

The City Council of the City of Garland, Texas convened in regular session at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall with the following members present:

Mayor	Ronald E. Jones
Mayor Pro Tem	Preston Edwards
Councilmember	Douglas Athas
Councilmember	Laura Perkins Cox
Councilmember	Larry Jeffus
Councilmember	John Willis
Councilmember	Lori Barnett Dodson
Councilmember	Rick Williams
Councilmember	Jim Cahill

STAFF PRESENT:	City Manager	William E. Dollar
	City Attorney	Brad Neighbor
	City Secretary	Mary J. Kayser
	Recording Secretary	Yvonne Naser

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ronald E. Jones. Councilmember Dodson led the invocation. Scout Troop 783 led the pledge.

CEREMONIALS: State Representative Angie Chen Button presented the City with 2 House Resolutions.

Jerry Nichols, Representative Button's Senior Citizens Commission chairman, briefed the Council on the Senior Citizen Awareness Day, Saturday August 6, 2011.

Mayor Jones recognized Scout Troop 783, Troop 360 and Troop 100.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items marked with asterisks (**) on the Consent Agenda were voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Motion was made by Councilmember Dodson and second by Councilmember Williams to approve Consent Agenda Item #'s: 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4 and 5. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

1. Approved** Approve the minutes of the July 19, 2011 Regular Meeting.

2a. Approved** Award the bid for Janitorial Services at Various Locations (Bid No. 2462-11) to GCA Services Group of Texas, LP in the amount of \$263,442.12.

2b. Approved** Award the bid for Cleaning and Video Inspection of Sewer Lines (Bid No. 2367-11) to RKM Utility Services, Inc. in the amount of \$121,630.00.

3. Approved**
Ordinance 6476 amending the zoning laws of the City of Garland by approving a Specific Use Permit for Contractor Equipment and Storage on a 0.8-acre tract of land zoned Planned Development (PD) 05-51 for Commercial Uses, located at 428 N. First Street (southeast corner of First Street and Walnut Street). (Zoning File No. 11-18, Magnum Manhole & Underground)
4. Approved**
Minute action approving the Council Rules of Order and Procedure.
5. Approved**
Resolution 10002 designating the City Manager as the authorized signatory for the City of Garland on all documents pertaining to the 2011 Annual Action Plan for the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs.
6. Budget presented
City Manager William E. Dollar presented the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget.

Robert Cason spoke on this item related to the reinstatement of the TMRS COLA.
7. Tax rate vote set
Proposal to vote on Proposed Tax Rate for 2011-2012.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cox and second by Mayor Pro Tem Edwards that an item be placed on the Council agenda for September 6, 2011 calling for the adoption of a tax rate equaling 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2011.

Public Hearings set

Mayor Jones called for two public hearings to be held on the proposed ad valorem tax rate of 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation – which is scheduled for adoption September 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at Garland City Hall.

The Public Hearings will be held on:

Tuesday – August 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Garland City Hall and

Thursday – August 25, 2011 also at 7:00 pm in Garland City Hall.

8. Approved

Hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 32, “Neighborhood Sanitation and Housing Services” Section 32.07 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland regulating the licensing and inspection of multifamily dwellings; providing a penalty under the provisions of Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 32.07 of the Code of Ordinances regulates the licensing and inspection of multifamily dwellings. Staff has modified this section, most notably, by requiring more information on the license application to adequately identify ownership; changing the method of gaining entry into apartment units to conduct inspections; adding progressive enforcement provisions for noncompliance with the minimum housing standards and removing the language governing license suspension.

Richard Briley, Managing Director of Health presented this item.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:36 pm.

Speaking on this item was Steve Miller.

Motion was made by Councilmember Willis and second by Councilmember Cox to close the public hearing at 7:38 pm and to approve Ordinance 6477 amending Chapter 32, “Neighborhood Sanitation and Housing Services” Section 32.07 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland regulating the licensing and inspection of multifamily dwellings; providing a penalty under the provisions of Sec. 10.05 of the Code of Ordinances. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

9. Held public hearing

Hold a public hearing and consider amending Section 30.104 (A) and (B), and Section 30.108 (A) and (B) of the City of Garland Code of Ordinances (Article VI) Sign Regulations, and Section 34.21 (C) (2) (a) and (b) and Section 34.21 (D) (1) (a) and (b) of the Development Standards for SH190, IH30, and IH635 Corridors regarding electronic signs in residential and non-residential zoning districts. (File 11-20)

Barbara Onstott with Datatronic Controll, Inc. presented information on electronic signs and gave a brief demonstration of some of the features of the signs.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:07 pm.

Speaking on this item was Frances Hiner (in favor).

The following individuals registered a position in favor of this item:

Scott Robertson

Tony Harris

There being no further speakers the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:14 pm.

10. Approved

Consider the application of Fourth Avenue Investments, requesting approval of 1) a change of zoning from Planned Development (PD) District 85-49 for Multi-Uses (Light Industrial, Multi-Family, and Office) to a Planned Development (PD) District for Single Family Uses and 2) a Concept Plan. The property is located north of Belt Line Road, east of Wagon Wheel Road, and southwest of North Garland Avenue. (File 11-19)

The proposal is for approval of a change of zoning from PD 85-49 for Light Industrial, Multi-family and Office to a Planned Development for Single Family Uses and a Concept Plan.

Anita Russelmann, Assistant Director of Planning presented this item.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 8:20 pm.

Speaking on this item were Shane Jordan (representing the applicant) in favor; William Dower (representing Paul Taylor homes) on and Don Montemurro, in favor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Williams and second by Councilmember Dodson to close the public hearing at 8:30 pm and to approve the application of Fourth Avenue Investments, requesting approval of 1) a change of zoning from Planned Development (PD) District 85-49 for Multi-Uses (Light Industrial, Multi-Family, and Office) to a Planned Development (PD) District for Single Family Uses and 2) a Concept Plan and 3) a waiver of section 31.27 of the City of Garland Code of Ordinances regarding the requirement for alleys and allowing 10% of the dwelling units to have a minimum size of 1,700 to 1,900 square feet. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

At this time the Mayor turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Edwards.

11. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Motion was made by Mayor Jones to appoint the following individual(s) to the listed board(s):

Alex Luna – Youth Council
Emma Spann – Youth Council

Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Jeffus to appoint the following individual(s) to the listed board(s):

Angela Starnes – Youth Council
Scott Zachary – Youth Council

At this time the meeting was returned back to the Mayor.

12. Citizen comments.

None

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm.

CITY OF GARLAND

Signed:

Mayor Ronald E. Jones

Attest:

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary