



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Public Safety Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 AM on November 19, 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, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott
Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Lucht
Councilmember Carissa Dutton
Councilmember Kris Beard

Staff Present: Mike Betz, Interim City Manager
Jeff Bryan, Police Chief
Brian England, City Attorney
Cyrstal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Michael Polocek, Engineering Director
Tony Irvin, Streets Director
Paul Luedtke, Transportation Director
Letecia McNatt, Assistant to the City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Public Safety Committee meeting on September 18, 2025.

Councilmember Dutton made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Lucht 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 Policies in Place for Traffic Control Devices in Construction Zones

This item was referred by Councilmember Dutton, with a second from Councilmember Williams, at the August 18, 2025 Work Session.

Mr. Polocek presented the item. He explained that his department oversees traffic control devices, and that other departments involved include Streets, Water, Wastewater, and Transportation, all of which have active projects. He reviewed several ongoing projects throughout the city. Discussion followed. Mr. Polocek stated that the plan is to place phone numbers on the back of signs and barricades and to reinforce the importance of proper traffic control with staff and inspectors. Council concurred with the recommendations as presented.

- b. Review Regulations for Construction Crews - Portable Restrooms

This item was referred by Councilmember Dutton, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Lucht, at the August 18, 2025 Work Session.

Mr. Polocek provided information regarding the requirements for portable restrooms on projects and final punch list items. He discussed adding language to construction contracts to ensure the timely removal of portable restrooms. Council reached a consensus on the item.

c. Explore Ordinance Establishing Quiet Zone for Loud Vehicles in Downtown - Scoping Discussion

This item was referred by Councilmember Beard, with a second from Mayor Pro Tem Lucht, at the October 6, 2025 Work Session.

Chief Bryan discussed how a neighboring city addresses downtown issues, noting that it has a dedicated unit focused on the area, including increased noise monitoring, vehicle-related signage, education, and enforcement. He stated that the City of Garland does not currently have a dedicated unit but does establish task forces at times. Councilmember Beard asked whether additional enforcement could be implemented during special events and festivals. Chief Bryan responded that it would be a matter of hearing from Council that this is a priority and that enforcement efforts could be focused during such events. Discussion followed. Chief Bryan stated that he would assemble a task force and return in six months to report on the results.

4. ADJOURN

Chairman Ott adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Submitted By:

/S/ Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott, Chair

/S/ Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary