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Mission

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

CITY OF GARLAND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Vision

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

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.

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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 SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any Special Meeting 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 Special Council Meeting 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.

AGENDA:

1. Discussion of FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget

Continue discussion of the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget.

Presenter: Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer, Fahad Qadir, Budget Manager

2. Hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget

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3. Hold a Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2026-27 Tax Rate

The Texas Property Tax Code, Section 26.05 (d), provides that a governing body may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the voter approval rate or the no-new-revenue tax rate until the governing body has held a public hearing on the proposed tax rate and has otherwise complied with Section 26.06 and Section 26.065 of the Texas Property Tax Code. At the Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be allowed to be heard for or against the 2026-27 proposed tax rate. The City Council will not vote on the proposed tax rate at this hearing. The City Council is scheduled to consider and vote on the proposed tax rate on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Garland City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas.

Presenter: Corey Worsham, Tax Administrator

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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.



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STRATEGIC GOALS

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OUR FOUR STRATEGIC GOALS



**PROTECT CORE
SERVICES**



**ACCELERATE ECONOMIC
REDEVELOPMENT**



**STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL
STEWARDSHIP**



**ALIGN, EXECUTE,
MEASURE & COMMUNICATE**

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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Title: Discussion of FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget

Submitted by: Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer

Strategic Focus Area: Strengthen Financial Stewardship

Issue / Summary

Continue discussion of the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget.

Background

Planned calendar for City Council discussion and public engagement on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget:

Date	Time	Activity
July 6, 2026	6:00 PM	Presentation of FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget by City Manager
July 7, 2026	-	Proposed Budget available for public review in libraries, City Secretary's Office and City's website: https://www.garlandtx.gov/3528/Annual-Budget-Documents
July 25, 2026	8:30 AM	Special Council Work Session - Department presentations and Council continues discussion of Proposed Budget
July 28, 2026	6:00 PM	Special Council Meeting - Submittal of appraisal role and vote to place a proposal to adopt the Tax Rate for 2026-27 at a future meeting, including public hearing dates
August 3, 2026	6:00 PM	Regular Work Session - Council continues discussion of Proposed Budget
August 4, 2026	7:00 PM	Council Regular Meeting - Hold Public Hearings on the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate
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August 17, 2026	6:00 PM; 7:00 PM	Regular Work Session - Council provides final direction on the Proposed Budget

Council Regular Meeting -

1. Hold Public Hearing on the Tax Rate
2. Hold Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget
3. Adopt Ordinance Ratifying Property Tax Revenue
4. Adopt 2026-27 Annual Operating Budget
5. Set Tax Rate
6. Call for a Tax Rate Election in November 2026
7. Adopt Fee and Rate Changes
8. Adopt Civil Service Ordinance

Consideration / Recommendation	
Information only.	
Attachments	
None	



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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Title: Hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget

Submitted by: Allyson Bell Steadman, Chief Financial Officer

Strategic Focus Area: Strengthen Financial Stewardship

Issue / Summary

Hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget. The Proposed Budget has been available for public review in libraries, City Secretary's Office and on City's website here, <https://www.garlandtx.gov/3528/Annual-Budget-Documents>, since July 7, 2026.

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Consideration / Recommendation

Open public hearing. Receive comments. Close public hearing.

Attachments

None



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CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Meeting Date: August 11, 2026

Title: Hold a Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2026-27 Tax Rate

Submitted by: Corey Worsham, Tax Administrator

Strategic Focus Area: Strengthen Financial Stewardship

Issue / Summary

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Background

	2025-2026 <u>Current</u>	2026-2027 <u>Proposed</u>	<u>Change</u>
O&M	28.8657	32.0000	9.79%
DEBT SERVICE	40.1089	35.9900	-11.44%
TOTAL TAX RATE	68.9746	67.9900	-1.45%

Consideration / Recommendation

Open Public Hearing.
Take Citizens' Comments.
Close Public Hearing.

Mayor should read the following statement:

The tax rate is scheduled for adoption on August 17, 2026.

Attachments

None