



# GARLAND

## MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 7:00 PM on May 5, 2026, in the Council Chambers at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Dylan Hedrick  
Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Lucht  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Ott  
Councilmember Jeff Bass  
Councilmember Kris Beard  
Councilmember Ed Moore  
Councilmember BJ Williams  
Councilmember Carissa Dutton  
Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr.

Staff Present: Mike Betz, City Manager  
Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager  
Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager  
Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager  
Phillip J. Urrutia, Assistant City Manager  
Brian England, City Attorney  
Jeffrey Bryan, Police Chief  
Nabila Nurr, Planning Director  
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary  
Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

### **LEGISLATIVE PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

It is a custom and tradition of the City Council to have an invocation and recital of the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the beginning of each Regular Meeting. Members of the audience are invited but not required to participate. The decision to participate is strictly a matter of personal choice. It has no bearing on matters to be considered by the City Council and will not affect the decisions to be made during this meeting.

Councilmember Beard provided the legislative prayer and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **MAYORAL PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor may present proclamations, recognize attendees or accomplishments, and make announcements regarding City events or other matters of interest to citizens including but not limited to listed items. There will be no Council discussion or votes on these matters.

- Pet of the Month

Alberto Maldonado announced the pet of the month; Chewbie.

- Proclamation Recognizing Public Service Recognition Week

Mayor Hedrick read the proclamation and presented it to Lilly Clarke, members of the Garland Human Resources Department, and those in attendance.

- Proclamation Recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence

The proclamation was rescheduled for a future meeting.

- Proclamation Recognizing National Day of Prayer

Mayor Hedrick read the proclamation and presented it to Pastor Frank Chavez and those in attendance.

Mayor Hedrick recognized Councilmember Beard, Councilmember Williams, and Councilmember Bass during their final meeting. Councilmember Dutton also provided remarks honoring the Councilmembers.

## CONSENT AGENDA

All items under this section are recommended for approval by a single motion of Council, without discussion. Council has had the opportunity to review each of these items at a previous Work Session, and approval of the consent agenda authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute each item. The Mayor will announce the consent agenda and provide an opportunity for members of the audience, as well as Council, to request that any item be removed and considered separately.

Councilmember Beard made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

### 1. Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

### 2. Approve the following bids:

#### a. GP&L Connectors and Fittings Supplier Contract Bid No. REQ00001733

**DMC Power, Inc.** **\$1,000,000.00**

*This request is to obtain as-needed DMC connectors and fittings for GP&L and TMPA operations and CIP projects.*

#### b. GP&L Underground Line Locating Services Change Order Bid No. 0613-21

**USIC Locating Services, LLC** **\$90,000.00**

*This request is to obtain change order No. 1 to the GP&L underground electrical utilities location contract needed to handle an increased volume in location request services.*

#### c. GP&L Demineralization Trailer Rental Contract Change Order Bid No. 1032-22

**Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC.** **\$80,864.02**

*This request is to obtain change order No. 2 to the GP&L demineralization trailer rental contract.*

#### d. GP&L Apollo to Jupiter 138kV Transmission Line Reconductor Engineering Services Bid No. REQ00002046

*This request is to obtain design engineering services to support the reconductor of the GP&L Apollo to Jupiter 138kV Transmission Line.*

**3. Head Start of Greater Dallas Lease Agreement Extension**

*Approve 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. Council considered this item at the May 4, 2026 Work Session.*

**4. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Bylaws**

*Approve changes to the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Bylaws. Council considered this item at the April 6, 2026 Work Session.*

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

*Approve 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. Council considered this item at the May 4, 2026 Work Session.*

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

Members of the audience may provide public comment in favor, in opposition or about any of the items for individual consideration. Anyone wishing to speak must fill out a speaker card (located at the entrance to the Council Chambers) and give it to the City Secretary in advance of the respective agenda item. Speakers are grouped by agenda item and will be called in the order of the agenda. All comments and testimony are to be presented from the podium. The Mayor may impose a time limit and may provide for rebuttal.

**7. Hold public hearings on the following items:**

**5. Amendments to the Fireworks Prohibited Ordinance**

*Approve 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. Council considered this item at the May 4, 2026 Work Session.*

This item was removed from the consent agenda to be considered separately.

Chief Bryan provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the Fireworks Prohibited Ordinance, explaining that the changes would allow citations to be issued to homeowners hosting gatherings where fireworks are being discharged if the responsible individual cannot be identified. He clarified that homeowners would not be cited for fireworks discharged on their property without their involvement. Chief Bryan answered questions of the Council.

Councilmember Dutton made a motion to approve the item. Mayor Pro Tem Lucht seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

**a. Federal Grant Applicant Public Hearing**

*Public Hearing to receive input on the proposed allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Infill Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for the*

2026–2027 program year. This hearing is required as part of the allocation process to obtain feedback from interested parties regarding the use of these federal grant funds.

