



# GARLAND

## Mission

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

## CITY OF GARLAND WORK SESSION 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](https://GarlandTX.gov/Council) for a full list of meeting dates.

The Council Chambers at Garland City Hall is wheelchair accessible, and ADA parking is available on the street as well as in the public parking garage. Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services must contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-205-2404 at least two working days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Braille is not available.

**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 WORK SESSION ITEMS

Members of the audience may address the City Council on any Work Session item 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 Work Session 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.

### CONSIDER THE CONSENT AGENDA

Council may ask for discussion or further information on any item posted in the consent agenda of the next Regular Meeting. Council may also ask that an item on the consent agenda be pulled and considered for a vote separate from the consent agenda at the next Regular Meeting. All discussions or deliberations are limited to posted agenda items and may not include new or unposted subject matter.

### WRITTEN BRIEFINGS

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a written briefing.

1. **Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for Public Health Services with Dallas County Health & Human Services and Consent to Sublicense Agreement between Dallas County and St. Vicent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy**

*Council is requested to consider approving an amendment extending the interlocal agreement between the City of Garland and Dallas County Health & Human Services for providing public health services within the City of Garland and a related consent to a proposed Sublicense Agreement between Dallas County and St. Vicent de Paul Charitable Pharmacy for pharmacy services. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**2. Code Compliance Civil Citation Collections Contract**

*Council is requested to consider approving a contract for collecting past due Civil Citation fees. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 1, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**VERBAL BRIEFINGS**

Council may ask for discussion, further information, or give direction to staff on an item posted as a verbal briefing.

**3. Overview of the November 3rd Tax Rate Election**

*Staff will review the November 3, 2026, Tax Rate Election and the associated impacts to the City's tax rate, FY 2026-27 budget, and services under each election outcome.*

**Presenter: Mike Betz, City Manager, Matthew Watson, Assistant City Manager**

**4. Update on Upcoming City Facility Openings**

*Staff will provide an update on the construction status, anticipated openings, and ribbon-cutting activities for Fire Station No. 1, Fire Station No. 7, the Senior Center, and the Jack Coleman Tennis Center.*

**Presenter: Michael Buchler, Capital Project Management Director**

**5. Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Budget, Subgrant Recipients and Hotel Occupancy Tax Program Management Agreement**

*Council is requested to consider the Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Budget, Subgrant Recipients and Hotel Occupancy Tax Program Management Agreement. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**Presenter: Amy Rosenthal, Cultural Arts Director**

**6. Amendment to Sections 2.50, 2.51, and 2.52 of the Garland Development Code - Zoning of Short-term Rentals**

*Council is requested to consider amending the GDC to include Short-term Rentals as a land use category and provide special standards regarding the same. If Council supports the proposed framework, staff recommends advancing the amendments through required Plan Commission review, public notice and hearings, and subsequent Council consideration.*

**Presenter: Brian England, City Attorney**

**7. Update on Right Site for EMS Triaging**

*The Garland Fire Department and Garland Police Department will provide Council with an update on EMS triaging utilizing Right Site.*

**Presenter: Mark Lee, Fire Chief, Scott Vornberg, Interim Chief of Police**

**8. Atmos Rate Review Mechanism**

*Staff will present an overview of the 2026 Atmos Energy Mid-Tex Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) settlement and proposed rate adjustment. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 15, 2026 Regular Meeting.*

**Presenter: Matthew Watson, Assistant City Manager**

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Terms are usually staggered whereby at least half of the membership has previous experience. Members are appointed based on qualifications.

**9. City Manager Appointments**

- **Patricia Anthony - Civil Service Commission**
- **Glenna Saygidia - Civil Service Commission**

**10. Councilmember Margaret Lucht**

- **Board of Adjustment — Margaret Bice**
- **Cultural Arts Commission — Trayc Claybrook**
- **Environmental & Community Advisory Board — Catherine Haedge**
- **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board — Jason Aguirre**
- **Property Standards Board — Gayle Owens**
- **Senior Citizens Advisory Commission — Gail Belton**
- **Tax Increment Finance #1 Downtown/Forest Jupiter Board — Lucian Giambasu**
- **Tax Increment Finance #2 South Board — Jason Shanks**
- **Tax Increment Finance #3 Board — Mehwish Khanum**
- **Unified Building Standards Commission — Tyler Williams**

**ANNOUNCE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A Councilmember, with a second by another member or the Mayor alone, may ask that an item be placed on a future agenda of the City Council or of a committee of the City Council. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The City Council will adjourn into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.086 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate or discuss the following:

- 11. Competitive matters of a public power utility (551.086) and attorney/client matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information related to the same (551.071).**

- 12. The City Council will adjourn into executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate or discuss attorney/client matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information related to electioneering (551.071).**

## **ADJOURN**

All Work Sessions of the Garland City Council are broadcast live on CGTV, Time Warner Cable Channel 16 and Frontier FIOS TV 44. Meetings are rebroadcast at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays - Sundays. Live streaming and on-demand videos of the meetings are also available online at GarlandTX.tv. Copies of the meetings can be purchased through the City Secretary's Office (audio CDs are \$1 each and DVDs are \$3 each).

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.



## OUR FOUR STRATEGIC GOALS



**PROTECT CORE  
SERVICES**



**ACCELERATE ECONOMIC  
REDEVELOPMENT**



**STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL  
STEWARDSHIP**



**ALIGN, EXECUTE,  
MEASURE & COMMUNICATE**

*"We don't need a bigger Garland. We need a stronger one."*

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