

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016

16-1280

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

PRESENT: [15] Rawlings, Alonzo, Wilson, Griggs, Medrano (*9:22 a.m.), Thomas, Arnold (*9:19 a.m.), Callahan (*9:27 a.m.), Young, Clayton (*9:14 a.m.), McGough, Kleinman, Greyson (*9:14 a.m.), Gates, Kingston (*9:22 a.m.)

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Vincent T. Parker, Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church.

Mayor Rawlings led the pledge of allegiance.

The meeting agenda, 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 5:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary

Date Approved

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/reconvened**

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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.

At Councilmember Young's request, the following members of the Youth Commission presented their position (in favor) on the Fair Park Management Proposal:

- Nathaniel Barrett, Chair
- Mu Di, Vice-Chair

Also present from the Youth Commission were:

- Tyler Weddington
- Victoria Lopez
- Elizabeth Hampton
- Ebony Cornett

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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:

The city secretary announced Sergio Melgar from Language USA was present to assist those speakers who needed interpreter services.

OPEN MICROPHONE – BEGINNING OF MEETING:

SPEAKER: Joe Tave, 3330 Shady Hollow Ct.
SUBJECT: Better pay for first responders

SPEAKER: Iris Romo, 3704 Sumter Dr. (Spanish Translator)
SUBJECT: Chapter 27
REPRESENTING: Dallas Area Interfaith

SPEAKER: Patricia Vega, 3434 Hidalgo Dr. (handout provided) (Spanish Translator)
SUBJECT: Chapter 27
REPRESENTING: Dallas Area Interfaith

SPEAKER: Barry Lachman, 4211 High Star Ln.
SUBJECT: Chapter 27 changes
REPRESENTING: Dallas Area Interfaith

SPEAKER: Gary Brown, 3015 E. Ledbetter Dr.
SUBJECT: Budget

ADDITIONAL – OPEN MICROPHONE:

SPEAKER: LaTasha Witherspoon
SUBJECT: Budget
REPRESENTING: Empowering Oak Cliff

SPEAKER: Cristian Hinojosa
SUBJECT: Funding Public Safety

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the June 22, 2016 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Clayton moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Medrano 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 city secretary distributed a report showing nominations received for the 2015-2017 board term, ending September 30, 2017, and noted the report indicated all nominees met qualifications for service.

Councilmember Greyson moved to appoint the following:

- Sylvia Hougland, Vice-Chair, to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Wilson and unanimously adopted.

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

16-6462 BOARD OFFICER

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Briefing A: Update on Proposed Revisions to Chapter 27: Minimum Property Standards

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

*At 12:04 p.m., Mayor Rawlings announced the item would be discussed and subsequently convened to closed session under Attorney Briefings (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.).

Mayor Rawlings reconvened the city council meeting after the closed session at 1:05 p.m.

*** Note: Other items discussed during closed session were as duly posted or announced.**

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Briefing B: Cost Considerations for Funding Public Safety in FY 2016-17 and Beyond

The following briefed the city council on the item:

- A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
- David Brown, Dallas Chief of Police

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Briefing C: FY 2016-17 Property Tax Rate State Law Requirements

The item was not briefed.

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- Item 3. Authorize **(1)** public hearings to be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 and Wednesday, September 14, 2016 to receive comments on a proposed tax rate; and **(2)** a proposal to consider adoption of a \$0.7812/\$100 valuation tax rate, or a lower rate as may be proposed by the City Council on September 21, 2016 - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City

Prior to the item being read into the record, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Wilson moved to defer the item to the August 24, 2016 voting agenda meeting of the city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Greyson and unanimously adopted. (Rawlings, Thomas, Callahan, Kingston absent when vote taken)

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Briefing D: Proposed Dallas Area Rapid Transit FY 2017 Annual Budget and 20-Year
Financial Plan

Gary Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Dallas Area Rapid Transit briefed the city council
on the item.

