



# GARLAND

## MINUTES

The Community Services Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 10:01 a.m. on January 22, 2026, in the Work Session Room 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  
Councilmember Joe Thomas, Jr.

Staff Present: Kevin Slay, Managing Director, Staff Liaison  
Kurt Banowsky, Assistant City Attorney  
Scott Bollinger, Neighborhood Resources Director  
Laura De La Vega, Sr. Planner  
Becky King, Managing Director  
Brian Morris, Code Compliance Director  
Chris Hoofnagle, Landfill Director  
Uriel Villapando, Sanitation Director  
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Consider approval of the December 18, 2025 Community Services Committee Meeting Minutes**

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

There was no one who wished to speak under public comments.

### 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Review Neighborhood Matching Grant Guidelines**

*Staff will review the guidelines for the Neighborhood Matching Grants. This item was scoped at the September 25, 2025 Community Services Committee Meeting, and the item was referred to the Committee by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Dutton at the August 28, 2025 Work Session.*

**Presenter: Laura De La Vega, Sr. Planner**

Staff reviewed proposed updates to the Neighborhood Matching Grant guidelines following a prior scoping meeting. Updates included clarifying eligibility for replacing amenities that have outlived their useful life on a case-by-case basis, allowing trees with a 20+ year lifespan, requiring permanent signage for publicly accessible amenities, and expanding the Letter of Intent requirement to all applicants. The Committee supported the revised guidelines and directed staff to present them to Council at the second meeting in

February.

**b. Review Neighborhood Matching Grant Fall Applications**

*The Committee will review the Neighborhood Matching Grant applications.*

**Presenter: Laura De La Vega, Sr. Planner**

Staff presented new funding requests from Heron's Bay, Oakcrest Addition, and Oaks at Stony Creek. The Committee reviewed the applications and provided feedback. Staff also presented updated requests from Shores of Wellington, which included a significant scope and location change.

Speaker on the Item: Ed Seghers.

Councilmember Bass left the dais at 11:01 a.m. and returned at 11:04 a.m. The Committee expressed concerns regarding public access, playground removal, and consistency with prior Council direction and directed staff to proceed with the originally approved project scope and location. All grant recommendations will be reported to Council at the second meeting in February.

**c. Used Tire Disposal and Recycling**

*The Committee will have a scoping discussion over used Tire Disposal and Recycling. The item was referred to the Committee by Councilmember Dutton and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht at the October 6, 2025 Work Session.*

**Presenter: Scott Bollinger, Assistant to the City City Manager**

Mr. Bollinger stated the item was a scoping discussion and requested direction from the Committee. Staff reported a decrease in illegal tire dumping, noting that 560 tires have been collected this fiscal year at a cost of approximately \$2,317. Quarterly tire recycling events were noted as effective. Staff will provide an informational update to Council at the second meeting in February.

**d. Third-Party Mailers Distributed Citywide**

*The Committee will continue the discussion on the citywide distribution of fliers, mailers, handbills, and other documents by third parties. This item was scoped at the October 23, 2025 Community Services Committee Meeting, and the item was referred to the Committee by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and seconded by Councilmember Dutton.*

**Presenter: Kurt Banowsky, Assistant City Attorney**

Mr. Banowsky reviewed existing regulations and legal limitations related to unsolicited commercial mailers. Enforcement challenges were discussed, including flyers being thrown from vehicles. Staff will continue exploring enforcement options and provide a status update to Council.

**4. ADJOURN**

Chair Dutton adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

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**Councilmember Carissa Dutton, Chair**

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**Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary**