# **AGENDA**

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
November 1, 2011
6:00 p.m.

# **DEFINITIONS:**

<u>Written Briefing</u>: Items that generally do not require a presentation or discussion by the staff or Council. On these items the staff is seeking direction from the Council or providing information in a written format.

<u>Verbal Briefing</u>: These items do not require written background information or are an update on items previously discussed by the Council.

<u>Regular Item</u>: These items generally require discussion between the Council and staff, boards, commissions, or consultants. These items are often accompanied by a formal presentation followed by discussion.

**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 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]

## (6:00) 1. Written Briefings:

### a. Freeport Exemption

Senate Bill 1, which was recently passed by the Texas Legislature, revised and narrowed the law relating to Freeport property tax exemption on certain types of "Goods-in-Transit." This legislation expands the current Freeport exemption to include goods shipped from one location to another within the state. This revised exemption of "Goods-in-Transit" would result in a loss of approximately \$269,944 in annual property tax revenues to the City. Council is requested to consider opting out while still maintaining the current Freeport Exemption. If Council concurs, a public hearing and approval of an ordinance opting out of the revised Freeport exemption will be scheduled at the November 15, 2011 Regular Meeting.

# b. School-Related Parking Restrictions at Carver Elementary and Naaman Forest High School

The Transportation Department periodically conducts school safety studies to respond to identified problems. This year these studies indicate that changes to traffic controls are needed at Carver Elementary and Naaman Forest High School. Council is requested to consider 1) establishing a parking restriction on the south side of Wynn Joyce from Country Club to 820 feet west of Country Club, and the west side of Country Club from Wynn Joyce to Summit Ridge, and 2) establishing a parking restriction along both curbs on both sides of Naaman Forest between Ranger and Elliot. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting.

# c. Establishment of Speed Limits on Sections of Saturn Road and Naaman Forest Boulevard

Council is requested to consider establishing speed limits on Saturn Road between Miller Road and Northwest Highway and the newly-construction portion of Naaman Forest Boulevard. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting.

#### d. Bond Refunding

Council is requested to consider authorizing the refunding of approximately \$18.2 million Certificates of Obligation Bonds, \$45 million General Obligation Tax-exempt Commercial Paper Notes, \$22.5 million Electric Utility System Revenue Bonds, and \$32.7 million Water & Sewer System Revenue Bonds. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting.

Item Key Person

## 2. Verbal Briefing:

#### a. Spring Creek Trail – Spring Creek Greenbelt

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At the October 18, 2011 Regular Meeting, the bid for the Spring Creek Trail - Spring Creek Greenbelt (Bid No. 2d) was postponed at the request of Council for additional information. Council will be briefed regarding the request to award this bid at the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting.

## 3. Consider the Consent Agenda

Council

A member of the City Council may ask that an item on the consent agenda for the next regular meeting be pulled from the consent agenda and considered separate from the other consent agenda items. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.

## 4. Announce Future Agenda Items

Council

A member of the City Council, 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 a committee of the City Council. No substantive discussion of that item will take place at this time.

(6:45) 5. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)