



GARLAND

Mission

We serve to grow public trust and a thriving Garland community, today and for the future.

Vision

Garland will be an engaged and vibrant community that residents proudly call home.

CITY OF GARLAND WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The Garland City Council extends to all visitors a sincere welcome. We value your interest in our community and your participation in the meetings of this governing body. Visit GarlandTX.gov/Council for a full list of meeting dates.

The Council Chambers at Garland City Hall is wheelchair accessible, and ADA parking is available on the street as well as in the public parking garage. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services must contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Braille is not available.

NOTICE: Pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code, one or more members of the City Council may attend this meeting by internet/video remote means. A quorum of the City Council, as well as the presiding officer, will be physically present at the above-identified location. Members of the public that desire to make a public comment must attend the meeting in person.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORK SESSION ITEMS

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any Work Session item at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers are allowed three minutes each, grouped by agenda item and called in the order of the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a speaker card (located at the entrance to the Council Chambers and on the visitor's side of the Work Session Room) and give it to the City Secretary before the Mayor calls the meeting to order. Speakers are limited to addressing items on the Work Session agenda only. Items on a Regular Meeting agenda should be addressed at the respective Regular Meeting. Items not currently on an agenda may be addressed during the citizen comments portion of any Regular Meeting.

CONSIDER THE CONSENT AGENDA

Council may ask for discussion or further information on any item posted in the consent agenda of the next Regular Meeting. Council may also ask that an item on the consent agenda be pulled and considered for a vote separate from the consent agenda at the next Regular Meeting. All discussions or deliberations are limited to posted agenda items and may not include new or unposted subject matter.

WRITTEN BRIEFINGS

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a written briefing.

1. Head Start of Greater Dallas Lease Agreement Extension

Council is requested to consider renewing a multi-year lease agreement negotiated with Head Start of Greater Dallas for the City-owned property located at 3709 W. Walnut Street for an additional

three (3) year term. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting.

2. Parking Restrictions in Downtown Garland

Council is requested to consider implementing parking restrictions in the alley between Sixth and Seventh Streets and establishing 3-hour time limits for visitor parking at the Ron Jones Municipal Building to improve traffic flow and public access. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.

3. Investment Portfolio Report

The March 31, 2026 Quarterly Investment Portfolio Summary will be presented to Council for review. The report complies with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act, and the City's investment portfolio continues to be managed in accordance with the Council Financial Policy, Investment Policy, and Statement of Investment Strategy.

4. Amendments to the Fireworks Prohibited Ordinance

Council is requested to consider amendments to Chapter 26, Article 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland, related to the enforcement against property owners, residents, or persons in control of property where unlawful fireworks use and/or discharge of firearms occurs. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting.

5. Bottleneck Improvements Package No. 4: Right-of-Way and Easement Acquisitions Update

Council is requested to consider a planned right-of-way (ROW) and easement acquisitions for Bottleneck Improvements Package No. 4, supporting roadway improvements along First Street from Avenue E to SH-78. The project addresses increasing traffic volumes in the corridor where First Street, SH-78, and SH-66 converge. Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff is prepared to begin acquisition efforts as outlined in this briefing.

6. TxDMV Motor Vehicle Crimes Prevention Authority Catalytic Converter Grant Program Application FY27

Council is requested to consider a resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to submit a grant application to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority for the SB224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program for FY27. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 5, 2026 Regular Meeting.

7. GDC Amendment ORD 26-02

Council is requested to consider amendments to several sections within Chapter 1 General Provisions, Chapter 3 Subdivision Regulations, and Chapter 5 Relief Procedures and Enforcement, generally related to Alley Waivers, Sidewalk Waivers, and Working Plats.

VERBAL BRIEFINGS

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a verbal briefing.

8. IH 635 Construction Update

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Lucht, Ceason Clemens, TxDOT Dallas District Engineer, will provide a presentation to Council regarding the status of construction of IH 635.

Presenter: Ceason Clemons, P.E., TxDOT Dallas Engineer

9. New Voting Software

Council is requested to consider a new voting software upgrade and receive a demonstration from City staff.

