

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

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CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING  
CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES  
MAYOR RAWLINGS, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [11] Rawlings, Alonzo, Griggs, Medrano, Hill (\*9:15 a.m.), Callahan, Davis (\*9:45 a.m.), Kadane, Allen, Kleinman, Gates, Kingston (\*9:26 a.m.)

ABSENT: [4] Atkins (absent on city business); Caraway, Greyson (absent on personal business)

At 9:11 a.m., Mayor Rawlings began the meeting and notified the public the invocation, pledge and morning speakers would be heard and that the city council would be unable to respond as no quorum was present.

The city secretary announced that a quorum of the city council was present. The quorum was established prior to the speakers being heard.

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m.

The invocation was given by Senior Associate Pastor Stephen Hayes of Covenant Church.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo 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, Mayor Rawlings announced the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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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.

There were no 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: Kermit Mitchell, 5659 Marblehead Dr. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Omni Convention Center Hotel

SPEAKER: Mel Blazer, 2451 Matland Dr.  
SUBJECT: Dallas Executive Airport

SPEAKER: Ben Giersch, 3318 Shady Hollow Ln.  
SUBJECT: CAF/Dallas Executive Airport

SPEAKER: Katherine Seale, 5500 Chatham Hill Rd. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Historic preservation briefing

SPEAKER: Scott Potter, 4843 Junius St.  
SUBJECT: Historic preservation

**ADDITIONAL – OPEN MICROPHONE:**

SPEAKER: Deloris Phillips, 2385 Sweetwater Dr., Grand Prairie, TX (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Deadly white collar crimes

SPEAKER: Pat Ford, 1116 Essex Dr., Cedar Hill, TX (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Revitalize our community

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the November 5, 2014 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Hill moved to adopt the minutes of the November 5, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Kadane and unanimously adopted. (Atkins absent on city business; Greyson absent on personal business; Caraway, Davis\* absent)

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Item 2: Consideration of appointments to and removal from 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 November 18, 2014.

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

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo moved the following:

- Appointment of Sharon L. Van Sell to the Civil Service Board; and Neal D. Sleeper, Dallas County Resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD).

Motion seconded by Councilmember Medrano and unanimously adopted. (Atkins absent on city business; Greyson absent on personal business; Caraway, Davis\* absent)

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

**14-7001 CSB CIVIL SERVICE BOARD**

**14-7002 RZ17 REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVENTEEN BOARD (TOD)**

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- Item 3: Receive the report of the Canvassing Committee and adopt a resolution accepting the Canvassing Committee's report declaring the results of the November 4, 2014 special election on amendments to the Charter of the City of Dallas - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Griggs stated the following:

*The Ad Hoc Canvass Committee, consisting of myself (Scott Griggs, appointed as Chair), Councilmembers Adam Medrano, Carolyn Davis and Jennifer Gates, (Vonciel Jones Hill [alternate] was absent), appointed by Mayor Michael Rawlings on September 24, 2014 to canvass the returns of the City of Dallas Special Election held Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Dallas the following propositions:*

*PROPOSITION NO. 1: Requiring Additional Disclosures on Ballots for Bond Programs.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 2: Revising Restrictions as to City Officials and Employees and Exempting Board a Commission Members from Certain Restrictions Involving City Contracts.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 3: Allowing Certain Changes to the Thoroughfare Plan Without Mailing Notice to Adjacent Property Owners.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 4: Amending the Provision for Nondiscrimination in City Employment.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 5: Requiring the City Council to Set the Annual Budget for the City Auditor Directly.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 6: Revising the Redistricting Process.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 7: Municipal Judges and Board and Commission Members Must Resign to Run for Other Offices.*

*PROPOSITION NO. 8: Increasing Compensation for the Mayor and Councilmembers.*



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*PROPOSITION NO. 9: Technical Amendments to Conform to State Law, City Code, and Actual Practices; to Correct Terms; to Correct Spelling; to Clarify Language, and to Correct Cross-References.*

The Ad Hoc Canvass Committee makes the following report to the full city council, a copy of which has been provided to each of you.

“Based upon the statement of returns for the City of Dallas Special Election held November 4, 2014:

*We find that Propositions 1, 2 and 4 through 9 received sufficient votes to be approved by the qualified voters of the City of Dallas participating in the election;*

*We find that Proposition 3 did not receive sufficient votes to be approved by the qualified voters of the City of Dallas participating in the election;*

*And*

The Ad Hoc Canvass Committee recommends the city council adopt the resolution accepting the report.”

Councilmember Medrano moved to adopt the resolution and accept the report.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Callahan

Councilmember Hill stated for the record that the alternate member is not required to attend the ad hoc canvassing committee meeting unless a committee member is absent.

After discussion, Mayor Rawlings called the vote on Councilmember Medrano’s motion and declared the item adopted. (Atkins absent on city business; Greyson absent on personal business; Caraway, Davis\* absent)

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Item 4: Authorize Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the professional services contract with Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell, L.L.P. for additional services necessary on matters relating to the gate accommodations at Dallas Love Field - Not to exceed \$150,000, from \$50,000 to \$200,000 - Financing: Aviation Current Funds

Councilmember Kadane moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Medrano and unanimously adopted. (Atkins absent on city business; Greyson absent on personal business; Caraway, Davis\* absent)

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Item 5: Authorize an amendment to Resolution No. 14-1888, approved on November 12, 2014, to increase expenses from \$1,030,509 to \$1,259,034 to include disclosure counsel fees associated with the issuance of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2014, in a principal amount not to exceed \$635,000,000 - Total not to exceed \$228,525 - Financing: 2014 General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bond Funds

Councilmember Hill moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Kingston and unanimously adopted. (Atkins absent on city business; Greyson absent on personal business; Caraway, Davis\* absent)

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Briefing A: Preservation Status in the Downtown National Register District

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

Councilmember Griggs made a motion to have the Landmark Commission form a Preservation Task Force and report back to council in 90 days with their recommendations.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Medrano.

Mayor Rawlings stated this was not a voting agenda item and a vote was not required. The Landmark will comprise a committee and return to the city council for a vote and who is being represented.

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Briefing B: FY14 Strategic Plan Accomplishments

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: City of Dallas Ethics Program Update

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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- Briefing D: City Manager Update (CuSP Report)
- City of Dallas Wellness Program
  - City University: City of Dallas Employee Training Program Enhancements

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Closed Session

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

- Paul Heller et al., v. City of Dallas, Cause No. 3:13-CV-4000-L.

At 11:17 a.m., Mayor Rawlings announced the closed session of the city council authorized by Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the (Texas Open Meetings Act) to discuss the following matters:

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

- Paul Heller et al., v. City of Dallas, Cause No. 3:13-CV-4000-L.

Mayor Rawlings reconvened the city council meeting after the closed session at 11:32 a.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.



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