



GARLAND

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in Special Session at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Scott LeMay
Council Member Deborah Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Bass
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ed Moore
Council Member B.J. Williams
Council Member Margaret Lucht
Council Member Dylan Hedrick
Council Member Kris Beard
Council Member Carissa Dutton
Council Member Chris Ott

Staff Present: City Manager Jud Rex
Deputy City Manager Mitch Bates
Assistant City Manager Andy Hesser
Assistant City Manager Crystal Owens
Assistant City Manager Phil Urrutia
City Attorney Brian England
Deputy City Secretary Tracy Allmendinger

1. Public Comments

Persons who desire to address the City Council on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Speakers are taken only at the beginning of the meeting, other than invited testimony. Speakers are grouped by item and will be taken in the order of the agenda. Speakers must submit to the City Secretary a completed speaker's card before the beginning of the meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted after the Mayor calls the meeting to order.

2. Opening Remarks - City Manager Jud Rex

Jud Rex, City Manager provided opening remarks to Council.

3. Polco Citizen Survey Results - Chief Communications Officer Tiffany Veno

Staff report provided by Tiffany Veno, Chief Communications Officer to Council.

4. Results of 10 Vision Focus Areas Survey - City Manager Jud Rex

Staff report provided by Jud Rex, City Manager, to Council.

5. City of Garland Mission/Vision Discussion - City Manager Jud Rex and Mzee Dillon, CEO Dillon Morgan Consulting, Inc.

Staff report provided by Jud Rex, City Manager and Mzee Dillon, CEO Dillon Morgan Consulting, Inc. to Council.

6. Presentation Regarding Garland's Challenges, Long-term Financial Outlook and the FY 2024-25 Budget Outlook and Major Themes - Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Matt Watson and Budget Director Allyson Bell Steadman

Staff report provided by Matt Watson, Chief Financial Officer and Allyson Bell Steadman, Budget Director to Council.

7. Presentations on Long-Term Funding Initiatives

- a. Introduction - City Manager Jud Rex
- b. Retiree Benefits - City Manager Jud Rex and CFO Matt Watson
- c. Facilities Condition Assessment - Assistant City Manager Phil Urrutia and Facilities Director Bill Wilson
- d. Streets Condition Assessment - Assistant City Manager Crystal Owens and Streets Director Tony Irvin
- e. Economic Development Bond Initiative - Assistant City Manager Andy Hesser and Economic Development Director Ayako Schuster

Staff reports were provided to Council by Jud Rex, City Manager; Matt Watson, Chief Financial Officer, Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager, Bill Wilson, Facilities Director, Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager, Tony Irvin, Streets Director, Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager, and Ayako Schuster, Economic Development Director.

8. Council will consider, deliberate, and take action on a Bond Program and other long-term funding needs - City Manager Jud Rex

Staff report was provided by Jud Rex, City Manager and Matt Watson, Chief Financial Officer.

There was consensus among the Council to move forward with Bond Committee appointments at the July 15, 2024 City Council Work Session.

9. Council will consider, deliberate, and take action on an increase to the Homestead and/or Senior Exemption - City Manager Jud Rex, CFO Matt Watson

Staff reports were presented by Jud Rex, City Manager and Matt Watson, Chief Financial Officer.

There was discussion among Council and staff.

Motion was made by Council Member Hedrick to make no changes to the Homestead

Exemption or Senior Exemption rates, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Lucht. Motion carried: 5 ayes, 4 nays from Mayor Pro Tem Moore, Council Members Bass, Williams and Dutton.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before City Council, Mayor LeMay adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Scott LeMay, Mayor

/s/ Tracy Allmendinger, Deputy City Secretary