



# **GARLAND**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS**

**Senior Citizens Advisory Commission  
Work Session Room of City Hall  
William E. Dollar Municipal Building  
200 N. Fifth Street  
Garland, Texas  
September 3, 2026  
9:00 AM**

A meeting of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

#### **AGENDA:**

##### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Consider Approval of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Minutes for the August 6, 2026, Meeting**

##### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons who desire to address the Commission on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

##### **3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Garland Police Department Update on Scams and Issues Pertaining to Senior Citizens**

*Shi Marler, Garland Police Officer, will provide the Commission with an update on scams and issues pertaining to senior citizens.*

- b. **Environmental Health Discussion on items affecting Senior Citizens**

*Mandy Pippen, Health Director, will discuss items pertaining to senior citizens and be available to answer questions.*

- c. **Senior Center Reports**

*Jelisa Baker (Carver) and Dee Muhlinghaus (Senior Activity Center), Recreation Services Supervisors, will provide updates to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

- d. **Grand Opening Update on the Garland Senior Activity Center**

*Venita Lovelace-Chandler, Commission Member, will provide an update on the commission plans for the Senior Center Grand Opening Plans.*

**e. Marketing Outreach to Senior Citizens Updates**

*Wytonia Montgomery, Commission Member, will discuss the Health Fair and other future events and be available to answer questions.*

**f. Food Insecurity Outreach**

*Ann Garrett, Commission Member, will provide a report on food assistance opportunities in the area and be available to answer questions.*

**g. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Website Discussion**

*Jesse Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, will lead a discussion with the Commission on the development of the advisory site and city department research and will be available to answer questions.*

**h. City Press Upcoming Topics Discussion**

*Carol Cooper, Commission Chair, will lead a discussion with the Commission on upcoming topics to be included in the City Press.*

**i. Explanation of Election Process for Chair and Vice Chair**

*Jesse Johnson, Jr., will lead a discussion with the Commission on the election process for the October Chair and Vice Chair Election.*

**j. Consider Canceling and Rescheduling the December 3, 2026, Regular Meeting**

*Jesse Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, is requesting the Commission Members to consider canceling or rescheduling the December 3, 2026, Regular Commission Meeting.*

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**5. ADJOURN**

**NOTE:** A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Commission.



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## MINUTES

The Senior Citizens Advisory Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 9:00 AM on August 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: Gail Belton, Vice Chair  
Carol Cooper, Chair  
Amador Castro, Jr., Commission Member  
Wytonia Montgomery, Commission Member  
Sal Liberto, Commission Member  
Kathleen Gardner, Commission Member  
Ann Garrett, Commission Member  
Venita Lovelace - Chandler, Commission Member

Absent: Robert Bruns, Commission Member  
Staff Present: Jesse Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager  
Jelisa Baker, Recreation Services Supervisor  
Dee Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisor  
Yvonne V. Naser, Management Services Coordinator

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Consider Approval of the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Minutes for the June 4, 2026 Meeting**

A motion was made by Commission Member Lovelace, and seconded by Commission Member Montgomery, that the minutes of June 4, 2026, be approved as amended. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Amendment: Correct spelling of speaker 3.b. from Shy Marler to Shileah Marler.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

Shileah Marler, NPO Liaison, provided a presentation on flock cameras to the Commission and was available to answer questions.

### **3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- a. **Councilmember Justin Caraway, District 2 — Update on Topics Pertaining to Senior Citizens and the City of Garland**

*Council Member Justin Caraway, District 2, will discuss topics that pertain to senior citizens and the City of Garland and be available to answer questions.*

Speaker, Council Member Justin Carway, District 2, was not available to speak.

- b. **Garland Fire Department Update on Safety Concerns Pertaining to Senior Citizens**

*Jerry Click, Garland Fire Department, will discuss safety concerns pertaining to senior citizens and be available to answer questions.*

Jerry Click, Garland Fire Department, provided a hands-on presentation/training on how to Stop The Bleed to the Commission and was available to answer questions.

**c. Senior Center Reports**

*Ms. Baker (Carver), and Ms. Muhlinghaus (Senior Activity Center), Recreation Services Supervisors, will provide an update to the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

Ms. Baker, Recreation Services Supervisor, and Ms. Muhlinghaus, Recreation Services Supervisor both provided a presentation on past and upcoming activities for both senior centers and an update on the new senior center build to the commission and were available to answer questions.

**d. Marketing Outreach to Senior Citizens Update**

*Commission Member Montgomery, will provide an update on marketing activities from previous events as well as a discussion on upcoming initiatives.*

Commission Member Lovelace-Chandler, discussed what worked at the city events the Commission attended as well as requested who would like to volunteer for the next event.

**e. Senior Citizens Advisory Commission Website Discussion**

*Vice Chair Belton, and Mr. Johnson Jr., Recreation Manager, will discuss the development of the advisory site and city department research with the Commission and be available to answer questions.*

Vice Chair Belton and Mr. Johnson, Jr., Recreation Manager, provided an update to the commission which included information on 376 jotform submissions for the email list and 88 people have completed the interest survey. Both were available to answer questions.

**f. City Press Upcoming Topics Discussion**

*Vice Chair Belton, will lead a discussion with the Commission on upcoming topics to be included in the City Press.*

Commission Member Lovelace referenced the QR Code provided in the last City Press, and will have the next topic ready by Aug. 21.

**4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commission Member Lovelace referenced the creation of a subcommittee and its purpose: collaborative activities between the Senior Citizens Advisory Commission and the new Senior Center. Sal Liberto will be leaving the commission.

Sept. Meeting: Speaker Mandy Pippen, Garland Health Director

October Meeting: Vice Chair Belton reminded members of the upcoming election for Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Chair Cooper requested to potentially invite The Senior Source to speak to the commission members.

Chair Cooper requested IT to speak referencing AI and how it affects seniors.

Vice Chair Belton requested a discussion on profit and non-profit speakers and the commission policy.

Vice Chair Belton requested Council members who have not spoken to the commission be invited to do so.

**5. ADJOURN**

Vice Chair Belton adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

**Submitted By:**

**/s/ Gail Belton, Vice Chair**

**/s/ Yvonne Naser, Recording Secretary**