

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

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

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Atkins, Bazaldua, West, Moreno (\*\*9:28 a.m.), Gracey, Arnold, Resendez, Narvaez, Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 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 10:39 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 1:25 p.m. [Arnold (\*\*1:32 p.m.); Narvaez (\*\*1:27 p.m.); Stewart (\*\*1:27 p.m.); Willis (\*\*1:26 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 5:08 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: Alison Reiff-Martin, 9824 Ridgehaven Dr.  
SUBJECT: Dallas curbside collection project

SPEAKER: G Jackson, 9877 Brockbank Dr.  
SUBJECT: Deadly air intoxication

SPEAKER: Reggie Ruffin, 2703 Exeter Ave.  
SUBJECT: Official incompetence

SPEAKER: Edward Gardella, 4606 Amesbury Dr.  
SUBJECT: Dallas HERO

SPEAKER: Jon Hollis, 2370 Victory Ave.  
SUBJECT: Dallas HERO

Councilmember Mendelsohn requested to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow the remaining registered speaker an opportunity to address the city council; there was objection voiced by the city council.

SPEAKER: Mark Nunneley, 6310 Joyce Way  
SUBJECT: Homeless/public safety

SPEAKER: Timothy Chatmon, 1509 Main St. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Downtown homeless issues

SPEAKER: Douglas Sisle, 7043 N. Janmar Dr.  
SUBJECT: Dallas HERO

SPEAKER: Cameron Mosier, 8158 Barbaree Blvd. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Tree removal/house build

SPEAKER: Tris Casillas, 6422 Cedar Hollow Dr.  
SUBJECT: Exemption in flood zone

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SPEAKER: David Elliston, 7150 Skillman St. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Police and Fire Pension Fund  
REPRESENTING: Dallas Police Retired Officers Association

SPEAKER: Alexander Stein, 7509 Inwood Rd.  
SUBJECT: DPD

SPEAKER: Pete Marocco, 3736 McFarlin Blvd., University Park, TX  
SUBJECT: 3 ballot initiatives for better security

SPEAKER: Jon Puryear, 4324 Ascot Dr., Cleburn, TX  
SUBJECT: Federal copyright infringement by DFR

SPEAKER: Joe Thompson, 209 Spur Dr., Fate, TX  
SUBJECT: COLA drop plan/recruitment

SPEAKER: Richard Langley, 2401 Sandstone Ct.  
SUBJECT: Police and Fire Pension

SPEAKER: Mark Marynick, 4436 Fairfax Ave., Rockwall, TX  
SUBJECT: Historical factory building

SPEAKER: John Rouse, 2741 Lakeside Pkwy., Flower Mound, TX  
SUBJECT: Dallas HERO Initiative  
REPRESENTING: Dallas HERO Initiative

SPEAKER: Amy Robbins, 5229 Ft. Buckner Dr. Richardson, TX  
SUBJECT: Women safety

SPEAKER: Deloris Phillips, Not Provided (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Open retaliatory quid pro quo/RICO

SPEAKER: Arlene Perez-Merino, Not Provided (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Equity and 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 18, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Schultz moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West 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 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 West moved to appoint the following:

- Soraya Santos, General Public, to the Citizen Homelessness Commission;
- Calvin Robinson, 5+ years experience as a volunteer/employee in administration or personnel functions of a business, governmental, or non profit organization, to the Civil Service Board Adjunct Members;
- Stephen Huschka, Committed to Community of Disabled Persons, Dylan Rafaty and Carrie Parks, to the Commission on Disabilities;
- Michael Sitarzewski to the Community Development Commission;
- Juan Olivo to the Judicial Nominating Commission;
- Stephani Kyle to the Permit and License Appeal Board;
- David Bernardino to the Youth Commission;
- Jerome Larez, Visual Arts, to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission (Adjunct Members);
- Lorin Carter to the Reinvestment Zone Six Board (Farmers Market);
- Kevin Griffeth to the Reinvestment Zone Nine Board (Vickery Meadow);
- Carl Anderson to the Reinvestment Zone Twelve Board (Deep Ellum);
- Asheya Warren to the Reinvestment Zone Fourteen Board (Skillman Corridor);
- Kyle Wick to the Reinvestment Zone Fifteen Board (Fort Worth Avenue); and
- Crystal Gonzalez to the Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD)

