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NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Work Session Room of City Hall
William E. Dollar Municipal Building
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
JUNE 16, 2025
4 p.m.

A meeting of the Legislative & Public Affairs 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**

Approval of May 5, 2025, meeting minutes.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

3. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

a. **89th Legislative Session Wrap-up**

Ariel Traub, Managing Director of Legislative & Public Affairs, and Taylor Borer, Regulatory Affairs Director, will provide a presentation on the 89th legislative session thus far, as well as discuss the status of our initiatives and the political/legislative climate.

b. **DART Discussion**

Ariel Traub, Managing Director of Legislative & Public Affairs, and Taylor Borer, Regulatory Affairs Director, will lead the Committee discussion on Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

4. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

5. **ADJOURN**



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Submitted By: Carma Potter, Administration

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Attachments

5.5.25 LPA Draft Minutes

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The Legislative and Public Affairs Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025, in the Work Session Room of City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

Present: B. J. Williams, Chair
Jeff Bass, Council Member
Chris Ott, Council Member

Staff Present: Ariel Traub, Managing Director, Legislative & Public Affairs
Mitch Bates, Deputy City Manager
Brian England, City Attorney
Carma Potter, Assistant to the City Council

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

3. Items for Individual Consideration

State Legislative Session Update

The Committee received an update on the ongoing legislative session. Topics included:

- **Key Legislative Dates**
 - Upcoming deadlines for legislative actions were reviewed.
- **Bill Monitoring**
 - The City is reviewing a substantial number of proposed bills, with various levels of engagement depending on potential impact.
 - Priority policy areas include municipal operations, public safety, infrastructure, and regulatory oversight.

- **Review and Advocacy Approach**

- The City continues to collaborate with regional and statewide partners to monitor and respond to relevant legislation.
- Regular strategy coordination occurs internally and externally, with emphasis on responsiveness to committee schedules and amendment opportunities.
- Direct communication with legislators remains ongoing, with the City contributing feedback and participating in formal proceedings as necessary.

- **Legislation of Note**

- The Committee reviewed updates on a selection of bills that could affect municipal functions, including:
 - Proposals related to local finance, regulatory authority, land use, and municipal services.
 - Bills affecting organizational liability and public-facing programs.
 - Legislative activity concerning local transportation and utility operations.
- The City's team is engaged with key stakeholders to address areas of concern and seek clarifications or changes where appropriate.

- **City-Initiated Legislation**

- Two City-supported initiatives have made progress in the legislative process.
- Coordination efforts are underway to support their continued advancement.

4. Staff Recognition

Committee members expressed appreciation for the diligent work and extended commitment of the Legislative & Public Affairs team, especially their thorough communication and advocacy efforts during the current legislative session.

5. Future Agenda Items

No items were proposed for future agendas.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.



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