

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

20-0170

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING  
CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES  
MAYOR ERIC JOHNSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Medrano (\*9:50 a.m.), McGough, West, Thomas, Arnold (\*9:13 a.m.), Resendez (\*9:22 a.m.), Narvaez, Bazaldua, Atkins, Blackmon (\*9:18 a.m.), Kleinman (\*9:19 a.m.), Mendelsohn, Gates, Blewett

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by Pastor Tommy Brown of the New Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Councilmember Bazaldua 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 12:27 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 1:02 p.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:02 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.

Ordinances, resolutions, reports and other records pertaining to matters considered by the city council, are filed with the City Secretary as official public records and comprise EXHIBIT C to the minutes of this meeting.

\* **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: Robert Ceccarelli, 1822 Young St.  
SUBJECT: Mayor/homelessness/bond money

SPEAKER: Irvy Foster, 2811 Bonnywood Ln. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Crime

SPEAKER: Reggie Ruffin, 2703 Exeter Ave. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Public integrity

SPEAKER: Mallory York, Jr., 1210 S. Lamar St.  
SUBJECT: Family court/heart disease

SPEAKER: Curtis Jones, 1339 Morrell Ave.  
SUBJECT: Area construction

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

SPEAKER: Fran Caconnier, 211 S. Rosemont Ave.  
SUBJECT: Animal issues/BCG report

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the November 19, 2019 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Bazaldua moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez 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 received and indicated the nominees met qualifications for service with the terms for appointment for the 2019-2021 term.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem McGough moved to appoint the following:

- John Shellene, General Public, to the Citizen Homelessness Commission; and
- Amanda Rachelle Johnson to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano and unanimously adopted.

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

**20-5158 CHC CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION**  
**20-5159 MLK MARTIN LUTHER KING JR COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD**

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Briefing A: DAS Department Overview: Public Safety Focus

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing B: Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive Housing Policy to Create a Residential Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ) Program and Zones

The following individuals briefed the city council on the item:

- Ed Jamison, Director, Dallas Animal Services;
- Peter Brodsky, Chair, Animal Advisory Commission; and
- Nadia Chandler Hardy, Assistant City Manager.

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Closed Session

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

- Yvette “Will rap 4 weed” Gbalazeh, et al. v. City of Dallas, Cause No. 3:18-CV-76-N.

At 12:27 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 T.O.M.A.)

- Yvette “Will rap 4 weed” Gbalazeh, et al. v. City of Dallas, Cause No. 3:18-CV-76-N.

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 1:02 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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