Presenter: Jonathan Morgan, IT Operations Director, Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

10. 2026-2027 Federal Grant Allocation Kickoff

Staff will present to Council details concerning the distribution of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, HOME Infill Partnership Grant (HOME) funding, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding for the program year 2026-2027.

Presenter: Jason Wilhite, Construction Manager

11. Development Services Committee Report GDC Amendment ORD 26-03

Staff will brief Council on proposed amendments to § 2.59 of the Garland Development Code related to residential carports, canopies, and porte cochere. At the request of the Development Services Committee, staff evaluated existing standards and developed recommendations to enhance neighborhood aesthetics, including guidance on placement, architectural compatibility, and visibility from the street. Staff has incorporated feedback from the Committee and will present the proposed updates for Council consideration.

Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director

12. Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility Committee Meeting Report

Councilmember Thomas Jr., Chair of the Transportation Infrastructure and Mobility Committee, and Staff, will brief Council on parking restrictions on Wood Drive and Marquis Drive. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 19, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Presenter: Councilmember Joe Thomas, Jr., Chair

ANNOUNCE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Councilmember, with a second by another member or the Mayor alone, may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda of the City Council or of a committee of the City Council. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.

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All Work Sessions of the Garland City Council are broadcast live on CGTV, Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and Frontier FIOS TV 44. Meetings are rebroadcast at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Sundays. Live streaming and on-demand videos of the meetings are also available online at GarlandTX.tv. Copies of the meetings can be purchased through the City Secretary's Office (audio CDs are \$1 each and DVDs are \$3 each).

NOTICE: The City Council may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns one or more of the following matters:

1. Pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Sec.

551.071, Tex. Gov't Code.

2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Sec. 551.072, Tex. Gov't Code.
3. A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Sec. 551.073, Tex. Gov't Code.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Sec. 551.074, Tex. Gov't Code.
5. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Sec. 551.076, Tex. Gov't Code.
6. Discussions or deliberations regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the City seeks to have to locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect of the sort described in this provision. Sec. 551.087, Tex. Gov't Code.
7. Discussions, deliberations, votes, or other final action on matters related to the City's competitive activity, including information that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors and is reasonably related to one or more of the following categories of information:
 - generation unit specific and portfolio fixed and variable costs, including forecasts of those costs, capital improvement plans for generation units, and generation unit operating characteristics and outage scheduling;
 - bidding and pricing information for purchased power, generation, and fuel, and Electric Reliability Council of Texas bids, prices, offers, and related services and strategies;
 - effective fuel and purchased power agreements and fuel transportation arrangements and contracts;
 - risk management information, contracts, and strategies, including fuel hedging and storage;
 - plans, studies, proposals, and analyses for system improvements, additions, or sales, other than transmission and distribution system improvements inside the service area for which the public power utility is the sole certificated retail provider; and
 - customer billing, contract, and usage information, electric power pricing information, system load characteristics, and electric power marketing analyses and strategies. Sec. 551.086; Tex. Gov't Code; Sec. 552.133, Tex. Gov't Code]

Each year, the City Council reviews and updates its goals for the Garland community and City operations. City management uses the goals to guide operational priorities, decision-making and resource allocation.

The graphic features the Garland logo on the left, which consists of a stylized sunburst icon and the word "GARLAND" in a serif font. To the right, the title "STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS" is written in a large, bold, orange sans-serif font. Below the title, there are ten hexagonal icons arranged in two rows of five. Each icon is white with a green outline and contains a green line-art symbol representing a specific focus area. Below each icon is a corresponding text label in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Icon Description	Focus Area Label
Shield with star, flame, and cross	Safe Community
Person walking on a path with stairs	Well-Maintained City Infrastructure
Water drop, lightning bolt, and plug	Reliable, Cost-Efficient Utility Services
Classical building with columns	Sound Governance and Finances
House and storefront	Vibrant Neighborhoods and Commercial Centers
Three stylized human figures	Customer-Focused City Services
Bar chart with a dollar sign	Growing Economic Base
Calendar with an arrow pointing to a date	Future-Focused City Organization
Tree, musical notes, and bicycle	Enhanced Quality of Life through Amenities, Arts and Events
Modern building with a tower	Commercially Thriving Downtown