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



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

24-6150	CAX	ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION (ADJUNCT MEMBERS)
24-6151	CDC	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
24-6152	CHC	CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION
24-6153	COD	COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
24-6154	CSX	CIVIL SERVICE BOARD (ADJUNCT MEMBERS)
24-6155	JNC	JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION
24-6156	PLA	PERMIT AND LICENSE APPEAL BOARD
24-6157	RZ06	REINVESTMENT ZONE SIX BOARD (FARMERS MARKET)
24-6158	RZ09	REINVESTMENT ZONE NINE BOARD (VICKERY MEADOWS)
24-6159	RZ12	REINVESTMENT ZONE TWELVE BOARD (DEEP ELLUM)
24-6160	RZ14	REINVESTMENT ZONE FOURTEEN BOARD (SKILLMAN CORRIDOR)
24-6161	RZ15	REINVESTMENT ZONE FIFTEEN BOARD (FORT WORTH AVENUE)
24-6162	RZ17	REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVENTEEN BOARD (TOD)
24-6163	YOC	YOUTH COMMISSION

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Item 3: Casting of lots to identify the recommended vendor resulting from tie bids between Living Earth and The Organic Recycler on Group 1 Line 4 in response to bid BY24-00024715 for a three-year master agreement for the purchase of a variety of mulching materials

The city secretary announced there were tying bidders for Group 1 Line 4. The tying bidders' names were placed in separate plain envelopes for each line and sealed. Mayor Johnson selected a sealed envelope for Group 1 Line 4 and announced the winner as follows:

- The Organic Recycler on [Group 1 Line 4]

Note: On Wednesday, August 7, 2024, the city secretary, assistant city secretary, Kimberly Franklyn, Carmen Esquivel and Alina Nair with Office of Procurement Services (OPS), met and sealed the envelopes, ensuring each sealed envelope contained one name for each of the tying bidders.

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Briefing A: Update on the charter review process and voter-submitted charter amendment petitions, Dallas Freedom Act and Dallas HERO; and discussion of the Mayor and City Councilmember Salaries Amendment in the 2024 Charter Review Commission's Final Report and newly-submitted councilmember-proposed charter amendments

Councilmember Schultz moved that the city council go into a committee of the whole to consider recommended amendments to the 2024 Charter Review Commission Final Report and council member proposed charter amendments.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley.

Mayor Johnson called a vote and declared the motion unanimously adopted. (Arnold, Narvaez, Stewart, Willis absent when vote taken)

Mayor Johnson 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 are not final actions, but recommendations that will be finally voted on at a later date City Council Meeting. 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 issued 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, those not showing cards, and those absent when a vote is taken.”

Mayor Johnson further stated:

“The city council will start with the policy amendment regarding city council salaries, which was first discussed on June 5, 2024. Once the policy amendments are completed, the council will then consider the newly submitted charter amendments.”

Councilmember West raised a ‘point of information’ of when it would be appropriate to ask questions or seek clarifications on the briefing [item], if they does not relate to the item being voted on?

Mayor Johnson responded it was acceptable to ask questions or seek clarifications before voting.

Mayor Johnson announced that the city council will now consider the Policy recommended amendment(s).

Councilmember Bazaldua moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter III, ‘City Council,’ Section 4, ‘Compensation of the Members of the City Council’ – Strike:** ‘the salary of \$125,000’ and insert ‘\$90,000’ for councilmembers and strike the salary of \$145,000’ and insert ‘\$110 ,000’ for the mayor with salaries subject to a yearly adjustment equal to the year-over-year percentage increase in the local consumer price index, effective January 1, 2025.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Schultz.

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 Bazaldua, Councilmember West, Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Arnold, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Schultz, Councilmember Willis

**Cards not raised (Non Voting):**

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Ridley

**Absent When Vote Taken:**

None

**Absent:**

None

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

Mayor Johnson announced that the city council will now consider the councilmember-proposed charter amendment(s).

Councilmember Willis moved the following amendment:

- **Chapter XVI, ‘Civil Service and Personnel,’ Section 12.1 ‘Administrative Law Judge,’ – Delete:** ‘Subsection (b) regarding the payment by civil service employees of one-half of the costs attributing to having an administrative law judge conduct appeal of discharge or reduction in grade.’

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart.

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

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**Cards raised in Favor:**

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

**Cards not raised (Non Voting):**

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Mendelsohn, Councilmember Ridley

**Absent When Vote Taken:**

None

**Absent:**

None

With the majority of the cards being raised in favor, the amendment was accepted.

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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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CLOSED SESSION

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

- Seeking advice from the city attorney regarding:
  - (1) City of Dallas v. Employees' Retirement Fund of City of Dallas.
  - (2) The city's management contract with Fair Park First.

At 10:39 a.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 matters:

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

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ADDITION:

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The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 1:25 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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