

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
August 15, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

DEFINITIONS:

Written Briefing: 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.

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

Regular Item: 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.

**[Public comment will not be accepted during Work Session
unless Council determines otherwise.]**

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 or deliberations regarding a utility-related matter that the City Council in good faith determines by a vote is related to the City's public power utility's competitive activity, including commercial information, that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors. Sec. 551.806, TEX. GOV'T CODE.

(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:

a. Atmos Rate Review Mechanism Settlement

Council is requested to consider an ordinance approving Atmos Energy Mid-Tex Division (Atmos) rate tariffs that reflect the negotiated rate changes pursuant to the Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) process. On or about April 1, 2011, Atmos filed an application with the City to increase natural gas rates pursuant to the trial RRM tariffs seeking a revenue increase of \$15.7 million. This is Atmos' fourth annual RRM filing. The Atmos Cities Steering Committee worked with Atmos and negotiated a reduced revenue increase of \$6.6 million that will result in a smaller rate increase. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the August 16, 2011 Regular Meeting.

b. Issuance of Tax Notes

Council is requested to consider authorizing the issuance of tax notes in the amount of \$5,440,000 to provide funding for infrastructure improvements that were approved in the 2011 Capital Improvement Program and debt issuance costs. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting.

c. Sale of Property to Habitat for Humanity

Council is requested to consider authorizing the sale of a vacant lot located at 1133 Glynn Drive to Habitat for Humanity for \$13,000. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting.

d. Amend Tax Roll

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, Council annually amends the tax roll to reflect uncollected ad valorem taxes. Although the tax roll is reduced by this action, collection efforts continue unless the costs of these efforts exceed potential revenues. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the September 6, 2011 Regular Meeting.

e. Request for Assistance for Nonprofit Special Event

Council is requested to consider a request from the Garland Jaycees for the waiver of City services in the amount of \$8,300 for their 66th Annual Garland Jaycees Labor Day Parade. City Council Policy OPNS-29 states that requests from nonprofit organizations for donated City services in excess of \$5,000 be brought to Council for consideration.

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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefing:

- a. Charter Review Committee** **Mayor**

At the request of Mayor Ronald E. Jones, Council is requested to discuss the formation of a Charter Review Committee.

(6:45) 3. Regular Items:

- a. Amendment of Chapter 30 and Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances Regarding Electronic Signs** **Montgomery**

On August 2, 2011, Council conducted a public hearing to consider amendment of the Sign Ordinance related to regulation of electronic signs. Council requested this item be scheduled for further discussion at the August 15, 2011 Work Session.

- b. Redistricting** **Montgomery**

Council is requested to discuss City Council district boundaries.

- c. Review of 2011-12 Proposed Budget** **Bradford**

Staff will make the following presentations related to the FY 2011-12 Proposed Budget. This will be the first of two scheduled Budget review sessions. The second Budget Work Session will be held on

Thursday, August 25, 2011, followed by a public hearing scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

- *Overview of Selected Items (Bradford)*
- *Electric (Schwertner)*
- *Water and Wastewater (Baker)*
- *Building Inspection (Montgomery)*
- *Code Compliance (Killen)*
- *Municipal Court (Slay)*
- *Parks (Stone)*
- *Fire (Knight)*
- *Police (Bates)*

(9:30) 4. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions Council

Mayor Ronald Jones:

- *John Kaiwi – Board of Adjustment*
- *Sal Liberto – Building and Fire Code*
- *Kenneth E. Risser – CENAC*
- *Joanne Traylor – Cultural Arts Commission*
- *Margaret (Bettye) Haynes – Library Board*
- *Stanfield (Stan) Luckie – Plan Commission*

Mayor Pro Tem Preston Edwards, District 3:

- *Jerry DeFeo – Board of Adjustment*
- *Hubert B. Hartin, Jr. – Community Multicultural Commission*
- *Reta Faye Day – Cultural Arts Commission*
- *John J. Losher – Housing Board*
- *Allen P. (Mike) McCorstin – Library Board*
- *Edwin (Wayne) Dalton – Plan Commission*

Council Member Rick Williams, District 7:

- *Susan Nye – Board of Adjustment*
- *James Dean Ferrer – CENAC*
- *DeAnne Driver – Cultural Arts Commission*
- *Barbara Stanley – Library Board*
- *Scot LeMay – Plan Commission*
- *Mark Zigler – TIF (Downtown)*
- *Camille Ussery – TIF (South)*

5. 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.

6. 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.

(10:00)7. Adjourn **Council**

(Estimated time to consider)