

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

21-0580

CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 5ES/VIDEO CONFERENCE
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 9:18 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The invocation was given by James Reed of Dallas Leadership Foundation.

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 at 1:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, Mayor Pro Tem Medrano adjourned the meeting 4:45 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.

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.

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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: Ed Zahra, 1003 Valencia St. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Proposed Short Term Rental regulations
REPRESENTING: Smart Growth Coalition

SPEAKER: Phillip Terry, 11028 Glen Echo Ct.
SUBJECT: Proposed Short Term Rental regulations

SPEAKER: Robert Ceccarelli, 1820 Young St.
SUBJECT: How DISD can be successful

SPEAKER: Ola Allen, 4111 Summit Ridge Dr.
SUBJECT: Bulk trash/code compliance

SPEAKER: Eric Peterson, 8150 N. Stemmons Fwy.
SUBJECT: Decriminalization of entheogenic plants
REPRESENTING: Tribe Outreach Services

SPEAKER: Raymond Gray, 812 W. 11th St., Austin, TX (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Waiver of property tax penalty

SPEAKER: Jessica Black, 2119 Riverforest Dr., Arlington, TX (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Short term rentals
REPRESENTING: Moms Against STRs

SPEAKER: Mary Wilonsky, 3368 Valiant Dr.
SUBJECT: Dallas Public Library
REPRESENTING: Friends of the Dallas Public Library

SPEAKER: Cheryl Tovar, Address Not Provided
SUBJECT: Employment

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the March 3, 2021 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Atkins 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.

Councilmember West moved to appoint the following:

- Augustine Jalomo, Professional Performing Artist, and James Damany Daniels, Literary Arts, to the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission;
- Kelly Don Drake to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Board;
- Diane Ragsdale to the Redistricting Commission;
- Ola M Allen, 55+YOA, to the Senior Affairs Commission;
- Steven T. Ramos and Fred L. Wells, both Served in US Military, to the Veteran Affairs Commission; and
- D'entony Bridges, Kourtlan Freeman and Jabari Mosely to the Youth Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted.

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

21-5600	CAC	ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION
21-5601	MLK	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD
21-5602	RDC	REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
21-5603	SAC	SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION
21-5604	VAC	VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
21-5605	YOC	YOUTH COMMISSION

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Briefing A: City Manager's Goals for 2021

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing B: Dallas Executive Airport Development Update

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: Code Compliance Redeployment & Engagement Plan

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing D: Ad Valorem Tax Relief for Over-65 or Disabled Homeowners

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Closed Session

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

- ESI/Employee Solutions, L.P., et al. v. City of Dallas, et al. Civil Action No. 4:19-CV-570-SDJ.
- Oxley Leasing North Loop, LLC v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-20-15606.

At 1:13 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:

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

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- Oxley Leasing North Loop, LLC v. City of Dallas, Cause No. DC-20-15606.

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 2:28 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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