

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023

23-1270

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
MAYOR ERIC JOHNSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez,
Bazaldua, Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Assistant Minister Jesse Jones of the Dallas Police Department.

Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiances of the United States of America and Texas State Flag.

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

The meeting recessed at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 1:17 p.m. [Atkins (**1:20 p.m.); Arnold (**1:20 p.m.); *Narvaez (**1:21 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

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.

A reconsideration pertaining to a matter considered by the city council is filed with the City Secretary and is comprised of EXHIBIT C to the minutes of this meeting.

***Note: Members of the City Council participated in this meeting by video conference.**

****Note: 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.

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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: Raul Reyes Jr., 815 Morris St.
SUBJECT: Bond funding for housing
REPRESENTING: Dallas Housing Coalition

SPEAKER: Billy Lane, 2831 Whitewood Dr.
SUBJECT: Dallas Housing Coalition rally
REPRESENTING: Dallas Housing Coalition

SPEAKER: Robert Ceccarelli, 1821 Young St
SUBJECT: Homelessness

SPEAKER: Kim Benn, 1810 Main St. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Formal complaints

SPEAKER: Kavoza Robinson, 2819 N. Fitzhugh Ave.
SUBJECT: Thefts/break-ins/ethics of DPD

Councilmember West moved to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow all the registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council at the beginning of the meeting; there was no objection voiced by the city council.

SPEAKER: Myron Young, 1322 Alaska Ave.
SUBJECT: Harassment from DPD

SPEAKER: Ashley Brundage, 408 N. Moore Rd., Coppell, TX
SUBJECT: Support for housing/homelessness
REPRESENTING: Dallas Housing Coalition

SPEAKER: Diana Barcenas, 4417 Camden Ave.
SUBJECT: Don't build near my property

SPEAKER: Ali Mohammed, Not Provided
SUBJECT: Importance of data ethics
REPRESENTING: Awaiken Technology

OPEN MICROPHONE – BEGINNING OF MEETING:

(continued)

SPEAKER: Sheena Payne, Not Provided
SUBJECT: First responders/community mental health

SPEAKER: Deloris Phillips, Not Provided (visual presentation/handout provided)
SUBJECT: Open quid pro quo negligence

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the September 6, 2023 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Bazaldua moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted. (West 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 nominations were received and indicated the nominees met qualifications for service with the terms for appointment for the 2023-2025 term.

Councilmember Ridley moved to appoint the following:

- Augustine Jalomo, Volunteer Cultural Experience, to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission;
- Jay Narey to the Board of Adjustment;
- Michael Przekwas and Oliver Black, to the Community Development Commission;
- Arlene Steinfield to the Community Police Oversight Board;
- Paula Day and Teresita Delgado, Both General Public, to the Environmental Commission;;
- Andres Villareal, Possesses a Juris Doctorate, to the Ethics Advisory Commission;
- Jay Taylor, Historic Preservation; Rosemary Hinojosa, Historian, to Landmark Commission;
- Donna Denison and Sam Staggs, to the Municipal Library Board;
- Calvert Collins-Bratton and Estanisloa Huerta, Jr., to the Park and Recreation Board;
- John Hayes to the Permit and License Appeal Board;
- Phyllis Lee, 55+ years of age, to the Senior Affairs Commission;
- Erin Peavy, Actively Involved in Community, to the South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board;
- Emmanuel Glover to the Board of Adjustment Alternate Members;
- Curtis Pierre to the Civil Service Board;
- Thomas Mayer to the Fire Code Advisory and Appeals Board;
- Thomas Krampitz, Dallas County Residents, to the Reinvestment Zone Three Board (Oak Cliff Gateway);
- Nick Seaman to the Reinvestment Zone Five Board (City Center);
- Jessica Sepulveda, John Gallegos and Richard Carrizales to the Reinvestment Zone Seven Board (Sports Arena);
- Nicholas Villalba and Pam Dawson to the Reinvestment Zone Eight Board (Design District);
- Nick Seaman to the Reinvestment Zone Eleven Board (Downtown Connection);
- Stephani Kyle to the Reinvestment Zone Fifteen Board (Fort Worth Avenue); and
- William Zimmerman to the Reinvestment Zone Sixteen Board (Davis Garden)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua and unanimously adopted.

