

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

24-0690

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

PRESENT: [14] Johnson, Atkins, Arnold, West, Moreno Gracey, Resendez, Narvaez (**9:43 a.m.), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Stewart (**9:41 a.m.), Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [1] Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Zarin Gracey.

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 12:44 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:13 p.m. [Resendez (**3:23 p.m.); Mendelsohn (**2:36 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 5:17 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: Joe Stokes, 8930 San Benito Way
SUBJECT: Report a crime

SPEAKER: Regina Imburgia, 5423 Goodwin Ave.
SUBJECT: Fluoridation

SPEAKER: Julia Pierce, 925 Easton Pl.
SUBJECT: Homelessness
REPRESENTING: Metroplex Civic & Business Association

SPEAKER: Edward Gardella, 4606 Amesbury Dr.
SUBJECT: State of the city

SPEAKER: John Beckwith, 4155 S. R.L. Thornton Fwy.
SUBJECT: Horse carriages/funeral home

Councilmember Ridley moved to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow the remaining registered individuals an opportunity to address the city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West and unanimously adopted. (Resendez, Mendelsohn absent when vote taken; Schultz absent)

SPEAKER: Ann Drumm, 2325 Centurion Ct.
SUBJECT: Ranked Choice Voting

SPEAKER: Diane Tasian, 3831 Turtle Creek Blvd.
SUBJECT: 2024 Charter Review Commission

SPEAKER: Eddie Propes, 2639 Exeter Ave.
SUBJECT: Black Dallas landmarks

SPEAKER: Britton Williams, 832 Blaylock Dr.
SUBJECT: Ranked Choice Voting

SPEAKER: Alexander Clark, 4329 Delmar Ave.
SUBJECT: Ranked Choice Voting

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SPEAKER: Eva Mason, 4606 Cedar Springs Rd.

SUBJECT: Ranked Choice Voting

REPRESENTING: People's Party of Texas

SPEAKER: Ashley Washington, Not Provided

SUBJECT: Ranked Choice Voting

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

There were no speakers under this category.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously adopted. (West absent when vote taken; Schultz absent)

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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 term for appointment for the 2023-2025 (term beginning October 1, 2023).

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved to appoint the following:

- Vicki Meek, Visual Arts, to the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission (Adjunct Members);
- Melanie Rubin to the Community Development Commission;
- Robert Hays, Real Estate Council Representative; and Lakeysa Townsend, US Department of Veterans Affairs Representative, to the Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness;
- Vipin Nambiar to the Housing Finance Corporation;
- Greer Christian to the Reinvestment Zone Eighteen Board (Maple/Mockingbird);
- Michael Quezada, to the Reinvestment Zone Ten Board (Southwestern Medical); and
- Stephanie Knight, to the Trinity River Corridor Local Government Corporation

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously adopted. (West absent when vote taken; Schultz absent)

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

24-5757	CAX	ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ADJUNCT MEMBERS)
24-5758	CDC	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
24-5759	DAP	DALLAS AREA PARTNERSHIP TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS
24-5760	HFC	HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION
24-5761	RZ10	REINVESTMENT ZONE TEN BOARD (SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL)
24-5762	RZ18	REINVESTMENT ZONE EIGHTEEN BOARD (MAPLE/MOCKINGBIRD)
24-5763	TRL	TRINITY RIVER CORRIDOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

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Item 3: Receive the report of the Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee and adopt a resolution and order accepting the canvassing committee's report declaring the results of the May 4, 2024, special bond election held within the City of Dallas - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following:

“The Ad Hoc Canvassing Committee, consisting of myself (Cara Mendelsohn, Chair), Councilmember Omar Narvaez, and Councilmember Paul Ridley met earlier to canvass the returns of the City Council Special Election held Saturday, May 4, 2024.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Canvassing Committee, I make the following report, a copy of which has been emailed to each of you:

In the Special Election, for the purpose of authorizing general obligation bonds for propositions, the statement of returns are as follows:

	Dallas County (COD Residents)			Collin County (COD Residents)			Denton County (COD Residents)		
	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL	FOR	AGAINST	TOTAL
Proposition A	35,092	5,476	40,568	1,594	291	1,885	228	79	307
Proposition B	33,016	7,353	40,369	1,414	462	1,876	198	106	304
Proposition C	32,707	7,647	40,354	836	1,039	1,875	187	117	304
Proposition D	32,263	8,013	40,276	1,187	639	1,826	189	111	300
Proposition E	30,628	9,642	40,270	1,039	788	1,827	161	139	300
Proposition F	31,429	8,830	40,259	1,477	388	1,865	195	108	303
Proposition G	28,049	12,000	40,049	924	893	1,817	153	149	302
Proposition H	29,815	10,514	40,329	707	1,163	1,870	164	140	304
Proposition I	32,024	8,365	40,389	1,174	658	1,832	206	99	305
Proposition J	32,790	7,523	40,313	1,475	399	1,874	201	100	301

Overall, Propositions A through J did receive sufficient votes to be approved by the qualified voters of the City of Dallas participating in the election and can be applied.”

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua and unanimously adopted. (Gracey absent when vote taken; Schultz absent)

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Briefing A: FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 Biennial Budget Update

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing B: Discussion of Recommended Amendments to the 2024 Charter Review Commission's Final Report

Councilmember Bazaldua moved that the city council go into a committee of the whole to consider recommended amendments to the 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley.

Mayor Johnson called a vote and declared the motion unanimously adopted. (Schultz absent)

Mayor Johnson stated the following:

“As a committee of the whole, votes on amendments to the 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report are not final actions, but recommendations that will be finally voted on at a later date. Motions that are in order in a committee of the whole, are as follows: Amendments, including removing or striking specific recommendations, Points of Orders, Appeals, and Inquiries. Roll Call Votes and Record Votes, or Ballot Votes are not allowed. Instead, the city council will be using green cards to signal support for an amendment, and although a formal vote will not be taken today, the city secretary will record the names of the council members showing a green card in favor of a motion.”

Mayor Johnson further stated:

“The Technical recommendations are italicized. Once the city council completes the [Technical recommendations], the nine Operational recommendations, which are underlined, will be considered. Finally, the eight Policy recommendations, which are bolded, will be considered.

If the city council does not finish the recommendations today, we will continue this discussion again at the June 5, 2024, Briefing Agenda.”

Councilmember Narvaez raised a Point of Information that it was stated the city secretary would document and write down the names of the members who do raise a green card, but did not state that the city secretary would write the names of those members who did raise a green card. Therefore, I am asking that the members who do not raise a green card would also be listed.

At the concurrence with the city attorney [Parliamentarian], Mayor Johnson stated that a motion could be made to record members who do not raise a green card.

Councilmember Narvaez moved that the city secretary record the names of the council members showing a green card in favor of a motion, council members who do not raise a green card (non-voting); as well as council members who are absent.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

Mayor Johnson called a vote and declared the motion unanimously adopted. (Schultz absent)

Councilmember West raised a Point of Information that if the city council collectively adopt the Technical amendments, would those Technical amendments be under one charter amendment. If that is correct, then is there a need for a specific motion to direct that this action be taken.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, the city attorney [Parliamentarian] that if there are no changes to the Technical recommendations today, the city attorney's office will incorporate those Technical recommendations into the draft ordinance, and the city council will still have an opportunity to make changes. Therefore, unless there is an amendment or strikethrough, there is no need to make a motion to direct the recommendation(s) be moved forward.

Mayor Johnson called for any amendments to the 13 Technical recommended amendments.

Councilmember Willis moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter XVI, 'Civil Service and Personnel', Section 7, 'Board to Establish Rules Governing Conduct'** – Retitle the section to read: 'Human Resources Department to Recommend Rules Governing Conduct'; and amend the section to read: 'It shall be the duty of the human resources department to recommend personnel rules to be adopted by city council that govern evaluation of conduct and performance and require remedies for nonperformance for positions in the civil service.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember West, Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember Bazaldua

Absent When Vote Taken:

Councilmember Resendez

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter XI, Section 1 – Amend Amendment:** Require the city manager to submit an estimated budget BY August 15 ~~15~~ **10** instead of ON August 15.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Councilmember Mendelsohn

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Absent When Vote Taken:

Councilmember Resendez

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With only one card being raised in favor, the amendment failed.

Mayor Johnson called for any amendments to the 9 Operational recommended amendments.

Councilmember Blackmon moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, Section 15, “City Council”, – Strike Amendment:** No Interference by Council with Appointments or Subordinates of City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Mendelsohn

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, Section 19 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.
- **Chapter IV, Section 13 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.
- **Chapter XI, Section 3 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.
- **Chapter XV, Section 4 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.
- **Chapter XVIII, Section 7 and 15 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.
- **Chapter XXII, Section 2 – Strike Amendment:** Broaden the city’s notification process to include other media options in addition to newspaper publication.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non-Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Gracey

Absent When Vote Taken:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Moreno

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Councilmember Bazaldua moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, Section 7, “City Council”, – Strike Amendment:** Require that special meetings shall be called upon the written request of five members of the city council rather than three.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Mendelsohn

Absent When Vote Taken:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Moreno

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Councilmember Bazaldua moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter IXA – Strike Amendment:** Establish the Office of Inspector General in the city charter with the Inspector General being appointed by city council.
- **Chapter XI, Section 2 – Strike Amendment:** Establish the Office of Inspector General in the city charter with the Inspector General being appointed by city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Mendelsohn

Absent When Vote Taken:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Moreno

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Councilmember Bazaldua moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter IV, Section 5(b)(1) – Strike Amendment:** Require city boards and commissions to elect their own vice chairs.
- **Chapter XV, Section 3 – Strike Amendment:** Require city boards and commissions to elect their own vice chairs.
- **Chapter XVII, Section (2)(b) – Strike Amendment:** Require city boards and commissions to elect their own vice chairs.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Willis.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non-Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Mendelsohn

Absent When Vote Taken:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Moreno

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

Councilmember Blackmon moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter XIII – Strike Amendment:** Require that the director of the Community of Police Oversight be appointed by and report directly to the city council, rather than the city manager.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

After discussion, Mayor Johnson called for a show of cards on the proposed amendment.

Cards raised in Favor:

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Arnold, Councilmember West, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Bazaldua, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Willis

Cards not raised (Non-Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Ridley

Absent When Vote Taken:

Mayor Pro Tem Atkins, Councilmember Moreno

Absent:

Councilmember Schultz

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment moved forward for further city council consideration and final approval.

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CLOSED SESSION

Personnel - (Sec. 551.074 TO.M.A.)

- Consideration of appointment to boards and commissions:
 - Shanay Wise, South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board

At 12:44 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:

Personnel - (Sec. 551.074 TO.M.A.)

- Consideration of appointment to boards and commissions:
 - Shanay Wise, South Dallas/Fair Park Opportunity Fund Board

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 2:13 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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