

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

24-0640

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

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez (\*\*9:55 a.m.), Bazaldua (\*\*10:05 a.m.), Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Rabbi Andrew Paley, Senior Rabbi at Temple Shalom.

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 to closed session at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:05 p.m. [Johnson (\*\*2:38 p.m.); Arnold (\*\*2:06 p.m.); Stewart (\*\*2:07 p.m.); Mendelsohn (\*\*2:08 p.m.); Willis (\*\*2:06 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

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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: Arash Farasat, 831 S. Edgefield Ave.  
SUBJECT: North Texas Immigration Coalition

SPEAKER: Amol Shah, 3875 Clover Ln.  
SUBJECT: Police presence/reducing homelessness

SPEAKER: Miriam Sharma, 7005 Whitehill St. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Gun violence prevention

SPEAKER: Evan Sheets, 1401 Elm St.  
SUBJECT: Digital advertising kiosk proposal  
REPRESENTING: Downtown Dallas Inc.

SPEAKER: Casey Thomas, Not Provided  
SUBJECT: Senseless gun violence in community  
REPRESENTING: Black Male Alliance

SPEAKER: Anthony Page, 3210 Carlisle St.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update  
REPRESENTING: Uptown Dallas Inc.

SPEAKER: Keio Gamble, 4975 Eastgate Cir.  
SUBJECT: Public safety  
REPRESENTING: The State of the Black Man

SPEAKER: Mar Butler, 2444 Kemp St.  
SUBJECT: Resources for violence prevention  
REPRESENTING: TREE Leadership Organization

SPEAKER: Untruhan Grant, 2519 Carpenter Ave.  
SUBJECT: Violence in our community  
REPRESENTING: Learn with Train LLC

SPEAKER: Nakeitha Williams, 4845 Elsie Faye Heggins  
SUBJECT: Proposition F

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SPEAKER: Shelley Potter, 4437 Cole Ave.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update  
REPRESENTING: Oak Lawn Committee

SPEAKER: Derrick Battie, 1342 E. Red Bird Ln.  
SUBJECT: Public safety

SPEAKER: Donald Parish Jr., 7136 Canyon Ridge Dr.  
SUBJECT: Violence in our community

SPEAKER: Billy Prewitt, 1601 Elm St.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update  
REPRESENTING: Pacific Elm Properties

SPEAKER: Marisol Gayosso 3530 Forest Ln. (interpreter provided)  
SUBJECT: SB 4  
REPRESENTING: Worker's Defense

SPEAKER: Maria De Jesus Garza, 3530 Forest Ln.  
SUBJECT: Ordinance to end low level crime arrests

SPEAKER: Jamee Jolly, 3600 McKinney Ave.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update  
REPRESENTING: Uptown Dallas Inc.

SPEAKER: Ramsey March, 2001 Ross Ave.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update  
REPRESENTING: Stream

SPEAKER: Lily Cabatu Weiss, 750 N. St. Paul St.  
SUBJECT: Interactive digital kiosk update

SPEAKER: Margarita Alvarez, 337 Brookview Ave., Garland, TX  
(interpreter provided)  
SUBJECT: No SB4 in Dallas  
REPRESENTING: Texas Organizing Project

SPEAKER: Charlie Hermes, 7083 Alcala, Grand Prairie, TX  
SUBJECT: SB4

SPEAKER: Drew Robinson, Not Provided  
SUBJECT: Crime

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the April 17, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilmember West moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously adopted. (Atkins, Arnold, Bazaldua 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)

There were no appointments made to boards and commissions.



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Briefing A: 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

- Allen Vaught, Chair, Charter Review Commission

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Briefing B: FY 2024-25 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget Discussion and Amendments

Councilmember West moved that the city council go into a “committee-of-the-whole” to consider recommendation(s) to the FY 2024-25 HUD Consolidated Plan Budget.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez.

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins called a vote and declared the motion adopted on a divided vote with Councilmembers Narvaez and Bazaldua voting “No.” (Johnson, Blackmon absent when vote taken)

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Reprogramming

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing D: Interactive Digital Kiosks Update - Community Outreach

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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CLOSED SESSION

Attorney Briefings - (Sec. 551.071 TO.M.A.)

- Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding Latoya Porter v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-19-17257.

At 1:05 p.m., Mayor Johnson 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:

Attorney Briefings - (Sec. 551.071 TO.M.A.)

- Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding Latoya Porter v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-19-17257

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 2:05 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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