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

23-6321	CAC	ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION
23-6322	BOA	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
23-6323	BOX	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBERS
23-6324	CDC	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
23-6325	CPO	COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD
23-6326	CSB	CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
23-6327	ENV	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
23-6328	EAC	ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
23-6329	FCB	FIRE CODE ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD
23-6330	LMC	LANDMARK COMMISSION
23-6331	MLB	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD
23-6332	PAR	PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
23-6333	PLA	PERMT LICENSE AND APPEALS BOARD
23-6334	RZ03	REINVESTMENT ZONE THREE BOARD (OAK CLIFF GATEWAY)
23-6335	RZ05	REINVESTMENT ZONE FIVE BOARD (CITY CENTER)
23-6336	RZ07	REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVEN BOARD (SPORTS ARENA)
23-6337	RZ08	REINVESTMENT ZONE EIGHT BOARD (DESIGN DISTRICT)
23-6338	RZ11	REINVESTMENT ZONE ELEVEN BOARD (DOWNTOWN CONNECTION)
23-6339	RZ15	REINVESTMENT ZONE FIFTEEN BOARD (FORT WORTH AVENUE)
23-6340	RZ16	REINVESTMENT ZONE SIXTEEN BOARD (DAVIS GARDEN)
23-6341	SAC	SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISISON
23-6342	SDF	SOUTH DALLAS/FAIR PARK OPPORTUNITY FUND BOARD

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Note: Agenda Item No. 3 will be considered before Briefing A is heard

Item 3: A public hearing to receive comments on a \$0.7393 per \$100 valuation property tax rate for the 2023-24 fiscal year as discussed on August 23, 2023; City Council will vote to adopt a tax rate on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at Dallas City Hall, City Council Chambers - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

The following registered speakers addressed the council on the item:

Harry Swanson, 7324 Gaston Ave. (handout provided)
James Mayville II, 6060 Village Bend Dr.

Councilmember Bazaldua moved to close the public hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously closed.

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Note: Briefing A will be heard before Agenda Item Nos. 4-10 are considered.

Briefing A: FY 2023-24 Budget discussion and potential amendments
*For Briefing A budget purposes, the City Council will be sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

The city manager presented and discussed amendments with the city council.

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Note: Agenda Item Nos. 4-10 are Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget items

Item 4: Final reading and adoption of the appropriation ordinance appropriating funds for the FY 2023-24 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets - Not to exceed \$4,898,376,958 - Financing: General Fund (\$1,837,576,470), General Obligation Debt Service Fund (\$420,687,511), Enterprise Funds (\$1,401,626,306), Grants, Trusts, and Other Funds (\$166,427,152), Capital Funds (\$797,119,446), Internal Service, and Other Funds (\$268,266,846), and Employee Retirement Fund (\$6,673,227)

The following registered speaker addressed the council on the item:

Linda Newland, 2468 Dorrington Dr.

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item, with the recommended amendments that were passed by the city council, with the budget not to exceed \$4,898,376,958.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West's motion to adopt the item:

Voting Yes: [10] Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno, Gracey,
Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua, Blackmon,
Schultz

Voting No: [5] Johnson, Stewart, Mendelsohn, Willis,
Ridley

The city secretary declared the item amended.

Assigned ORDINANCE NO. 32554

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Item 5: An ordinance setting the tax rate at \$0.7357 per \$100 assessed valuation, which includes \$0.5317 for the General Fund and \$0.204 for the Debt Service Fund, and levying ad valorem taxes for the City of Dallas, Texas, for FY 2023-24 - Estimated Levy: \$1,458,687,770 (see Fiscal Information)

Councilmember West moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.7357 per \$100 assessed by valuation, which is effectively a 7.97 percent increase in the tax rate.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West's motion:

Voting Yes: [10] Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno, Gracey,
Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua, Blackmon,
Schultz

Voting No: [5] Johnson, Stewart, Mendelsohn, Willis,
Ridley

The city secretary declared the item adopted.

Assigned ORDINANCE NO. 32555

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Item 6: A resolution ratifying the increase in total property tax revenues reflected in the FY 2023-24 budget - Estimated Revenue: \$120,472,041 (100 percent collection rate)

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West's motion to adopt the item:

Voting Yes: [11] Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno, Gracey,
Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua, Blackmon,
Schultz, Willis

Voting No: [4] Johnson, Stewart, Mendelsohn, Ridley

The city secretary declared the item adopted.

