GARLAND

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The City Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 8:30 AM on June 6, 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:	Mayor Dylan Hedrick
	Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Lucht
	Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Christopher Ott
	Councilmember Jimmy Tran
	Councilmember Justin Caraway
	Councilmember Ed Moore
	Councilmember Christina Segoviano
	Councilmember Carissa Dutton
	Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr.
Staff Present:	Mike Betz, City Manager
	Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager
	Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager
	Phillip J. Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
	Brian England, City Attorney
	Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer
	Becky King, Managing Director-Community and Neighborhood Development
	Fahad Qadir, Budget Manager
	Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
	Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON BUDGET WORKSHOP ITEMS

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any Budget Workshop items 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 Workshop agenda only. Items not currently on an agenda may be addressed during the citizen comments portion of any Regular Meeting.

There was no one who wished to speak under public comments.

AGENDA:

1. **Presentation of the Garland Housing Strategic Plan**

   Presenter: Andy Hesser, Assistant City Manager, Becky King, Managing Director - Community and Neighborhood Development

Consultants from CZB presented the Garland Housing Strategic Plan, including the guiding themes and principles, action and programming recommendations, and economic focus area strategies. The consultants answered questions from the Council regarding various aspects of the plan. In their concluding remarks, they reviewed the plan's overarching recommendations, expected outcomes, and implementation strategies.

Mayor Hedrick announced that the Council would take a break at 10:07 a.m. Mayor Hedrick reconvened the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

2. Presentation of the Proposed Strategic Plan 2026-36, Garland on the Rise

Presenter: Mike Betz, City Manager

Mr. Betz provided a presentation on the City's strategic plan, *Garland on the Rise*. He reviewed the plan's four focus areas: Protect Core Services, Accelerate Economic Redevelopment, Strengthen Financial Capacity, and Align, Execute, Measure, and Communicate. Mr. Betz provided details regarding the goals and priorities associated with each focus area. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hedrick announced that the Council would take a break at 11:46 a.m. Mayor Hedrick reconvened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

3. Update on the City's Financial Outlook and Preliminary FY 2026-27 Operating Budget

Presenter: Matthew Watson, Assistant City Manager, Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer, Fahad Qadir, Budget Manager

Mr. Betz provided opening comments regarding the focus area of Strengthening Financial Capacity. Ms. Steadman then presented the City's long-term financial outlook, including the need to rebalance the City's tax rate and the significance of the upcoming November election. Mr. Qadir provided an overview of the FY 2027 budget development process and reviewed projected revenue and expenditure factors expected to impact the budget. Discussion followed.

Staff reviewed projected FY 2027 revenues and expenditures under scenarios with and without approval of a tax rate election. Discussion included compensation strategies, market adjustments, merit increases, and funding priorities for public safety and general schedule employees. Council requested additional information regarding civil service compensation and market comparisons for future budget discussions.

Council reached consensus to increase the stormwater utility fee to align with the current Metroplex average rather than continue incremental annual increases. Council also discussed proposed upgrades to the outdoor warning siren system and expressed support for pursuing the lower-cost backup repeater option rather than a full system migration.

Staff presented the condition, operating costs, and capital improvement needs associated with the Bradfield Recreation Center and Pool. Council reached consensus to plan for the facility's closure beginning in FY 2027, with affected employees to be reassigned to other Parks and Recreation facilities. Council also supported considering a replacement facility as part of a future bond program.

Council unanimously agreed on moving forward with the proposed Year One DART-funded mobility project, which includes sidewalk connectivity improvements, enhanced lighting, accessibility upgrades, and pedestrian crossing enhancements along North Fifth Street near the future Arts Incubator and downtown area. Staff was directed to submit the project to DART and continue evaluating future mobility and parking initiatives.

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Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.

Submitted By:

Dylan Hedrick, Mayor

Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary