

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, in the Goldie Locke Room at The Duckworth Building, 217 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor	Douglas Athas
Mayor Pro Tem	B. J. Williams
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Lori Dodson
Council Member	Marvin 'Tim' Campbell
Council Member	Anita Goebel
Council Member	Stephen Stanley
Council Member	Billy Mack Williams
Council Member	Scott LeMay
Council Member	James Cahill

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager	Bryan L. Bradford
City Attorney	Brad Neighbor
City Secretary	Eloyce René Dowl

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas Athas. Council Member Anita Goebel led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

CEREMONIALS:

The Mayor presented a proclamation to Tony Torres and members of the Community Multicultural Commission proclaiming September as Hispanic Heritage Month. The Water Department received two National Gold awards for the Rowlett and Duck Creek Wastewater Treatment Plants. Wes Kucera, Malcolm Parker, and Mike Gehrke accepted the awards.

The Mayor recognized a member from Boy Scout Troop 707.

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items marked with asterisks (**) on the Consent Agenda were voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Athas read those items into the record. Motion was made by Council Member Goebel, second by Mayor Pro Tem B. J. Williams, to approve items 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, and 5. Motion carried, 9 ayes, 0 nays.

Council Member Billy Mack Williams did not vote on item 2b for possible conflict of interest.

1. APPROVED**

Approval of the Minutes of the September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting.

2a. APPROVED**

Bid No. 5641-15 to HPI, LLC in the amount of \$331,875.00 which includes an optional contingency of \$82,970.00 for a total of \$414,845.00 for Spencer Unit 4 turbine maintenance labor.

This request is to provide labor costs associated with the Spencer Unit 4 turbine maintenance and overhaul. Due to the complex nature of this project, an Optional Contingency is included for any unforeseen additional work that may be required.

2b. APPROVED**

Bid No. 5803-15 to R-Delta Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$146,500.00 for professional engineering services.

This request is to provide professional surveying, geotechnical, environmental, and detailed construction plans for water line replacement along the north side of Forest Lane between Jupiter Road and State Street.

3. APPROVED**

Ordinance No. 6800 amending the zoning laws of the City of Garland by approving a Specific Use Provision for truck/bus repair on a 1.85-acre tract of land zoned Industrial (IN) District and located at 4040 Forest Lane; providing for conditions, restrictions, and regulations; providing a penalty under the provisions of Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland; providing a savings clause and a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

4. APPROVED**

Ordinance No. 6801 authorizing the issuance of tax notes in the amount of \$4 million to provide funding for street improvements plus debt issuance costs. Tax notes will not increase the General Obligation Debt Service tax rate because of savings realized from the commercial paper program.

5. APPROVED**

Resolution No. 10220 rescheduling the October 6, 2015 Regular Meeting of the City Council; and providing an effective date.

This year, Texas will celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 which is also the first regularly scheduled Council meeting in October. At the September 14, 2015 Work Session, Council was scheduled to consider rescheduling the October 6 Regular Meeting to October 5 in order to allow the Mayor and Council members the opportunity to participate in local National Night Out activities in the community.

6. PUBLIC HEARING
HELD:

Mayor Athas opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. to receive comment regarding the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget. There were no speakers on this item.

Mayor Athas closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

7. PUBLIC HEARING
HELD:

Mayor Athas opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. to receive comment regarding the Proposed 2015-2016 Tax Rate. There were no speakers on this item.

Mayor Athas closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

8. APPROVED

Consider an ordinance of the City of Garland approving and adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016; providing budgetary appropriations for the various funds of the City; amending the current budget as revised, authorizing the City Manager to make adjustments, and establishing an effective date for such actions.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Stanley to ratify the property tax rate reflected in this budget. Motion carried 9 ayes 0 nays.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Stanley to approve Ordinance No. 6802 adopting the budget as submitted. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

9. APPROVED

Consider an ordinance fixing the tax rate (70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation) and tax levy for the City of Garland for the 2015-2016, upon all taxable property in the City of Garland in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter provisions and ordinances of the City of Garland; repealing all ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict therewith; and providing an effective date.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Campbell to approve Ordinance No. 6803 to increase the property tax rate, adopting a tax rate of 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 5.93 percent increase in the tax rate, and to fix the rate for debt service in the amount of thirty-one and six hundredths of a cent. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Campbell to approve the rate for maintenance and operations in the amount of thirty-nine and forty hundredths of a cent. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

10a. APPROVED

Consider an ordinance amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland relating to fees for various services provided by the City; providing a savings clause, a severability clause and an effective date.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Stanley to approve Ordinance No. 6804, rate and fee changes for 2015-16, amending various sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland relating to fees for various services provided by the City. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

10b. APPROVED Consider an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 50, "Utility Rates and Fees," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland relating to fees for various services provided by the City; providing a savings clause, a severability clause, and an effective date.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member Stanley to approve Ordinance No. 6805, amending various sections of Chapter 50, "Utility Rates and Fees," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland relating to fees for various services provided by the City. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

11. APPROVED Consider an ordinance of the City of Garland establishing civil service classifications within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the number of positions in each classification; prescribing the base salary and types of pay for those classifications; and providing an effective date.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel and second by Council Member LeMay to approve Ordinance No. 6806, establishing civil service classifications within the Police and Fire Departments; prescribing the number of positions in each classification; prescribing the base salary and types of pay for those classifications. Motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays.

12. APPOINTMENTS: A vote was cast and the motion carried 9 ayes, 0 nays as the following name was placed in nomination:

Council Member James Cahill

- Joseph Schroeder – Tax Increment Finance Board – Downtown

13. COMMENTS: Mohammed Ayachi

14: ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Athas adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ Douglas Athas, Mayor

/s/ Eloyce René Dowl, City Secretary