



GARLAND

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION City of Garland

REMOTE MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2020
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.

NOTICE: Due to the COVID-19 emergency, and pursuant to Section 551.125 of the Texas Government Code and the executive orders of Governor Greg Abbott suspending provisions of the Texas Government Code and other applicable laws of the State regarding normal open meetings, the City Council will hold this meeting by internet/telephonic remote means.

The meeting will be broadcast by webinar or telephone at the following URL:

https://garlandtx.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RfQcZJ8cQi-8cgACf3716g

Registration for the online meeting is required. The meeting will be recorded and will be available for viewing the next day at www.garlandtx.gov.

For those without internet access to the meeting, a dial-in option is available. The numbers are:

346-248-7799
470-250-9358
470-381-2552

The Meeting ID is: 942 3383 8182

For participants (online and by phone) who wish to speak, a public comments period is provided as the first item on the agenda. If you desire to address the City Council on a matter that is posted on this agenda, please be prepared to do so at the beginning of the meeting. After the City Council has begun its discussion of the agenda, you will not be recognized to speak. The public comments portion of the meeting is provided for citizen comments. You are invited to offer a comment or make a statement on any item on the agenda. However, please bear in mind that offering comments should not be done in the form of posing questions. Generally, due to legal restrictions, the City Council is not able to answer questions during the public comments portion of the agenda. Your comments must relate to an item on this agenda - non-germane comments are not in order.

If an Executive Session is included as part of the agenda for this meeting, the Executive Session will be conducted by teleconference between and among the members of the City Council and relevant City staff. Public access to that call is prohibited by State law.

COUNCIL HOUSE RULES

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| 1. Decisions based on issues, goals and vision. | 9. Follow goals, principles and action agenda. |
| 2. Do not take things personal. | 10. Decide, vote and move on. |
| 3. Project a positive attitude. | 11. Avoid ambushes - Council or staff. |
| 4. Focus on issues, not on the person. | 12. Talk to staff before meetings. |
| 5. Be prepared to discuss issues. | 13. Vote our convictions, but be willing to compromise " <i>What is best for Garland.</i> " |
| 6. Maintain decorum. | 14. Follow Roberts Rules of Order consistently. |
| 7. Keep your sense of humor. | 15. Agree to disagree. |
| 8. Honor and respect each other; accept each other as individuals. | 16. Be open and honest. |

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. Public Comments on Work Session Items

Persons who desire to address the City Council on any item on the Work Session agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Speakers are taken only at the beginning of the meeting, other than invited testimony.

Speakers are grouped by Work Session item and will be taken in the order of the Work Session agenda. Speakers must submit to the City Secretary a completed speaker's card before the beginning of the meeting. Speaker cards will not be accepted after the Mayor calls the meeting to order. Speaker cards are available in the lobby, at the visitor's side of the Work Session Room, and from members of staff.

Speakers are limited to addressing items on the Work Session agenda – any item relating to a Regular Session agenda item should be addressed at the Regular Session and any item not on an agenda may be addressed during the open microphone at the end of the Regular Session.

2. 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.

3. Written Briefings:

a. TxDOT Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) Grant 2021

Council is requested to accept a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) - Impaired Driving Mobilization (IDM) Grant. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

b. TxDOT Click It or Ticket Grant 2021

Council is requested to accept a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) - Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) - CIOT (Click It or Ticket) Grant. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

c. Investment 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 Strategy and Investment Policy.

d. 2021 Scheduling of Council Dates

Council is requested to review and discuss, if needed, changes to the City Council meeting dates for 2021 as presented in the attached schedule.

4. Verbal Briefings:

a. COVID-19 Response Update and Further Actions

Staff will provide an update to Council and ask for Council direction, if needed, on various matters related to COVID-19 and actions being taken by the City.

b. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Assessment and Plans Surrounding the former Globe Union Site

A representative from the Environmental Protection Agency will brief Council regarding field work, sampling and analysis to assess the level of contamination from the former Globe Union site near South Shiloh Road and Marquis Drive.

c. Consider Garland Cultural Arts Commission Inc. Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Budget, Sub-grant Recipients, and Hotel Occupancy Tax Program Management Agreement

Council is requested to approve the 2020-2021 budget of the Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc., sub-grant recipients and authorization of the City Manager's execution of the "Hotel Occupancy Tax Program Management Agreement" between the City of Garland and the Garland Cultural Arts Commission, Inc. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

d. City Moving from CodeRed to New Garland Alert System Powered by Everbridge

The current notification system, CodeRed, is limited in capability compared to newer more robust systems and costs the City \$121,391 per year to operate. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (Department of Justice allocation) presented a unique opportunity to implement a more advanced, user-friendly system suited for internal notification and providing service to the public without interruption in notification capability. By utilizing the timely CESF grant funds, we had the opportunity to fully implement a new system, while still having CodeRed available for use; thus, providing continuous service to citizens throughout the transition.

e. Administrative Services Committee Update

Mayor Pro Tem Robert John Smith, Chair of the Administrative Services Committee, will provide a committee report on the following items:

- *Policy for Visiting Dignitaries and Shared Hosting of Events*
- *Creation of Additional Orientation Material for New Council Members*
- *Consider Research and/or Adoption of other Rules of Order for the Council*
- *Non-profit (NPO) and Sports Field Use (SFU) Drafts*

f. Transportation, Infrastructure and Mobility Committee Report

Council Member Rich Aubin, Chair of the Transportation, Infrastructure and Mobility Committee will provide a committee report on the following items:

- *Proposal by Regional Transportation Council (RTC) for pedestrian improvements near DART rail stations in Garland*

g. Continuation of Discussions Regarding the Replacement of Council Member for District 1

At its October 12, 2020 Work Session, the City Council received a briefing from the City Attorney as to the procedures provided by law for the replacement of a council member who resigns under circumstances where the resigning member cannot hold-over in office. Council directed the City Attorney to request the Governor to order a special emergency early election (that is, before the May 2021 election) - or decline to order such election - as provided in the Charter. If the Governor declines to authorize the calling of a special election, the Charter authorizes the City Council to appoint an interim replacement to serve as the council member for District 1. Council indicated a desire to discuss a process under which that selection would be made in the event the Governor declines to authorize a special election.

5. 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.

6. Adjourn