



AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Duckworth Building, Goldie Locke Room
217 North Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
March 3, 2015
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]

Item	Key Person
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1. Verbal Briefings:

a. Transportation Report

Dean/Schaffner

Dean International, the City's transportation consultant, will update Council on the following:

- Transportation Program Updates
 - IH-635
 - IH-30
 - Annual Missions Update
 - Austin
 - Washington, D.C.
- Strategic Events Update
- Advocacy Group Update
- Transportation Updates
 - TEX-21
 - Regional Policy
 - Federal Policy
 - State Update

b. Community Coalition to Address Homelessness in Garland

B.J. Williams/Stanley

At the request of Council Members B.J. Williams and Stephen W. Stanley, Council will discuss the City's past and present financial and in-kind services investments related to homelessness in Garland.

c. Sound Wall Aesthetics

Luedtke

A sound wall will be constructed on the north side of IH 635 East between La Prada and Centerville Drive. This construction is an early part of the overall IH 635 East reconstruction. Council was briefed on the general aesthetic package for the overall design at the December 15, 2014 Work Session. Due to the advancement of this sound wall in the reconstruction process, Council is being asked to select a specific design for the overall sound wall. Two choices that were shown at the public meeting on January 29, 2015 will be presented for selection by the Council.

d. Review and Deliberation of 2015 Capital Improvement Program

Young

Council will deliberate changes, if any, in the City Manager's proposed capital plan.

- *Council deliberations*
- *Direction to staff on final changes to Capital Improvement Program.*

2. Consider the Consent Agenda

Council

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.

3. Announce Future Agenda Items

Council

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

Council



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Recommendation/Action Requested and Justification

Council discussion.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

William E. Dollar
City Manager



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Submitted By:

**Paul Luedtke
Transportation Director**

Approved By:

**William E. Dollar
City Manager**



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Submitted By:

**Ron Young
Director
Budget & Research**

Approved By:

**William E. Dollar
City Manager**