

**Minutes of the City Council
Regular Meeting
August 7, 2012**

The City Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Mayor	Ronald E. Jones
Mayor Pro Tem	John Willis
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem	Preston Edwards
Council Member	Marvin 'Tim' Campbell
Council Member	Anita Goebel
Council Member	B. J. Williams
Council Member	Lori Barnett Dodson
Council Member	Rick Williams
Council Member	Jim Cahill

STAFF PRESENT:	City Manager	William E. Dollar
	City Attorney	Brad Neighbor
	Interim City Secretary	Elaine Simpson
	Recording Secretary	Yvonne Naser

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ronald E. Jones. Council Member B. J. Williams led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

CEREMONIALS: Mayor Jones presented the following Special Recognitions to:

- Garland NAACP Branch and Garland NAACP Youth Council
- Uriel Villalpando - Code Compliance
- David Greer, Sr. – 20 years of service on Parks and Recreation Board

CONSENT AGENDA: All items marked with asterisks (**) on the consent agenda were voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Motion was made by Council Member B. J. Williams and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem John Willis to approve items 1, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as presented. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; and 0 Abstentions.

1. Approved ** Approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 Regular Meeting.

2a. Approved ** Approve the bid for Replacement Servers, Drivers, and Storage (Bid No. 2999-12) to Dell Computer Corporation for

\$155,115.51 for the replacement of aging IT-related equipment used at the Ray Olinger Power Plant.

- 2b. Approved ** Approve the bid for Outdoor Warning Sirens (Bid No. 2910-12) to Safety Com, Inc. in the amount of \$359,527.60; a contingency of \$53,929.15 for a total of \$413,456.75.
3. Approved ** Ordinance No. 6560 approved amending the zoning laws of the City of Garland by approving a Specific Use Permit for Restaurant, Drive-through on a .499-acre tract of land zoned General Business District at 3330 Broadway Boulevard. (Zoning File No. 12-32, Golden Chick)
4. Approved ** Approval by minute action the appointment of Tony Jenkins to the Animal Services Advisory Committee.
5. Approved ** Resolution No. 10063 approving the sale of designated tax foreclosed real estate property to approved housing developers through the Housing and Community Services Department; authorizing a deed conveying the property to the buyer. Staff is proposing to utilize six tax foreclosed properties for the construction of new single-family homes by working in partnership with private homebuilders for the construction of affordable housing.
6. Approved ** Resolution No. 10064 authorizing the City Manager to execute a wastewater agreement with Daisy Brand for wastewater improvements along Wall Street from Denton Drive, through easements, to the upper end of the recently completed Carroll Bradfield Relief Sewer.
7. Postponed Ordinance was considered amending Chapter 10, "Administration," of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Garland.

Doris Maynor, Kenneth Maynor, and Claudia Porras registered a position on this item, but did not testify. Speaking on this item were Lawrence Billy Jones, Dorothy L. Brooks, Mike Rose, Lee Lutz, Charlie Hinton, Annie Dickson, Karen Nixon, and Steve Miller.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member B. J. Williams, to deny the request. Motion was made by Council Member Rick Williams to postpone

this item to the August 21, 2012 Regular Meeting with discussion at the August 20, 2012 Work Session. Motion carried: 8 Ayes; 1 Nay (B. J. Williams); 0 Abstentions.

8. Budget Presented Presentation of 2012-13 Proposed Budget.

City Manager William E. Dollar presented the Proposed Budget for 2012-13.

9. Proposed Tax Rate Proposal to vote on the proposed tax rate for 2012-13.

Speaking on this item was Dennis Hubbell.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem John Willis and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Edwards to place an item on the Council agenda for September 4, 2012 calling for the adoption of a tax rate equaling 70.46 cents per \$100 of valuation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2012. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.

The Mayor 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 on September 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Garland City Hall. The public hearings will be held on August 21 and 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Garland City Hall.

10. Approved Public hearing held to formally consider the issue of televising the citizen comments at Council meetings.

The following registered a position but did not provide testimony: Janie Brittain, Wayne Wilmany, Claudia Porras, Karen Nixon, Doris Maynor, and Kenneth Maynor.