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Item 4: An ordinance amending Chapter 40A, "Retirement," of the Dallas City Code; **(1)** adding and revising various definitions; **(2)** adding that administrator also means the executive director of the fund; **(3)** providing for staggered terms for elected members of the retirement fund board; **(4)** providing that a sole nominee to an elected board position be declared elected without a membership vote; **(5)** extending the time in which an election must be held to fill a vacancy in an elected board position; **(6)** requiring the board to meet at least quarterly instead of monthly; **(7)** authorizing the board to adopt, upon the recommendation of the fund's actuary, actuarial equivalency factors, actuarial assumptions, interest rates, and mortality tables to be used in Chapter 40A; **(8)** revising the interest assumption used for commuted value of future retirement benefits; **(9)** classifying fund members, inactive members, and retirees as Tier A (if hired before January 1, 2017 or rehired on or after January 1, 2017 with uncanceled or reinstated credited service) and Tier B (if hired, or rehired with canceled and unreinstated credited service, on or after January 1, 2017); **(10)** providing a reduced tier of benefits for Tier B and their beneficiaries and designees (including extending normal retirement age from 60 to 65 with five years of credited service, extending service retirement from 30 to 40 years, increasing the sum of age and amount of credited service from 78 to 80 in calculating retirement eligibility with reduced benefits for under-65 retirees, reducing pension benefits for joint and one-half survivor options, decreasing the percentage multiplier used to calculate benefits from 2.75% to 2.5%, extending the period over which average monthly earnings are calculated, eliminating health benefit supplements, lowering the cap on cost-of-living adjustments, and modifying interest rates on buybacks of credited service after a break in service); **(11)** allowing certain prior service credit with other governmental entities to be used in determining eligibility of a Tier B member to vest or retire, but not in computing benefits; **(12)** providing for selection of a designee to receive a retiree's earned but unpaid final month's pension; increasing the minimum monthly service death or service disability benefit from \$500 to \$1,000; ~~**(13)** providing a Tier B member with a nonservice disability who has at least five years of credited service is eligible for a disability pension if not eligible for a normal, early, or service retirement;~~ **(14)** allowing a lump sum payment for establishing credited service after a reduction in force to be made in the following calendar year if within 90 days after termination of employment; clarifying that a cost-of-living adjustment cannot reduce pension benefits; ~~**(15)** clarifying that a leased employee is not an employee under Chapter 40A;~~ ~~**(16)** deleting the requirement that the city of Dallas provide office space and utilities for the retirement fund; updating legal citations; deleting obsolete provisions; and~~ ~~**(17)** making certain semantic, grammatical, and structural changes -~~ Financing: No cost consideration to the City

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At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo, the city secretary clarified Section (13) of the agenda item was deleted which renumbered the remaining sections.

During discussion and at Councilmember Griggs' request, the city attorney's office clarified the Police Fire and Pension Fund could appear on the May ballot along with the Employees' Retirement Fund.

Councilmember Kleinman moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Callahan.

After discussion ended, Mayor Rawlings called the vote and the item was unanimously adopted.

Assigned ORDINANCE 30162

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City Secretary's Office

Item 5: An ordinance ordering a special election to be held in the city of Dallas on November 8, 2016 on the question of amending Chapter 40A of the Dallas City Code, known as the employees' retirement fund of the city of Dallas -
Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Kleinman moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember McGough and unanimously adopted.

Assigned ORDINANCE 30163

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Closed Session

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Personnel (Sec. 551.074 T.O.M.A.)

- Discussion regarding the search for and hiring of a candidate for the position of city attorney.
- Discussion regarding the search for and hiring of a candidate for the position of city manager.

At 12:04 p.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 matter:

Personnel (Sec. 551.074 T.O.M.A.)

- Discussion regarding the search for and hiring of a candidate for the position of city attorney.
- Discussion regarding the search for and hiring of a candidate for the position of city manager.

Addition:

Briefing A: Update on Proposed Revisions to Chapter 27: Minimum Property Standards

Mayor Rawlings reconvened the city council meeting after the closed session at 1:05 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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