General Fund. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.

4. Investment Portfolio Report

The Quarterly Investment Portfolio Report is being presented to City Council for review.

VERBAL BRIEFINGS

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

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. Council considered this item at the February 2, 2026 Work Session. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Mark Lee, Fire Chief, Larry Movsik, RightSite

6. Code Compliance Civil Citation Program

Council is requested to consider implementing a civil citation program. This program would help to expedite enforcement and reduce compliance timelines within the city. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Brian Morris, Director of Code Compliance

7. Acquisition of Improved Real Property Located at 201-225 North 10th Street

Council is requested to consider the purchase of improved real property located at 201-225 North 10th Street from the State of Texas General Land Office (GLO), and to authorize the City Manager to execute such documents necessary to complete the transaction. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.
Presenter: Niels Brown, Real Estate Director, Ayako Schuster, Economic Development Director

8. Acquisition of Improved Real Property Located at 616-618 North 5th Street

Council is requested to consider the purchase of improved real property located at 616-618 North 5th Street from Absolute Diplomacy, LLC, and to authorize the City Manager to execute such documents necessary to complete the transaction. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.
Presenter: Niels Brown, Real Estate Director, Amy Rosenthal, Cultural Arts Director

9. Transportation, Infrastructure and Mobility (TIM) Committee Report Update

Councilmember Thomas Jr., Chair of the TIM Committee, and Staff will brief Council on the Alley Petition Program and the Drainage Participation Program.
Presenter: Joe Thomas Jr., Councilmember, Michael Polocek, Engineering Director

10. Administrative Services Committee Report

Councilmember Beard, Chair of the Administrative Services Committee and Staff, will brief Council on recommending approval of a one-year engagement with Clear Career Professionals to support the evaluation of Council appointees.
Presenter: Kris Beard, Councilmember

11. 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, Mistie Gardner, Managing Director-Emergency Management

12. Community Services Committee Report

Councilmember Dutton, Chair of the Community Services Committee, and Staff will present updates on the following items: the Adopt-a-Spot program, referred on March 28, 2025, by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Mayor Hedrick; revisions to the Neighborhood Vitality Matching Grant Guidelines, referred on August 28, 2025, by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Dutton; and mailers distributed by third parties, referred on September 15, 2025, by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and seconded by Councilmember Dutton.
Presenter: Carissa Dutton, Chair, Scott Bollinger, Neighborhood Resources Director

13. Legislative & Public Affairs Committee Report

Ariel Traub, Managing Director of Legislative & Public Affairs, will discuss the impact of H.R. 1 "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" and ask Council to consider consultant services to explore alcohol retail sales options.
Presenter: Ariel Traub, Managing Director

CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Terms are usually staggered whereby at least half of the membership has previous experience. Members are appointed based on qualifications.

14. Mayor Dylan Hedrick

- Subhi Gharbieh - Board of Adjustment

15. Council Member Joe Thomas Jr.

- Edgar Miranda - Plan Commission

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, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate and discuss the following:

- 16. 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. 6th Street (551.072); and attorney/client communications related to the same (551.071).**
- 17. Consultation with City Attorney to receive legal advice and attorney/client communication regarding contractual obligations and matters related to the Master Telehealth Services Agreement (551.071).**
- 18. Personnel matters related to the hiring of a City Manager (551.074) and to consult with the City Attorney (551.071) regarding the same.**

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. 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