



GARLAND

AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

City of Garland

Work Session Room, City Hall

200 North Fifth Street

Garland, Texas

January 17, 2017

5:30 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. Optional Redemption of Tax Notes

When Council approved the issuance of \$7,350,000 Tax Notes, Series 2016 on September 6, 2016, it was contemplated that the City would exercise the call provision to redeem the notes on March 1, 2017 prior to the scheduled maturity date of November 1, 2017. Staff requests Council consider approving an ordinance to redeem the Tax Notes, Series 2016 as contemplated. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting.

b. Updates, Amendments to, and Corrections of the Garland Code of Ordinances

Council is requested to consider a number of updates and amendments to, and corrections of, the Garland Code of Ordinances. The City Attorney recommends that certain amendments, deletions, and additions be made to various ordinances due to changes in the law. In addition, City staff proposes certain amendments as well. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting.

2. Verbal Briefings:**a. Preview of 2017 Proposed CIP**

Staff will provide an overview of the 2017 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which will be formally presented by the City Manager at the January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting.

b. City Council Vision and Plan of Action to Reduce the Use of Debt Funding

At the request of Council Member Jim Cahill and Mayor Douglas Athas, Council is requested to review the City Council Vision and Plan of Action to Reduce the Use of Debt Funding that was presented and discussed at the April 18, 2016 Work Session and adopted by consensus (7 ayes, 2 nays) of the Council. Council Member Jim Cahill is requesting Council to re-affirm their commitment to this vision and plan of action or take action to change or revoke it.

c. Street Funding Resolution

At the request of Council Member Lori Barnett Dodson and Council Member Rich Aubin, Council is requested to consider adopting a resolution that establishes a funding and operation policy for repairs of streets and alleys. Unless otherwise directed by Council, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the January 17, 2017 Regular Meeting.

d. Transportation Update

The Transportation Director will provide a monthly briefing on the activities related to funding the Strategic Transportation Initiatives of the City of Garland.

e. Code Compliance Parking Violation Pilot Study

At the request of Council Member B. J. Williams and Council Member Anita Goebel, Code

Compliance staff will present the initial findings from a residential parking violation pilot study conducted by the department.

3. Consider the Consent Agenda

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

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.

5. Adjourn