

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING

CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES AND (FORMER) WOMEN'S MUSEUM AT FAIR PARK,
3800 PARRY AVENUE, DALLAS, TX 75226

MAYOR RAWLINGS, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Rawlings, Atkins, Alonzo, Griggs (*9:35 a.m.), Medrano (*9:15 a.m.), Hill (*9:12 a.m.), Caraway (*9:12 a.m.), Callahan, Davis, Kadane, Allen, Kleinman, Greyson (*9:17 a.m.), Gates, Kingston (*9:21 a.m.)

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m at Dallas City Hall.

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

The invocation was given by Rabbi Heidi Coretz, Director of Hillel of Dallas.

Councilmember Callahan led the pledge of allegiance.

The briefing recessed at 11:49 a.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. at the (Former) Women's Museum at Fair Park, 3800 Parry Avenue, Dallas, TX 75226.

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, Mayor Rawlings announced the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

The annotated 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 meeting called to order**

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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 and city council 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: Ella Luna, 998 Ferguson Rd.
REPRESENTING: Casa Emanu-El United Methodist Church
SUBJECT: Rest Break Ordinance

SPEAKER: Bruce Harris, 7409 Wentwood Dr.
REPRESENTING: Dallas Area Interface
SUBJECT: Rest Break Ordinance

SPEAKER: Kirsten James, 10022 Robin Hill Ln.
REPRESENTING: Junior Players
SUBJECT: Proposed 2014-15 Budget

SPEAKER: Eulaine Hall, 11851 High Dale Dr.
SUBJECT: Budget

SPEAKER: Jack Baxley, 11101 Stemmons Frwy.
REPRESENTING: Texo
SUBJECT: Construction rest break

SPEAKER: David Leahde, 5816 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano, TX
REPRESENTING: Dallas Builders Association
SUBJECT: Rest Break Ordinance

*Note: Registered as an Additional – Open Microphone speaker. By general consensus of the city council, was allowed to speak during the Open Microphone – Beginning of Meeting.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the August 20, 2014 City Council Meeting and August 26, 2014 City Council Budget Workshop

The city secretary informed the city council the minutes of August 26, 2014 City Council Budget Workshop were corrected to reflect that on Briefing D: Service Contracts, (1) Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, as presiding officer at that time, called a recess of the city council meeting at 4:00 p.m. as authorized by Section 551.071, Consultations with Attorney, of the Texas Open Meetings Act to confer with the city attorney on the item, (2) with the closed session ending at 4:22 p.m. and (3) no other matters discussed during the closed session.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo moved to adopt the minutes of the August 20, 2014 City Council Meeting as presented and the August 26, 2014 City Council Budget Workshop with the corrections noted by the city secretary.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted. (Davis absent when vote taken)

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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 city secretary distributed a report showing all nominations and re-nominations received for city board and commission appointments for the 2013-2015 board term, with term ending September 30, 2015, updated through September 3, 2014.

The city secretary noted the report indicated nominees for individual and officer appointments cleared for city council action met all qualifications for service.

Councilmember Hill moved to appoint the following:

- Emily Anne Williams, Landscape Architect, to the Landmark Commission; and
- David Quadrini, Chair, to the Fire Code Advisory and Appeals Board; Kristine L. Schwope, Vice Chair, to the Community Development Commission; and Lois J. Lilly, Vice Chair, to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted. (Davis absent when vote taken)

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

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14-6607 BOARD OFFICERS

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Briefing A: Rest Break Ordinance for Construction Workers

Councilmember Kleinman moved to defer the item to allow adequate review by all interested parties and provide for a briefing to the city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Kadane.

Mayor Rawlings called for a show of hands on Councilmember Kleinman's motion to defer the item to allow adequate review by all interested parties and provide for a briefing to the city council.

By a show of hands, with the minority having been raised in favor, Mayor Rawlings declared the motion failed.

The following individuals from Workers Defense Project briefed the city council on the item:

Stephanie Gharakhanian, Research and Policy Director
Maria Lourdes Oltiveros, Board member
Juan Cardoza-Oquendo, Employment and Legal Services Organizer
Leitha Smith, American Association of Occupational Health Nurses

Councilmember Caraway stated for the record *he is for the people that are affected every single day and those are the people the city is protecting.*

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- Item 3: First reading of the appropriation ordinances for the proposed FY 2014-15 City of Dallas Operating, Grants/Trusts, and Capital Budgets; and to include discussion - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins moved to adopt the item with amendments to be read into the record by Councilmember Griggs.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Griggs, with the following amendments:

Amendment #1:

Source of Funds: \$1,025,000

- \$450,000 – estimated revenue available from City sponsorship of private vendor that offers water/sewer line home warranty to residents
- \$575,000 – reduction in service #5.36 (Master Lease Program)

Use of Funds: \$1,025,000

- \$300,00 for libraries
- \$225,000 for Cultural Affairs Commission in the arts
- \$100,000 for senior dental program
- \$100,000 for Earned Income Tax Credit program
- \$300,000 for Dallas Animal Services

Amendment #2:

Source of Funds: \$500,000

- \$200,000 for the reduction of service item #5.4 [Analysis/Development and Validation]
- \$100,000 for the reduction of service item #5.40 [Human Resources Consulting]
- \$88,000 for the reduction of service item #5.48 [Payroll] [\$88,903]
- \$60,000 for the reduction of service item #5.53 [Strategic Customer Service] [\$60,006]
- \$51,000 for the reduction of service item #5.49 [Public Information Office] [\$51,091]

Use of Funds: \$500,000

- \$450,000 to create a contingency reserve that set funds aside in case the City Manager needs funds for the above reductions or for the implementation of technology improvements. In the instance the City Manager needs to access the funds, City Council approval would be required.
- \$50,000 for Pilot Program for Parks

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Amendment #3:

Source of Funds: \$2,000,000

- \$2,000,000 will be from the additional surplus of general funds identified by the City Manager's Office

Use of Funds: \$2,000,000

- \$1,800,000 to increase reserve fund balance
- \$200,000 to increase contingency reserve and set funds aside for programing that mitigates poverty; programing to be subject to approval by City Council.

Councilmember Gates stated for the record *the city is not taking care of its streets and there is not really a way to find enough money. The City Manager has stated the largest solution is going to be the next bond election. Although, I believe there are other things we can do to allocate funds for streets. We can look at the way streets are evaluated and its funds are appropriated, giving us the greatest impact in the near future. I would like to see more money in next year's budget. Also, next year the city should look at our streets infrastructure more closely. However, I am pleased that money for streets has been budgeted for the quality of life of our citizens and will directly impact the services we use every day.*

Mayor Rawlings called the vote on Mayor Pro Tem Atkins motion to adopt the item with amendments read into the record by Councilmember Griggs. Mayor Rawlings declared the motion adopted. (Davis absent when vote taken)

Mayor Rawlings stated due to the unanimous vote on the item, the City Council Budget Workshop meeting scheduled for September 9, 2014 was cancelled; there was no objection voiced.

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Item 4: A public hearing to receive comments on the proposed \$0.7970/\$100 property tax rate for the 2014-15 fiscal year - Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

Mayor Rawlings stated the public hearing would now begin to receive comments on the 2014 proposed tax rate of \$0.7970/\$100 for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The vote on the 2014 tax rate would occur on Wednesday, September 17, 2014; no earlier than 9:00 a.m. at Dallas City Hall, Room 6ES.

The following individuals addressed the city council regarding the item:

Richard Sheridan, 11301 Dennis Rd.
Mary Warren, 4312 McKinney Ave.

Councilmember Kleinman moved to close the public hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Hill and unanimously adopted.

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Briefing B: Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport FY 2015 Proposed Budget

Sean Donohue, Chief Executive Officer, and Christopher A. Poinatte, Executive Vice President – Chief Financial Officer, of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: Mayor's Fair Park Task Force

Mayor Rawlings called a recess of the city council meeting at 11:49 a.m.

At 1:30 p.m., Mayor Rawlings reconvened the city council meeting at (Former) Women's Museum at Fair Park, 3800 Parry Avenue, Dallas, TX 75226 and called the joint meeting of the Dallas City Council and the Dallas Park and Recreation Board to order.

The Mayor's Fair Park Task Force, consisting of the following members, briefed the city council on the item:

Linda Perryman Evans
Jose Bowen
Craig Holcomb
Mark Langdale
Jack Matthews
Diane Ragsdale
Mary Suhm
Alan Walne
Max Wells

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