



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 1:00 PM on June 25, 2025, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Chair, Councilmember Dutton
Councilmember Kris Beard
Councilmember BJ Williams

Staff Present: Mitch Bates
Jeff Bryan
Letecia McNatt

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of February 19, 2025 Minutes

- Motion to approve: Councilmember Kris Beard
- Seconded by: Councilmember B.J. Williams
- **Vote:** Unanimous approval

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

Mr. Bob Duckworth provided public comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Update on Operational Readiness of the Gang and SWAT Units from the Police Department

This item was referred to the Public Safety Committee by Councilmember Dutton, with a second from Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lucht, at the May 19, 2025 Work Session

Presenter: Chief of Police, Jeff Bryan

- Overview provided of staffing, responsibilities, and structure of the Gang and SWAT units
- Emphasis placed on proactive efforts, especially with youth intervention
- Noted overlap in personnel between Gang Unit and SWAT, aiding coordination
- SWAT team described as well-respected regionally and equipped with two armored vehicles used for defensive purposes only

Committee Discussion:

- Requested updated statistics on

- Number of gangs
- Active vs. violent gangs
- Trend comparison (upward/downward)
- Year-over-year data on SWAT warrants served
- Additional outreach by officers in schools, including career-day style engagements
- Continued use and success of FLOCK camera system was acknowledged
- Chief Bryan to follow up with the requested data
- The Committee expressed support for continued outreach and public safety efforts

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed

5. ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM

Submitted By:

/S/ Councilmember Carissa Dutton, Chair

/S/ Letecia McNatt, Secretary