

AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
City of Garland
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas
February 6, 2012**

**Executive Session Agenda
5:00 p.m.**

- 1. Discuss, deliberate, vote or take 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 [Sec. 551.086; Tex. Gov't Code; Sec. 552.133, Tex. Gov't Code]:**
 - **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.**
- a. FY2011 wholesale energy results including generation costs/profits, fuel costs, hedging activities, and other revenues and expenses including QSE revenues and expenses.**

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2. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Section 551.074, Texas Government Code.
 - a. Review proposed recruiting process for the City Secretary vacancy
 - b. Annual Review of the City Manager
 - c. Annual Review of the City Attorney

WORK SESSION 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.

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:

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Adoptable Pet of the Month

(6:00) 1. Written Briefings:

a. Optional Redemption of Tax Notes

Council is requested to consider authorizing the early redemption of \$5,400,000 of tax notes on March 5, 2012. At the time Council approved the issuance of tax notes on September 6, 2011, it was contemplated that the City would exercise the call provision to redeem the notes on March 1, 2012 prior to their scheduled maturity date of November 15, 2012. If Council concurs, this item will be scheduled for formal consideration at the February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting.

b. Establishing a Policy Regarding Cancellation of Elections for Unopposed Candidates

Council is requested to consider adopting an ordinance establishing a policy requiring the Council, where permitted by law, to declare each unopposed candidate elected to office and canceling the election. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 7, 2012 Regular Meeting.

c. Bureau of Reclamation "Watersmart" Grant

Council is requested to consider authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Bureau of Reclamation for funding communitywide residential toilet, showerhead, and faucet aerator replacements. The Bureau is an agency under the U. S. Department of the Interior and primarily oversees water resource management. This item is scheduled for formal consideration at the February 7, 2012 Regular Meeting.

Item	Key Person
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(6:15) 2. Verbal Briefings:

a. North Texas Municipal Water District Update **Baker**

The City of Garland's representatives to the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), Don Gordon and Jack May, will brief Council on current drought conditions and recent actions taken by the NTMWD board.

b. Drought Contingency Plan Restrictions **Baker**

Council has indicated a desire to discuss certain restrictions contained within the City's current Drought Contingency Plan. A summary of the City's current restrictions for each stage of the plan and the differences with the "model" plan distributed by the North Texas Municipal Water District will be reviewed.

(7:00) 3. Regular Items:

a. Proposed 2012 Capital Improvement Program

Council will have an opportunity to deliberate changes, if any, to the City Manager's proposed Capital Improvement Program. At the January 17, 2012 Work Session, staff provided an overview of the 2012 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which was formally presented by the City Manager at the January 17 Regular Meeting. A Budget Session to review the proposed CIP was also held on January 24.

4. 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.

5. 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.

(8:00) 6. Adjourn

Council

(Estimated time to consider)