

# **AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
City of Garland  
Work Session Room, City Hall  
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas  
October 18, 2011**

**Council will meet beginning at 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]

**(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:**

**a. EMS Fee Ordinance Amendment**

*Council is requested to consider the amendment of Section 21.26 of Chapter 21, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the Code of Ordinances. The addition of Sec. 21.26(B)(4) would allow the City of Garland to itemize bill for consumables used during the care and treatment of Garland Fire Department EMS transports. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the November 1, 2011 Regular Meeting.*

**b. Upgrade of the City of Garland's Utility Customer Information System to Customer Service Suite Version 4.3**

*Council is requested to consider approval of a project to upgrade the City of Garland's Utility Customer Information System from Customer Service Suite version 4.0 to 4.3. This upgrade provides business value through:*

- *Improvements in business processes and practices*
- *Exploitation of new capabilities*
- *Elimination of various customizations*
- *Updated security enhancements*

*If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the November 1, 2011 Regular Council Meeting.*

**2. Discuss Appointments to Boards and Commissions                      Council**

**3. 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.*

**4. 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.*

**(6:20) 5. Adjourn**

**Council**

**(Estimated time to consider)**