

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

24-1250

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

PRESENT: [14] Johnson, Atkins, Bazaldua, West, Moreno (**9:21 a.m.), Gracey, Arnold (**9:20 a.m.), Resendez, Narvaez (**9:30 a.m.), Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [1] Mendelsohn,

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Pastor Rayford Butler with 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 to closed session at 1:33 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:40 p.m. [Moreno (**2:42 p.m.); Gracey (**2:43 p.m.); Stewart (**2:42 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 4:57 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: Carol Bell-Walton, 6705 Velasco Ave.
SUBJECT: Following established processes

SPEAKER: Cyrena Nolan, 8 Glenshire Ct.
SUBJECT: Water fluoride

SPEAKER: Curtis McWilliams, 4805 McKinney Ave.
SUBJECT: Homelessness

SPEAKER: Jason Killmeyer, 2500 McKinney Ave.
SUBJECT: Police staffing levels

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

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

SPEAKER: Lakoyla London, 1104 Buckeye Dr., Mesquite, TX
SUBJECT: Racism in Mesquite, TX

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the August 21, 2024 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted. (Mendelsohn 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 West moved to appoint the following:

- Deavon Moore, Dallas County Resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Fifteen Board (Fort Worth Avenue); and
- Philip Hiatt Haigh, Dallas County Resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously adopted. (Mendelsohn absent)

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

24-6253	RZ15	REINVESTMENT ZONE FIFTEEN BOARD (FORT WORTH AVENUE)
24-6254	RZ17	REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVENTEEN BOARD (TOD)

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Briefing A: Investment Reports for Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (DPFPS) and Employee Retirement Fund (ERF)

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

- Dory A. Wiley, President & CEO, Commerce Street Holdings, LLC

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Briefing B: Dallas Police and Fire Pension System (DPFPS): Funding Soundness
Restoration Plan Discussion and Recommendation

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Note: Briefing Item C must be heard before Agenda Item No. 3 may be considered.

Briefing C: FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26 Budget Discussion and Amendments

*For budget purposes, the City Council will be sitting as a Committee of the Whole.

Councilmember West moved that the city council go into a committee of the whole to consider recommended amendments to the FY 2024-25 Budget.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Schultz.

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

Mayor Johnson stated the following:

“As a committee of the whole, votes on amendments to the FY 2024-25 Budget 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 City of Dallas fans 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 City of Dallas fans 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 city manager amendment. Once the city manager amendment is completed, the council will then consider the submitted councilmember amendments.”

Mayor Johnson announced that the city council will now consider FY 2024-25 Budget amendment(s).

Councilmember Narvaez moved the following amendment:

Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Budget & Management Services - Reallocate and reprogram American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) interest earnings, and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement for testing and vaccination funding.	5,807,570	Transportation & Public Works - Increase FY 2024-25 total investment in street maintenance by \$5,807,570 and increase proposed lane miles from 676 to 710 lane miles.	5,807,570
Total Source of Funds	5,807,570	Total Use of Funds	5,807,570

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ridley.

After discussion, 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, Councilmember Ridley,

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

Councilmember Mendelsohn

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:

Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Office of Economic Development - Reduce the transfer to the Infrastructure Investment Fund by \$485,486 from \$5,987,810 to \$5,502,000.	485,486	Library - Add funds to restore Skillman/Southwestern Library to 53 hours/week and 6 days a week including 9 staff.	485,486
Total Source of Funds	485,486	Total Use of Funds	485,486

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem 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 Bazaldua, Councilmember West, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Schultz, Councilmember Ridley,

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Councilmember Moreno, Councilmember Gracey, Councilmember Arnold, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Willis,

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

Councilmember Mendelsohn

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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Councilmember West moved the following amendment:

Source of Funds	Amount	Use of Funds	Amount
Facilities and Real Estate Management - Eliminate expenses for Bullington Truck and Pedestrian Terminal (includes Thanksgiving Square)	653,659	General Fund Reserve	384,056
Facilities and Real Estate Management - Eliminate revenue associated with Bullington Truck and Pedestrian Terminal	(269,603)		
Total Source of Funds	384,056	Total Use of Funds	384,056

Motion seconded by Councilmember Willis.

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 Arnold, Councilmember Resendez, Councilmember Blackmon, Councilmember Willis, Councilmember Ridley,

Cards not raised (Non Voting):

Mayor Johnson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bazaldua, Councilmember Narvaez, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Schultz,

Absent When Vote Taken:

None

Absent:

Councilmember Mendelsohn

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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Note: Briefing Item C must be heard before Agenda Item No. 3 may be considered.

Item 3: First reading and passage of the appropriation ordinance appropriating funds for the proposed FY 2024-25 City of Dallas Operating, Capital, and Grant & Trust Budgets (1) for the maintenance and operation of various departments; (2) authorizing the City Manager to make certain adjustments; (3) appropriating funds for public improvements to be financed from bond funds and other revenues of the city of Dallas for fiscal year 2024-25; (4) providing for publication; and (5) providing an effective date - Not to exceed 5,257,653,898 - Financing: General Fund (\$1,902,654,000), General Obligation Debt (\$485,754,134), Capital Funds (\$912,273,932), Enterprise/Other Funds (\$1,482,754,855), Internal Service and Other Funds \$284,005,397, Grants, Trusts, and Other Funds (\$183,165,378), and Employee Retirement Fund (\$7,046,202)

The following registered speakers addressed the city council on the item:

Patrick Bales, 6221 E Lovers Ln.
Emma Bales, 6221 E. Lovers Ln.
Margaret Watson, 5555 Amesbury Dr.
Emma Slagh, 6211 Kenwood Ave.

Councilmember West moved to approve this item with the adjustments recommended at this city council meeting; with the budget not to exceed \$5,263,461,468.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously amended. (Mendelsohn absent)

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CLOSED SESSION

Item 4: Real Estate (Sec. 551.072 T.O.M.A.)

- Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located at 7800 Stemmons because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

- Dallas Police and Fire Pension System v. City of Dallas

At 1:33 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 matters:

Real Estate (Sec. 551.072 T.O.M.A.)

- Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property located at 7800 Stemmons because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

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

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

- Dallas Police and Fire Pension System v. City of Dallas

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 2:40 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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