



GARLAND

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in a special budget work session at 8:30 AM on July 25, 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 Christopher Ott
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Carissa Dutton
Councilmember Jimmy Tran
Councilmember Ed Moore
Councilmember Christina Segoviano
Councilmember Margaret Lucht
Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr.

Absent: Councilmember Justin Caraway

Staff Present: Mike Betz, City Manager
Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Bryan, Assistant City Manager
Scott Levine, First Assistant City Attorney
Scott Vornberg, Interim Chief of Police
Mark Lee, Fire Chief
Darrell Cline, GP&L General Manager & CEO
Art Munoz, Animal Services Director
Becky King, Managing Director of Community and Neighborhood Development
D'Lee Williams, Managing Director of Parks & Recreation
Andrew Larkin, Water Utilities Financial Director
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary
Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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AGENDA:

1. Overview of the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget and Navigating the Budget Document Presentation

Michael J. Betz, Allyson Bell Steadman, and Fahad Qadir will provide a detailed overview of the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget and budget document.

Mr. Betz provided an overview of the priorities for this upcoming budget. Ms. Steadman and Mr. Qadir provided an overview of the FY 2026-27 Proposed Operating Budget and answered questions of the Council.

Councilmember Moore left the dais at 9:37 a.m. and returned at 9:40 a.m.

2. Department Presentations on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget

A. Garland Power and Light: Darrell Cline will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Electric Utility Fund.

B. Garland Water Utilities: Crystal Owens and Andrew Larkin will provide an overview of new funding requests and rate changes included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Water and Wastewater Utility Funds.

C. Police Department: The Police Chief will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Police Department, as well as Narcotic Seizure Funding.

D. Fire Department: The Fire Chief will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Fire Department.

E. Animal Services Department: Art Munoz will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Animal Services Department.

F. Economic Development & Community Reinvestment: Andy Hesser and Becky King will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for Economic Development and the Community Reinvestment Fund, as well as redevelopment strategies.

G. Parks and Recreation Department: D'Lee Williams will provide an overview of new funding requests included in the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department, as well as additional information about Bradfield Pool and Bradfield Recreation Center.

Department directors presented overviews of the proposed FY 2026–27 budget, including any new funding requests. Following each presentation, the directors answered questions from the Council regarding their departmental budgets and funding priorities. Mayor Hedrick announced that the Council would retire for a short recess at 10:30 a.m. The Council returned to the dais and the Mayor reconvened the meeting at 10:40 a.m. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dutton returned to the dais at 10:43 a.m. Discussion followed.

Mayor Hedrick recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:32 p.m. The Council returned at 1:15 p.m., and Mayor Hedrick reconvened the meeting.

Discussion took place among the Council regarding the potential closure of the Bradfield Recreation Center.

3. Council Discussion and Deliberation on the FY 2026-27 Proposed Budget

Council, with support from various City Staff, will discuss the FY 2026-27 Proposed Annual Operating Budget and provide direction to Staff as applicable.

Council continued its discussion of the FY 2026–27 Proposed Budget, including potential fee adjustments and the distinction between operating expenses and capital improvement costs. Staff explained the financial and legislative constraints affecting the City's ability to fund operational costs associated with facilities approved through the 2019 Bond Program. Council discussed the proposed budget and reached a consensus to close and demolish the Bradfield Recreation Center and pool. Staff will provide a transition plan for programs and services.

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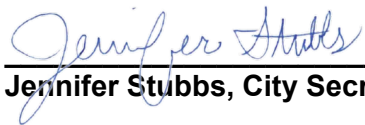
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Mayor Hedrick adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Submitted By:



Dylan Hedrick, Mayor



Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

