



GARLAND

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City of Garland

Work Session Room, City Hall

200 North Fifth Street

Garland, Texas

March 6, 2017

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, 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]

1. Consider the Consent Agenda

A member of the City Council may ask for discussion or further information on an item posted as a consent agenda item on the next Regular Meeting of the City Council. The Council Member may also ask that an item on the posted consent agenda be pulled from the consent agenda and considered for a vote separate from consent agenda items on the regular agenda. All discussions or deliberations on this portion of the work session agenda are limited to posted agenda items and may not include a new or unposted subject matter.

2. Written Briefings:

a. 2016-17 Budget Amendment No. 1

Council is requested to amend the 2016-17 Adopted Budget in order to appropriate available funds. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the March 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.

b. Portfolio Summary

Staff presents the Portfolio Summary Report to Council each quarter. The report is in compliance with the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. Management of the City's portfolios is conducted in accordance with the City Council Financial Policy, Statement of Investment Policy, and Statement of Investment Strategy.

3. Verbal Briefings:

a. Charter Review

At the request of Council Member Rich Aubin and Council Member Lori Barnett Dodson, Council is requested to consider a charter review committee. The City Charter requires the Council first convene a Charter Review Committee, composed of not less than nine (9) residents of the City, to make recommendations to the Council on any such amendment.

The Council shall establish the Charter Review Committee no later than the second regular meeting of the Council in the October preceding an election in the following May.

4. Regular Items:

a. Adoption of a Resolution Regarding Funding for the IH-635 East Reconstruction Project

At the request of Council Member Rich Aubin and Council Member B.J. Williams, Council is requested to consider the adoption of a resolution regarding funding for the IH-635 East reconstruction project. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.

b. Consider Equipment Use Policy for City Owned Equipment

Nonprofits, individuals, and other organizations consistently request the use of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts city owned equipment. It is necessary to develop a policy that guides requests from the public for the use of this equipment. Staff recommends that Council consider and approve this policy that would allow for city staff to review each request on a case by case basis to evaluate the appropriateness and availability of requested equipment.

c. City Council Policy Guiding the Issuance of Tax Credit Support Resolutions

Discuss the development and adoption of a Policy and Application for review and approval of requests for Resolutions of Support for Texas Department Housing and Community Affairs Tax Credit Applications.

d. Review Proposed Changes to Council Policies

Council will continue the discussion of the Council Policies.

e. Downtown Square Design Project

At the request of Council Member Anita Goebel, Council Member David Gibbons and Council Member Rich Aubin, Staff will provide information regarding the Public Hearing for the Downtown Square which was held on February 23, 2017. The purpose of this item is to discuss the Downtown Square Design Project, receive feedback from Council on format of February 23rd public meeting, and receive citizen feedback from meeting.

5. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions

a. Council Member Rich Aubin

- Reta Day - Garland Cultural Arts Commission

6. Announce Future Agenda Items

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.

7. Council will move into Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

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. **The City Council will convene in executive session to discuss, deliberate, vote on or take final action regarding the following competitive matters that would, if disclosed, give advantage to competitors or prospective competitors including any matter that is reasonably related to the categories of information described by Sec. 551.806 and Sec. 552.133, TEX. GOV'T CODE.**
 - **A briefing from the Risk Oversight Committee on GP&L fuel and energy activities for FY2016**
 - **Energy trading risk management software system purchase**
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8. Adjourn