



GARLAND

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Duckworth Building, Goldie Locke Room
217 North Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
May 16, 2016
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. **Written Briefings:**

a. **National Historic Registry Application Process**

Council will be briefed on the application process for nominating the Downtown Garland commercial district for acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places.

b. **Image Promotion Strategy Partner**

Council is requested to enter into a contract with Tucker & Associates Public Relations for the amount of \$158,980 to conduct market research of Garland's image, to develop a comprehensive image and promotion strategy, and to provide media management services. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 17, 2016.

c. **City Council District Boundaries**

Council is requested to consider an ordinance confirming the existing City Council District Boundaries. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.

d. **Consider an ordinance amending the International Residential Code relating to the display of addresses on the rear of residential properties.**

Council is requested to consider amending the International Residential Code relating to the display of addresses on the rear of residential properties. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

e. **Atmos Settlement Agreement**

The City, along with other similarly situated cities served by Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos"), is a member of the Atmos Cities Steering Committee ("ACSC"). On March 1, 2016, Atmos made a filing requesting \$35.4 million additional revenue on a system-wide basis.

ACSC and Atmos have reached an agreement to reduce the Atmo's revenue increase from \$35.4 million to increase of \$29.9 million on a system basis. For Atmos bills rendered on or after June 1, 2016 the monthly residential customer charge will be \$19.10 and the consumption charge will be \$0.11378 per Ccf. The monthly bill impact for the typical residential customer consuming 46.8 Ccf will be an increase of \$1.26, or about 2.43%. The typical commercial customer will see an increase of \$3.81, or 1.43%. Unless

otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.

f. Garland Municipal Court Dismissal Purge Policy

Council is requested to consider a Dismissal/Purge Policy intended to remove dormant case files from the Court case management system. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.

g. Sale of City Property - 505 Kaiser Street

Council is requested to consider whether to sell the struck off property known as 505 Kaiser Street to the Kaiser Street Baptist Church. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the June 7, 2016 Regular Meeting.

2. Verbal Briefings:

a. Tornado Recovery Update Related to Code Compliance and Building Inspections

Staff will provide a tornado recovery update related to Code Compliance and Building Inspections.

b. Discuss Appointee Process for Texas Municipal Power Agency and Dallas Area Rapid Transit

At the request of Mayor Douglas Athas, Council is asked to discuss the appointee process for the Texas Municipal Power Agency (TMPA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

c. Interview for Appointment to the North Texas Municipal Water District Board

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) notified the City that Jack May's term of office as a NTMWD Board Member expires on May 31, 2016. Information was posted on the City's website for 14 days regarding the qualifications of the NTMWD Board Member in order to provide an opportunity for citizens to apply for the position. A letter of interest was received from Jack May. Council is scheduled to formally appoint a representative to the NTMWD Board of Directors at the May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting.

3. 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.

4. Adjourn