

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING
CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES
MAYOR TOM LEPPERT, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Leppert, Garcia, Caraway (*9:12 a.m.), Medrano, Neumann, Hill, Salazar (*9:40 a.m.), Davis, Atkins, Kadane, Allen, Koop, Natinsky, Rasansky, Hunt (*9:43 a.m.)

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

The assistant city secretary announced that a quorum of the city council was present.

The invocation was given by Reverend Dr. Timothy McLemore, Senior Pastor at Kessler Park United Methodist Church (UMC) in Dallas.

Councilmember Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda, which was posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered the city council adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Assistant City Secretary

The meeting agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the city council are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

Ordinances, resolutions, reports and other records pertaining to matters considered by the city council, are filed with the city secretary as official public records and comprise EXHIBIT C to the minutes of this meeting.

*** Indicates arrival time after invocation and pledge of allegiance.**

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Special Presentations

At the beginning of each briefing meeting of the city council a time is set aside for the mayor to recognize special individuals or groups, to read mayoral proclamations, to confer honorary citizenships, and to make special presentations.

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CITIZEN SPEAKERS

In accordance with the City Council Rules of Procedure, the city council provided "open microphone" opportunities for the following individuals to comment on matters that were scheduled on the city council voting agenda or to present concerns or address issues that were not matters for consideration listed on the posted meeting agenda:

OPEN MICROPHONE –BEGINNING OF MEETING:

SPEAKER: Nancy Underwood, 2215 Cedar Springs
REPRESENTING: Paws in the City
SUBJECT: Animal Welfare

SPEAKER: Liana Kotcher, 200 Crescent Court
REPRESENTING: Paws in the City
SUBJECT: Animal Welfare

SPEAKER: Shelby Bobosky, 1500 Pecos
REPRESENTING: Paws in the City
SUBJECT: Animal Welfare

SPEAKER: Sherry Talton, 5331 Mercedes Ave.
SUBJECT: Animal Welfare

SPEAKER: Anthony Pace, 2801 Swiss Ave.
REPRESENTING: Plan Funds
SUBJECT: Microfinance in Dallas- Plan Fund is work

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING – SPOKE IN THE LAST 30 DAYS:

SPEAKER: Ernestine Anderson, 6108 Abrams Rd.
SUBJECT: Public Issues

SPEAKER: Leslie Davis, 3035 E. Ledbetter Dr.
REPRESENTING: The Community at Large
SUBJECT: Things that I can say that could make Dallas a better city.

SPEAKER: Gwain Wooten, 4625 Bryant St.
REPRESENTING: R.A.W
SUBJECT: How Martin Luther King Jr. affected my life.

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Council Committee Update

Councilmember Medrano, Chair of Quality of Life and Government Services, updated the City Council.

Councilmember Koop, Chair of Transportation & Environment, updated the City Council.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the March 5, 2008 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Neumann moved to approve the minutes.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Kadane and unanimously adopted.

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Item 2: Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions and the evaluation and duties of board and commission members (List of nominees is available in the City Secretary's Office)

The assistant city secretary distributed a report showing all nominations and re-nominations received for city boards and commissions appointments for the 2007-2009 board term updated through April 2, 2008.

The assistant city secretary noted the report indicated nominees and re-nominees for full council appointments cleared for council action met all qualifications for service.

Councilmember Medrano moved to appoint Susan Abrahamson, Retail Marketing, to the Commission on Productivity and Innovation.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Hill and unanimously adopted.

Councilmember Hill moved to appoint all nominees to "individual appointment" positions in the report who meet all qualifications for service to the boards and commissions at the city for the term ending September 30, 2009.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Koop and unanimously adopted.

[Information on each newly-appointed member is located in the file shown next to the name of the board.]

08-5051	BOA	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
08-5052	CDC	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
08-5053	CPI	COMMISSION ON PRODUCTIVITY AND INNOVATION
08-5054	ERF	EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Briefings: A. Building Public Confidence: Everyday Ethics for Public Officials

Judy Nadler, Senior fellow in Government Ethics at the Mark Kula Center for Applied Ethics in Santa Clara briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefings: B. Department of Code Compliance: Operations Update

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefings: C. Towing for No Insurance Violations

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefings: D Electronic Filing of Campaign Finance Reports

The city secretary briefed the city council on the item.

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Closed Session

[08-1031; HELD]

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Attorney Briefings (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Legal issues regarding audit of Lease and Use Agreement between the City and MCA/PACE Amphitheatres Group, LP, and settlement
- Legal issues regarding possible amendments to Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code to broaden the definition of “urban nuisance” in the context of remedying code violations
- Legal issues related to the renegotiation of the McCommas Bluff landfill gas lease between the City of Dallas and Dallas Clean Energy, LLC, and possible use of outside counsel

At 11:48 a.m. Mayor Leppert announced the closed session of the city council authorized by Chapter 551, “OPEN MEETING,” of the (Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss the following matters:

Attorney Briefings (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Legal issues regarding possible amendments to Chapter 27 of the Dallas City Code to broaden the definition of “urban nuisance” in the context of remedying code violations

Mayor Leppert reconvened the city council meeting after the closed session at 1:44 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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EXHIBIT C