

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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 (**9:25 a.m.), Gracey, Arnold, Resendez (**9:29 a.m.), *Narvaez (**9:29 a.m.), Blackmon, Stewart, Schultz, *Mendelsohn (**10:19 a.m.), Willis, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The innovation 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 12:08 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 1:20 p.m. [West (**1:22 p.m.); *Moreno (**2:41 p.m.); Arnold (**1:29 p.m.); Resendez (**1:21 p.m.); Narvaez (**1:22 p.m.); *Mendelsohn (**2:16 p.m.); Willis (**1:22 p.m.)]

After all business properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 4:17 p.m. due to loss of a quorum.

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: Joe Stokes, 8930 San Benito Way (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Stop fluoridation

SPEAKER: Linda Newland, 2468 Dorrington Dr.
SUBJECT: Fluoridation

SPEAKER: Kristen Kurelo, 9403 Rockmount Dr. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Aggressive/dangerous dogs process

SPEAKER: Subrina Brenham, 6621 La Grange Dr.
SUBJECT: Random gunfire

SPEAKER: Edward Gardella, 4207 Bowser Ave.
SUBJECT: State of the City

Councilmember Ridley requested to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow the remaining registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember Ridley's motion to suspend the rules:

Voting Yes: [7] Johnson, West, Resendez, Stewart, Schultz,
Willis, Ridley

Voting No: [7] Atkins, Bazaldua, Moreno, Gracey,
Arnold, Narvaez, Blackmon,

Absent When Vote Taken: [1] Mendelsohn

The city secretary declared the motion failed.

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OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

SPEAKER: Lily Weiss, 750 N. St. Paul St.
SUBJECT: Digital Kiosk Program Update
REPRESENTING: Dallas Arts District

SPEAKER: Julie Wade, 4011 Roswell St. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Closure of an abandoned alley

SPEAKER: Jon Hollis, 2370 Victory Ave.
SUBJECT: State of the City

SPEAKER: Anthony Page, 3210 Carlisle St.
SUBJECT: Digital Kiosk Program Update
REPRESENTING: The Uptown Neighborhood Association

SPEAKER: Deloris Phillips, Not Provided (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Premeditated police report

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Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Schultz moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

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

NOTE: In accordance with Section 4.8 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, an official Dissent and Protest of the canvass of the November 5, 2024, Election was submitted December 3, 2024:

"In accordance with Section 4.8 of the Rules of Procedure for the Dallas City Council, I hereby formally dissent and protest the final Council vote conducted on November nineteenth, twenty twenty-four, during the special call meeting. This dissent pertains specifically to the agenda item concerning the vote tally for the Dallas Charter.

While I have concerns regarding the content of several of the proposed amendments, I wish to address Proposition E in particular. In my opinion, this proposition was designed with the intent of targeting certain communities as well as current and past council members. The language of Proposition E was carefully crafted in a manner that undermines the basic principles of democracy by imposing restrictions that disproportionately affect certain groups and individuals.

Although this measure was presented to the voters, and some would argue that the results reflect the will of the people, I believe the outcome was influenced by misleading framing and a lack of transparency regarding the full implications of the proposition. Such an approach erodes public trust in our electoral processes and governance.

The very basic structure of the election cycle that existed prior to this change, with two-year terms, already served as a framework for establishing term limits. Under that system, the people of Dallas had the opportunity to make their voices heard every two years, deciding who should represent them on the Council. This system empowered voters to exercise their democratic rights regularly, ensuring accountability and reflecting the diverse needs of our city.

By implementing rigid and arbitrary term limits through Proposition E, we risk undermining not only the trust of the people but also the vital community engagement that is so critical to the success of our city's governance. This change threatens not only community engagement but also the ability of leadership to secure equitable resources and funding for their constituents, particularly in underserved communities. By limiting leadership opportunities and disrupting continuity, this proposition risks disadvantaging communities that already face systemic inequities, further entrenching disparities and diminishing access to vital support.

The Dallas City Charter must be a living document that works for all residents, fostering inclusion and trust, not exclusion and division. This amendment jeopardizes the balance we need to ensure that all voices are heard and represented.

We also hope that this Council and future Councils will take the opportunity to revisit the restrictive impact this measure has on democracy, which is meant to serve all people, regardless of community or choice. The choices of the people should not be prohibited by measures that seek to limit their voices and their ability to shape the leadership of this city.

For these reasons, I formally protest the outcome of this vote and urge the Council to consider the broader implications of these actions. Together, we must ensure a governance framework that truly reflects the will and rights of all Dallas residents."

- Carolyn King Arnold, City Councilmember District 4

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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:

- Darrell Herbert to the City Plan and Zoning Commission;
- Jennifer King to the Community Police Oversight Board;
- Eric Johnson to the Reinvestment Zone Three Board (Oak Cliff Gateway);
- Anthony Waldrop to the Reinvestment Zone Nine Board (Vickery Meadow); and
- Michael Cook, Owns Real Property that is located in the TIF District, to the Reinvestment Zone Twenty-One (University)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Schultz and unanimously adopted. (Mendelsohn absent when vote taken)

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

24-6620	CPC	CITY PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION
24-6621	CPO	COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD
24-6622	RZ03	REINVESTMENT ZONE THREE BOARD (OAK CLIFF GATEWAY)
24-6623	RZ09	REINVESTMENT ZONE NINE BOARD (VICKERY MEADOW)
24-6624	RZ21	REINVESTMENT ZONE TWENTY-ONE (UNIVERSITY)

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Briefing A: Independent Audit of DPFPS and ERF in Compliance with Section 802.1012 of the Texas Government Code

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

The following individuals briefed the city council on the item:

- Jeannie Chen, Specialist Leader, Deloitte Consulting LLP
- Joe Kropiewnicki, Manager, Deloitte Consulting LLP

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Briefing B: Digital Kiosk Program Update

Councilmember Ridley requested to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow the remaining registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Councilmember Ridley's motion to suspend the rules:

Voting Yes: [7] West, Resendez, Stewart, Schultz,
Mendelsohn, Willis, Ridley

Voting No: [8] Johnson, Atkins, Bazaldua, Moreno,
Gracey, Arnold, Narvaez, Blackmon

The city secretary declared the motion failed.

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing C: CCX/311 Citywide Communications Strategy Phase I and Next Steps

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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Briefing D: Implementation of FY25 Clean Sweep! Program

The city manager briefed the city council on the item.

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CLOSED SESSION

Item 3: Attorney Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

- Dallas Short-Term Rental Alliance, Sammy Aflalo, Vera Elkins, Danielle Lindsey, and Denise Lowry v. City of Dallas;
- State of Texas v. City of Dallas, et al, regarding Proposition R, filed on November 20, 2024;
- Dallas Police and Fire Pension System v. City of Dallas

At 12:08 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 Briefing (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

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The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 1:20 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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