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NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

All Abilities Committee
Garland Central Library
625 Austin Street
Garland, Texas 75040
September 2, 2026
6:00 PM

A meeting of the All Abilities Committee of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

NOTICE: The committee may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns attorney/client communication, including 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.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider Approval of the August 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Committee Discussion and Speaker Engagement**

Chair Esquivel will lead a discussion with the Committee regarding maintaining focus and effective engagement during guest presentations and discussions.

- b. FY 2026-27 Budget and Tax Rate Election**

Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager, will present an overview of the tax rate election and FY 2026-27 Budget.

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

Committee.



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MINUTES

The All Abilities Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on August 5, 2026, in Community Room 122 at the Garland Central Library, 625 Austin Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Amanda Esquivel, Chair
Tommy Zapata, Committee Member
Graint Laird Jr., Committee Member
Susan Behrens, Committee Member
Heather Miller, Committee Member

Absent: Leigh Calmes, Vice Chair
Jana Veit, Committee Member

Staff Present: Matt Watson, Assistant City Manager
Brian Morris, Director of Code Compliance
Lance Polster, Code Compliance Manager
Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the June 3, 2026 Minutes.

Motion was made by Committee Member Zapata and seconded by Committee Member Behrens to approve the June 3, 2026 meeting minutes. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no speakers on this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Presentation and Discussion Regarding the Code Compliance Civil Enforcement Program, Salesforce, and Accessibility Services

Brian Morris, Code Compliance Director, will present an overview of the City's Code Compliance Civil Enforcement Program, including the Salesforce platform, accessibility services, and available resources for Garland residents. The Committee will have an opportunity for discussion and questions following the presentation.

Brian Morris, Director of Code Compliance, and Lance Polster provided an overview of Code Compliance initiatives, including the Salesforce customer service portal, the new civil citation process, Garland Cares, and assistance available to residents with physical or financial limitations.

The Committee discussed complaint routing, accessibility of the Salesforce portal, assistance information included with Code Compliance notices, and resources for accessibility-related property improvements. Staff agreed to review the portal login process and notice language and provide the Committee with the finalized notice when available.

Staff also reviewed the civil citation process beginning September 1, 2026, noting that its primary goal is

compliance rather than revenue generation. The Committee discussed interpreter and accessibility services for civil citation hearings, and staff agreed to confirm available services and provide follow-up information.

b. Discussion and Review of Draft All Abilities Committee Bylaws

Review and discuss the proposed bylaws for the All Abilities Committee, including committee structure, officer roles, membership, meeting procedure, and operational guidelines, and provide feedback or recommendations for future consideration and approval.

The Committee reviewed the proposed bylaws and discussed membership, Committee composition, and the potential use of subcommittees or working groups. Staff noted that the bylaws were based on the City's standard committee bylaws and could be amended as needed. The Committee agreed to revisit potential subcommittees and current initiatives at a future meeting.

Committee Member Behrens made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Zapata, to approve the bylaws with an amendment stating that the bylaws would become effective upon approval by the All Abilities Committee rather than the Garland City Council. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Esquivel adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Amanda Esquivel, Chair

/s/ Courtney Vanover, Deputy City Secretary