

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020

20-0440

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL  
MAYOR ERIC JOHNSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [15] Johnson, Medrano, McGough, \*West, Thomas, \*Arnold,  
\*Resendez, \*Narvaez, \*Bazaldua, \*Atkins, \*Blackmon,  
\*Kleinman, \*Mendelsohn, \*Gates, \*Blewett

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. with a quorum of the city council.

The invocation was given by Councilmember Mendelsohn

Mayor Johnson led the pledge of allegiance.

The meeting agenda, which was posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

The meeting recessed at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:57 a.m.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened to open session at 1:21 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 1:21 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 2:01 p.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
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.

**\*Note:** Members of the City Council participated in this meeting by videoconference.

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Item 1: Consider suspending city public meetings during the local state of disaster

Councilmember Thomas moved to suspend all city board and commission meetings indefinitely, including city task forces, except the Employee Retirement Fund, City Plan Commission to consider plats, or any other city board or commission required to meet to comply with state law.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Medrano.

Councilmember Gates moved a subsidiary motion to exclude task forces that are not subject to the open meetings act.

Subsidiary motion seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

During discussion, Councilmember West moved a secondary subsidiary motion to make an exception for SUPs [Specific Use Permits] that are set to expire.

The city attorney office's declared Councilmember West's motion was out of order.

Mayor Pro Tem Medrano moved a secondary subsidiary motion to exclude the CDC [Community Development Commission].

Secondary subsidiary motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem McGough.

During further discussion and by general consensus of the City Council, Councilmember Thomas, Councilmember Gates and Mayor Pro Tem Medrano all withdrew their motions; there was no objections voiced by the city council.

Councilmember Thomas moved that all city boards and commissions, including city task forces, meet by teleconference or video conference; except the Employee Retirement Fund.

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem McGough.

Councilmember Bazaldua moved a subsidiary motion to include city council meetings while in the state of disaster.

Subsidiary motion died due to lack of a second.

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The city secretary restated the motion as read by Councilmember Thomas.

Councilmember Kleinman requested a point of information that the city secretary stated indefinitely; which was not read in the motion.

After discussion, Councilmember Thomas withdrew his motion; there was no objection voiced by the city council.

Councilmember Thomas moved that all city boards and commissions including city task forces, meet by teleconference or video conference indefinitely, except the Employee Retirement Fund.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember Thomas' amended motion:

Voting Yes: [14 15] Johnson, Medrano, McGough, West, Thomas,  
\*Arnold, Resendez, Narvaez, Bazaldua,  
Atkins, Blackmon, Kleinman, Mendelsohn,  
Gates, Blewett

Voting No: [1 0] \*~~Arnold~~

The city secretary declared the item amended.

\*Note: Councilmember Arnold stated she voted in error and requested the record reflect her vote as "Yes."

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Item 2: Consider consenting to an extension of the declaration of a local state of disaster

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem McGough moved that the City Council consent to the Mayor proclaiming the continuation of the local state of disaster until terminated in accordance with the law.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon.

During discussion, Councilmember Kleinman moved a subsidiary motion to terminate this declaration on April 8, 2020 or earlier if the Mayor so determines.

Subsidiary motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua.

During further discussion, Councilmember Kleinman requested to amend his subsidiary motion; there was no objection voiced by the city council.

Councilmember Kleinman amended his subsidiary motion to terminate this declaration at 11:59 p.m. on April 8, 2020 or earlier if the Mayor so determines.

Councilmember Bazaldua, who seconded the original subsidiary motion, accepted the amendment.

After discussion, Councilmember Blackmon moved a secondary subsidiary motion to terminate the declaration at 11:59 p.m. on April 29, 2020, with a three-week assessment on April 8, 2020.

Secondary subsidiary motion seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

After further discussion, Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember Blackmon's secondary subsidiary motion:

Voting Yes: [8] Medrano, West, Bazaldua, Blackmon,  
Kleinman, Mendelsohn, Gates, Blewett

Voting No: [7] Johnson, McGough, Thomas, Arnold,  
Resendez, Narvaez, Atkins

The city secretary declared the motion adopted.

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Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Deputy Mayor Pro Tem McGough's amended motion that the City Council consent to the Mayor proclaiming the continuation of the local state of disaster until on April 29, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., with a three-week assessment on April 8, 2020:

Voting Yes: [8] Medrano, West, Arnold, Bazaldua, Blackmon,  
Kleinman, Gates, Blewett

Voting No: [7] Johnson, McGough, Thomas, Resendez,  
Narvaez, Atkins, Mendelsohn

The city secretary declared the item amended.

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Briefing A: Dallas County Health and Human Services and other local governmental agencies provide updates on COVID-19 response and preparations

The following individuals briefed the city council on the item:

- Sean Donohue, CEO, DFW Airport
- Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director, DART
- Dr. Gerald Hudson, Superintendent, Cedar Hill ISD
- Michael Hinojosa, Superintendent, Dallas ISD
- Sara Bonser, Superintendent, Plano ISD
- Dr. Jeannie Stone, Superintendent, Richardson ISD
- Dr. Philip Huang, Director, Dallas County Health and Human Services

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Briefing B: City of Dallas Office of Emergency Management provides updates on the City's COVID-19 response and preparations  
[Rocky Vaz, Director, Office of Emergency Management; Dr. Marshal Isaacs, Medical Director, Dallas Fire Rescue]

The city manger briefed the city council on the item.

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Closed Session

Consultations with Attorney (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Legal matters related to the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County for Public Health Services

At 11:05 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 matter:

Consultations with Attorney (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Legal matters related to the Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County for Public Health Services

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 1:21 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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