Speaking on this item were Mike Rose, Dorothy L. Brooks, Steve Miller, Don E. Howard III, Charlie Hinton, John Clary, Annie Dickson, Lawrence Billy Jones III, Darren Lathen, and Lee Lutz.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel, seconded by Council Member Cahill, to close the public hearing and approve the reinstatement of televising the open microphone section of the agenda. Motion carried: 5 Ayes; 4 Nays (Willis, Edwards, Rick Williams, Campbell); 0 Abstentions.

11a. Approved

Consider the application of Firewheel Master Partnership, Ltd. requesting approval of an amendment to items IV.B.1 and 2 and Exhibit C of Planned Development District 12-08 regarding regulation of freestanding signs. This property is located east of State Highway 78, north of President George Bush Turnpike. (File 12-36)

Speaking on this item were Neil Montgomery, Senior Managing Director of Development Services and Jay Grogan.

Motion was made by Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Dodson, to close the public hearing and approve the request of an amendment to items IV.B.1 and 2 and Exhibit C of Planned Development District 12-08 regarding regulation of freestanding signs on property located east of State Highway 78, north of President George Bush Turnpike as recommended by the Plan Commission. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstentions.

11b. Denied

Consider the application of Alfonso Vasquez requesting approval of a Specific Use Permit for Recycling Center on property zoned Industrial 1 (I-1) District. This property is located at 314 South Kirby Street. (File 12-35)

Speaking on this item was Neil Montgomery, Senior Managing Director of Development Services.

Motion was made by Council Member Dodson, seconded by Council Member Goebel, to close the public hearing and deny the request for a Specific Use Permit for Recycling Center on property located at 314 South Kirby Street. Motion carried: 9 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Absentions.

12.

Consider appointments to Board and Commissions.

Motion was made by Council Member Goebel to appoint the following:

- Arlene Beasley - Board of Adjustment
- Steven C. Hallman - Building and Fire Codes Board
- Claudia Porras - Garland Cultural Arts Commission
- Rodney Blunt - Housing Standards Board

- Lynnell "Patricia" Boone - Library Board
- Lawrence Billy Jones III - Parks and Recreation Board
- Nettie Mae Malcolm - Plan Commission
- Wayne Wilmany - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Dwight Dee Nichols - Plumbing and Mechanical Codes Board
- William L. Dunn - Tax Increment Finance District Downtown

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

Motion was made by Council Member Rick Williams to appoint the following:

- Phillip Alfred Brown - Building and Fire Codes Board
- Jennifer B. Nguyen - Community Multicultural Commission

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

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Campbell to appoint the following:

- John P. Young - Board of Adjustment
- Aaron David Miller - Building and Fire Codes Board
- Barbara Rust Powers – CENAC
- Deo Sookdeo - Community Multicultural Commission
- Harlan Ray Seagren - Garland Cultural Arts Commission
- Nicholas William Oliver II - Housing Standards Board
- Julius Irozuru - Library Board
- Ed Seghers - Parks and Recreation Board
- Scott Roberts - Plan Commission
- William Swisher - Tax Increment Finance District – South

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

Motion was made by Council Member B. J. Williams to appoint the following:

- Jim Bookout - Board of Adjustment
- Neil Sheffield – CENAC
- Janet Lea Bridges - Community Multicultural Commission
- Blanca A. Sanchez - Garland Cultural Arts Commission
- David Perry - Housing Standards Board
- Corsharra Jackson - Library Board
- Davis Cecil Williams II - Parks and Recreation Board
- John David O'Hara - Plan Commission
- Gwendolyn Daniels - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Robert Duckworth - Tax Increment Finance District – Central
- Larry D. Daniels - Plumbing and Mechanical Codes Board

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

Motion was made by Council Member John Willis to appoint the following:

- Betty Templar Roberts – CENAC
- Howard N. Gay - Garland Cultural Arts Commission
- Robert H. Brandon, Jr. - Library Board
- Patsy B. Rogers - Parks and Recreation Board
- Truett Welborn - Plan Commission
- Eula Marie Speece Axe - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Tom Jefferies - Tax Increment Finance District – South

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

13.

Citizen comments.

John Clary

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND

Signed:

Mayor Ronald E. Jones

Attest:

Interim City Secretary