



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 4:00 PM on January 20, 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 Joe Thomas Jr., Chair
Councilmember Ed Moore
Councilmember Kris Beard

Staff Present: Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Michael Polocek, Director of Engineering
Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the November 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 18, 2025 meeting. Councilmember Moore 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 were no speakers for this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Alley Participation Program: Ordinance Review

This item was referred to the committee by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Beard at Staff's Request.

Mr. Polocek, provided an overview of the Alley Participation Program, including the petition process and requirements.

Key discussion points included:

- The petition requires 51% or more of abutting property owners' signatures, and 51% or more of frontage.
- Property owners are responsible for collecting signatures door-to-door.
- The program applies to unimproved alleys only, and only those platted as alleys (not utility easements).
- Appraisals are required to determine enhanced value; staff noted appraisals can be costly and difficult to obtain.
- Staff discussed the long-term impacts of adding additional alleys to the City's maintenance responsibilities.

Chair, Councilmember Thomas Jr., made a motion to repeal the ordinance and bring it to the second Council meeting in February. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Review Drainage Ordinance

This item was referred to the committee by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Beard at Staff's Request.

Mr. Polocek, presented information on the Drainage Participation Program, including program history, cost share structure, and recent changes in construction pricing.

Key discussion points included:

- Program supports erosion mitigation along creek banks and tributaries.
- Cost share structure discussed included 50/50 for residential/non-profit/non-residential and 67/33 for commercial/multifamily.
- Costs have increased significantly since 2021 due to construction inflation and rebidding of contracts, with participation decreasing substantially in recent years due to high costs.
- Staff time impact was discussed, including time spent responding to requests that do not result in participation.
- Program requirements include proximity of a structure and a cap based on property value (project cannot exceed 50% of property value).
- Committee members discussed whether the program should continue, the cost impact, and potential options for future direction.

Councilmember Moore recommended staff coordinate with the City Attorney's Office to research existing ordinance language and present it to Council in February.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas Jr. adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr., Chair

/s/ Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator