

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

24-0890

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
MAYOR PRO TEM TENNELL ATKINS, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Johnson (**10:24 a.m.), Atkins, Bazaldua (**9:38 a.m.), West, Moreno, Gracey, Arnold (**9:38 a.m.), Resendez (**10:10 a.m.), Narvaez, Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz (**9:55 a.m.), Mendelsohn, Willis (**9:37 a.m.), Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Paula Blackmon.

Presiding Officer Atkins 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 12:02 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 1:57 p.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 3:28 p.m. due to loss of a quorum.

Presiding Officer

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: Regina Imburgia, 5423 Goodwin Ave.
SUBJECT: Stop fluoridation
REPRESENTING: Dallas For Safer Water

SPEAKER: Joe Stokes, 8930 San Benito Way
SUBJECT: Fluoride on trial

SPEAKER: Robert Ceccarelli, 1822 Young St.
SUBJECT: Boarding homes are very dangerous

SPEAKER: Ronnie Mestas, 3215 Rutz St.
SUBJECT: Housing Forward

SPEAKER: Christopher Williams, 2839 Trail Dust Dr.
SUBJECT: Building policies and permits

Councilmember Mendelsohn 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. (Johnson, Resendez absent when vote taken)

SPEAKER: Pamela Grayson, 5207 Grovewood St.
SUBJECT: DPD abject failures
REPRESENTING: Dixon Community

SPEAKER: Stefani Carter, 1408 N. Riverfront Blvd.
SUBJECT: Proposed charter amendments
REPRESENTING: Dallas Hero

SPEAKER: Lynn Chaffin, 1735 Wittington Pl.
SUBJECT: Pension plan

SPEAKER: Joe Thompson, 509 Harvest Glenn Dr.
SUBJECT: Pension plan
REPRESENTING: Dallas City Retired Employees Assoc.

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

There were no speakers under this category.

OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Schultz moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West and unanimously adopted. (Johnson, Resendez 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 term for appointment for the 2023-2025 (term beginning October 1, 2023).

Councilmember Blackmon moved to appoint the following:

- Todd Howard to the Community Development Commission;
- Sean Allen to the Housing Financing Corporation;
- Lauren Black to the Judicial Nominating Commission;
- Louis Renaud, Architect, to the Landmark Commission;
- Neel Shetti to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board; and
- Shannon McCord to the Reinvestment Zone Fourteen Board (Skillman Corridor)

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

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

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| 24-6001 | CDC | COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION |
| 24-6002 | HFC | HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION |
| 24-6003 | JNC | JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION |
| 24-6004 | LMC | LANDMARK COMMISSION |
| 24-6005 | MLK | MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD |
| 24-6006 | RZ14 | REINVESTMENT ZONE FOURTEEN BOARD (SKILLMAN CORRIDOR) |

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Briefing A: Discussion of the Mayor and City Councilmember Salaries Amendment in the 2024 Charter Review Commission's Final Report and Submitted Councilmember-Proposed Charter Amendments

Councilmember West moved that the city council go into a committee of the whole to consider the Mayor and City Councilmember Salaries Amendment in the 2024 Charter Review Commission's Final Report and submitted Councilmember-Proposed Charter Amendments.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua.

Presiding Officer Atkins called a vote and declared the motion unanimously adopted. (Johnson, Resendez absent when vote taken)

Presiding Officer Atkins stated the following:

“As a committee of the whole, votes on amendments to the 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report and council member proposed charter amendments that were previously submitted are not final actions, but recommendations that will be finally voted on at a later date. Motions are allowed in a committee of the whole are: Amendments, including removing or striking specific recommendations, Points of Orders, Appeals, and Inquiries. Roll Call Votes and Ballot Votes are not allowed. Instead, the city council will be issued 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 card in favor of a motion [those not showing cards, and those absent when a vote is taken]. We will follow our usual 5 [minutes], 3 [minutes], and 1 [minute] format for debate.’

Presiding Officer Atkins further stated:

“The city council will begin with the Policy recommendations regarding the city [council] salary on which the city council began discussion on June 5, [2024]; then move to the five remaining city council member proposed charter amendments.”

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua raised a ‘point of information’ that he had requested at the June 5, 2024 city council meeting that the amendment regarding city council salary not be considered at this meeting. In addition, the materials for this amendment had just recently been distributed to the city council, which would not allow sufficient time for himself and Councilmember Stewart to collaborate and present recommendation for city council consideration.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua requested that the city council salary amendment be held to the June 26, 2024 city council meeting.

Councilmember Mendelsohn raised a ‘point of information’ that does Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request mean that the city council salary amendment will be briefed at the June 26, 2024 voting agenda meeting of the city council.

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At the request of Presiding Officer Atkins, the city attorney clarified that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request was not seeking a city council briefing on the amendment, but that the city council salary amendment be presented to the city council for consideration at the June 26, 2024 voting agenda meeting.

Councilmember Mendelsohn raised a 'point of information' that does Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request mean that the city council cannot ask questions regarding that the city council salary amendment at this city council meeting.

Presiding Officer Atkins stated that there is no motion on the floor regarding the city council salary amendment, and there was no opposition to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request.

Councilmember West raised a 'point of information' that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request to hold the city council salary amendment to the June 26, 2024 city council meeting requires a motion and a second for city council discussion.

Presiding Officer Atkins further stated that there is no motion on the floor regarding the city council salary amendment, and there was no opposition to Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request.

Councilmember Narvaez raised a 'point of information' that Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua's request to hold the city council salary amendment to the June 26, 2024 city council meeting belongs to him and not the body [city council].

Presiding Officer Atkins called for the remaining city council member proposed charter amendments.

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, 'City Council,' Section 11, 'Elections and Duties of the Mayor Pro Tem and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem' – Edit:** 'The mayor [~~city council~~] shall select [~~elect~~] one of the city councilmembers [~~its members~~] as mayor pro tem, who shall perform a specific duty of the mayor if the mayor is unable to discharge that specific duty, and who shall, during that time, be vested with all the powers belonging to the mayor to perform that specific duty. The mayor [~~city council~~] shall also select [~~elect~~] one of the city councilmembers [~~its members~~] as deputy mayor pro tem to act if both the mayor and the mayor pro tem are unable to discharge a specific duty and to exercise the powers of the mayor to perform that specific duty

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart.

Cards raised in Favor:

Councilmember Mendelsohn

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

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

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

None

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, ‘City Council,’ Section 3A, ‘Limitation of Terms’ – Edit:**
 - (a) A person who has served as a member of the city council other than Place 15 for four [~~consecutive~~] two-year terms shall not again be eligible to become a candidate for, or to serve in, any place on the city council except Place 15 [~~until at least one term has elapsed~~].
 - (b) A person who has served two [~~consecutive~~] terms as a member of the city council, Place 15, shall not again be eligible to become a candidate for, or to serve in, Place 15 on the city council [~~until at least one term for Place 15 has elapsed~~].
 - (c) A “term” as used in Subsection (a) shall include any period of service during a city council term when that period is in excess of one year, including a term from which the member resigned.
 - (d) For the purpose of limiting terms under Subsection (b), a term includes a period of time less than four years when the period of service by a mayor during a term is in excess of 731 days.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart.

Cards raised in Favor:

Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Schultz, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Ridley

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

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

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

None

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter XI, ‘City Council,’ Section 1, ‘Annual Budget Estimate ’** – Edit: “The fiscal year of the city shall begin on the first day of October of each year and shall end with the 30th day of September next following. On the 15th day of August of each year the city manager shall submit to the council a budget estimate of the revenue of the city and the expense of conducting the affairs thereof for the ensuing fiscal year. This estimate shall be compiled from information obtained from the several departments, divisions and offices of the city on uniform forms furnished by the city manager. The estimate must include the full cost of the actuarially determined pension contribution for the fiscal year or, if it does not include the full cost, the estimate must contain a disclaimer stating that the estimate does not include the full cost of the actuarially determined pension contribution for the fiscal year. It shall be in accordance with uniform accounting procedures with comparisons to the last two fiscal years and an estimate of the probable income for the period covered with the significant underlying assumptions.”

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart.

Councilmember Mendelsohn withdrew her motion.

Councilmember Mendelsohn moved the following amendment to:

- Change our city government [council-manager] to a strong mayor system.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart.

Councilmember Mendelsohn withdrew her motion.

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Briefing B: Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (DPFPS) and Employee Retirement Fund (ERF): Funding Soundness Restoration Plan Update and Consideration of Recommendations

The item was held until a future meeting of the city council.

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Briefing C: Sanitation Refuse & Recycle Collection Route Safety & Efficiency

The item was held until a future meeting of the city council.

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24-0898

CLOSED SESSION

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

- Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding City of Dallas v. Employees' Retirement Fund of City of Dallas.

The closed session was not held.

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EXHIBIT C