**Presenter: Jason Wilhite, Construction Manager**

Mayor Hedrick opened the public hearing.

Citizens wishing to speak under the public hearing: Rhonda McTyre, Renae Perry, Kyle Francis, Brenda Rozinsky, Kendall Brown, and Robert Shepherd.

Mayor Hedrick closed the public hearing.

- b. Consider a request by Christine Wilson, requesting a variance regarding a distance less than the 300 feet minimum separation to *Nuevo Pacto Christian Church* from an establishment associated with the storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages. The site is located at 209 South Kirby Street, Unit 307 in District 6.**

*Consider and take appropriate action on the application of Christine Wilson, requesting a variance regarding a distance less than the 300 feet minimum separation to Nuevo Pacto Christian Church from an establishment associated with the storage and distribution of alcoholic beverages. The site is located at 209 South Kirby Street, Unit 307. (District 6) (BW 26-02)*

**Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director**

Ms. Nur provided a presentation on the alcohol waiver case. Ms. Nur answered questions of the Council, and discussion followed. Councilmember Moore requested a staff recommendation, and Ms. Nur stated that staff did not have concerns about the unit storing alcohol and recommended approval.

Councilmember Dutton made a motion to deny the item. There was no second, and the motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Bass made a motion to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. The vote was: Councilmember Bass, yes; Councilmember Beard, yes; Councilmember Moore, yes; Councilmember Williams, yes; Mayor Pro Tem Lucht, yes; Councilmember Dutton, no; Councilmember Thomas Jr., no; Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ott, yes and Mayor Hedrick, yes. The motion carried.

- c. Consider a request by EPR Parks, LLC, requesting a variance regarding a distance less than the 300 feet minimum separation to *Spring Creek Elementary School* from an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages. The site is located at 4550 North Garland Avenue in District 8.**

*Consider and take appropriate action on the application of EPR Parks, LLC, requesting a variance regarding a distance less than the 300 feet minimum separation to Spring Creek Elementary School from an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages. The site is located at 4550 North Garland Avenue. (District 8) (File BW 26-03)*

**Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director**

Ms. Nur provided a presentation on the alcohol waiver case and provided a presentation. Council granted an alcohol distance variance to the applicant from Spring Creek Elementary School on May 17, 2022. The applicant is now requesting approval to sell mixed beverages. Ms. Nur answered questions of the Council. Discussion followed. Councilmember Williams left the dais at 8:10 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Ott made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Lucht seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with the exception of Councilmember Williams, who was absent from the dais. The motion carried.

- d. Consider a request by Paras Khara, requesting approval of 1) a Specific Use Provision (SUP) for a Car Wash, Automated/Rollover use on property zoned Community Retail (CR) District and 2) a concept plan for a Car Wash, Automated/Rollover use. The site is located at 3401 West Buckingham Road on a property zoned Community Retail (CR) District in District 7.**

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**Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director**

Councilmember Williams returned to the dais at 8:16 p.m.

Ms. Nur provided a presentation on the request and information regarding the case. She stated that staff recommended approval of a 15-year SUP with the condition that the existing pole sign be removed and replaced with a monument sign in accordance with GDC standards. Ms. Nur also stated that the Plan Commission recommended the same. Ms. Nur answered questions of the Council, and discussion followed.

Applicant speaking on this item: Paras Khara.

Councilmember Thomas Jr. made a motion to approve the item with a 15-year SUP. Councilmember Bass seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

- e. **Consider a request by Srinivas Chaluvadi, requesting approval of an amendment to Planned Development District 15-43 (PD 15-43) to modify parking standards for the subject property and adopt the current off-street parking requirements of the Garland Development Code (GDC). The site is located at 6313 North President George Bush Highway in District 7.**

*Consider and take appropriate action on the application of Srinivas Chaluvadi, requesting approval of an amendment to Planned Development District 15-43 (PD 15-43) to modify parking standards for the subject property and adopt the current off-street parking requirements of the Garland Development Code (GDC). The site is located at 6313 North President George Bush Highway. District 7) (File Z 26-07)*

**Presenter: Nabila Nur, Planning & Development Director**

Ms. Nur provided a presentation on the request and provided information on the case. She stated that staff recommended approval of the request and that the Plan Commission recommended the same. Ms. Nur answered questions of the Council. Discussion followed.

Councilmember Thomas Jr. made a motion to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Lucht seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Members of the audience wishing to address issues not on the meeting agenda may have three minutes to speak. However, according to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Council is prohibited from discussing any item not on the posted agenda.

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## **ADJOURN**

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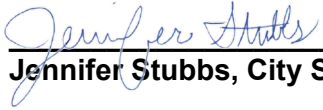
Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Submitted By:



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Dylan Hedrick, Mayor



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Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