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Item 7: An ordinance amending Chapters 2, 7, 8A, 12B, 15D, 16, 18, 27, 42B, 43A, 48B, 49, 50, 51A and 52 of the Dallas City Code to **(1)** adjust fees related to consumer affairs; **(2)** adjust rates and charges for sanitation collection and disposal of solid waste services; **(3)** adjusting fees for garage sale permits; **(4)** adjust rates and charges for floodplain and drainage management, and stormwater drainage; **(5)** adjust fees for animal adoption, breeding permit, dangerous dog registration, and aggressive dog registration; **(6)** adjust the registration fee and reinspection fee for boarding home facilities; **(7)** adjust the convenience store fee and inspection fee; **(8)** adjust the transport fee for emergency ambulance services; **(9)** adjust fees for open burning, public assembly fire inspection, hazardous materials, and high-rise building/residential inspections; **(10)** adjust the fee for tire businesses; **(11)** adjust the registration fee and reinspection fee for rental properties; **(12)** adjust the short-term rental registration and reinspection fee; **(13)** adjust the certification of manager of operations fee for swimming pools; **(14)** adjust the registration fee for vacant buildings and vacant lots; **(15)** adjust rates and charges for treated water service, wastewater service, wholesale water, and wastewater service to governmental entities, additional water meters, untreated water service, service connections, and fire hydrant usage; **(16)** adjust fees for wood vendors; **(17)** adjust the license fee for electronic repair establishments; **(18)** adjust the license fee for motor vehicle repair establishments; **(19)** adjust fees for home repair; **(20)** adjust the registration fee for credit access business; **(21)** adjust the municipal setting designation fee; **(22)** adjust the certificate of occupancy inspection fee; **(23)** providing a penalty not to exceed \$2,000; **(24)** providing a saving clause; **(25)** providing a severability clause; and **(26)** providing an effective date - Estimated Revenue: General Fund (\$3,578,603), Dallas Water Utilities Fund (\$23,617,429), Sanitation Operation Fund (\$6,016,297), and Stormwater Drainage Management Fund (\$7,660,230)

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted.

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Item 8: An ordinance amending Sections 2-38, 2-39, and 2-53 of Chapter 2, “Administration”; amending Sections 9B-6 and 9B-7 of Chapter 9B, “Building Security”; amending Sections 13-7, 13-8, 13-9,13-10, and 13-11 of Chapter 13, “Courts, Fines and Imprisonments”; amending Section 28-130, 28-130.7, and 28-130.12 of Chapter 28, “Motor Vehicles and Traffic,” of the Dallas City Code; adding new Sections 2-175, 2-176, and 2-177 to Chapter 2, “Administration”; **(1)** assigning historic preservation duties to the Department of Planning and Urban Design; **(2)** creating the Office of the City Marshal; **(3)** renaming the Department of Court and Detention Services the Department of Dallas Municipal Court; **(4)** providing a saving clause; **(5)** providing a severability clause; and **(6)** providing an effective date - Financing: No cost consideration to the City.

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins.

Councilmember Bazaldua requested a record vote.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West’s motion to adopt the item:

Voting Yes: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno, Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

Voting No: [0]

The city secretary declared the item adopted.

Assigned ORDINANCE NO. 32556

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Item 9: Authorize **(1)** position changes; **(2)** approval of Civilian salary schedules for fiscal year 2023-24; **(3)** merit pay increases for civilian staff effective January 1, 2024, payable the first civilian pay period of the calendar year; **(4)** increase the minimum civilian hiring rate to \$18.50 effective January 1, 2024, payable the first civilian pay period of the calendar year; **(5)** adding new pay schedules for uniformed Fire and Police effective January 1, 2024, payable the first uniform pay period of the calendar year; and **(6)** adding new pay schedules for uniformed Fire and Police Executives effective January 1, 2024, payable the first uniform pay period of the calendar year - Financing: This action has no cost consideration to the City (any budget impact is contained in the FY 23-24 City Budget)

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Schultz.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold requested a record vote.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember West's motion to adopt the item:

Voting Yes: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno,
Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua,
Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn,
Willis, Ridley

Voting No: [0]

The city secretary declared the item adopted.

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Item 10: Authorize (1) approval of the proposed plan design effective January 1, 2024; and (2) approval of the proposed health coverage plans, and 55 premium rate increase for employees and Pre65 retirees and their families – Financing: Employee Benefits Funds (\$134,878,640.00); Revenue: City Employee/Retiree Contributions (\$72,248,197.00) (see Fiscal Information)

Councilmember West moved to adopt the item.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley and unanimously adopted.

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Note: Briefing B will be heard following the Budget items.

Briefing B: After Action Review Report (AAR) of May 3rd Ransomware Incident

The city manager briefed the city council.

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Closed Session

- Deliberation regarding security devices or security audits including: (1) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (2) network security information (3); the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices; or (4) a security audit regarding a recent ransomware attack security incident relating to the City's information resources technology. (Sec. 551.076 and Sec. 551.089 T.O.M.A.)

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

- Seeking the advice of the city attorney regarding the ransomware attack.
- Legal issues related to the Texas Regulatory Consistency Act.

Not held.

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EXHIBIT C