

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

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

PRESENT: [14] Mayor Johnson, Moreno (**9:33 a.m.), Willis, *West (**10:03 a.m.), Gracey, Johnson, Resendez (**9:36 a.m.), Cadena, Bazaldua (**9:37 a.m.), Blair, Stewart, Roth, Mendelsohn, Ridley

ABSENT: [1] Blackmon

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. with a quorum of the city council present.

The innovation was given by Councilmember Maxie Johnson.

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 1:42 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 3:32 p.m.

After all business was properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 3:33 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: Linda Newland, 2468 Dorrington Dr.
SUBJECT: Dallas calls it fluoride, but its poison

SPEAKER: Joe Stokes, 8930 San Benito Way (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Fluoride

SPEAKER: Leon Holeman, 511 N. Akard St.
SUBJECT: Funding for economic development

SPEAKER: Jerry Russell, 511 N. Akard St.
SUBJECT: 50th Anniversary of Tina Turner

SPEAKER: Detra Johnson, 9827 Castle Bay Dr. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Inquiries for Pleasant Grove planning/development

Councilmember Bazaldua moved to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow all remaining City of Dallas registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council; there was no objection voiced by the city council. (Blackmon absent)

SPEAKER: Richard Miles, 2922 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
SUBJECT: MILES of Freedom
REPRESENTING: MILES of Freedom

SPEAKER: Beryl George, 6904 Hill Park Dr. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Zoning case Z25000085

SPEAKER: Paula Gaus, 7125 Araglin Ct. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Araglin Court and regional retail zoning

SPEAKER: Mary Ellen Smith, 13122 Hillcrest Rd.
SUBJECT: Zoning case Z25000085

SPEAKER: Charlie Nye, 6915 Hillpark Dr.
SUBJECT: Zoning case Z25000085

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SPEAKER: Scott Mackler, 12123 Edgestone Rd.
SUBJECT: HEB rezoning request
REPRESENTING: Hillcrest Preservation Coalition

SPEAKER: Imani Fowler, 4233 Sweet Fennel Dr.
SUBJECT: Youth program

SPEAKER: Adam Gaddis, 10459 Woodleaf Dr.
SUBJECT: Preserve City Hall

SPEAKER: Earl Thomas, 1963 Life Ave.
SUBJECT: The city's economic development plan

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis moved to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow the individual with the Intertribal Community Center of Texas an opportunity to address the city council.

Councilmember Roth moved to amend Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis' motion to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] to allow all registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council.

Motion objected by Councilmember Bazaldua.

Mayor Johnson called a record vote on Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis' amended motion to suspend the City Council Rules of Procedure [Sec. 6.3(f)] and allow all registered speakers an opportunity to address the city council:

Voting Yes: [12] Mayor Johnson, Moreno, Willis, West,
Gracey, Johnson, Resendez, Cadena, Blair,
Stewart, Roth, Mendelsohn

Voting No: [2] Bazaldua, Ridley

Absent: [1] Blackmon

The city secretary declared the motion adopted.

SPEAKER: Nelda Griggs, 534 The Meadows Pkwy., DeSoto, TX
SUBJECT: Deed fraud involving city employee/IG complaint

SPEAKER: Gloria Carbajal, 509 Pecan St., Ferris, TX
SUBJECT: Horse carriages

SPEAKER: Dan Newell, 4068 Stanford Ave., University Park, TX. (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Pending Zoning Change Request Z-25-000085

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SPEAKER: Jesse Weideman, 1609 Woodstream Ln., Allen, TX (handout provided)
SUBJECT: Clean Sweep Program/homeless employment
REPRESENTING: East Texas A&M University

SPEAKER: Diana Parton, 808 Beck Dr., Plano, TX.
SUBJECT: Intertribal Community Center of Texas
REPRESENTING: Cherokee Gadugi Texas

SPEAKER: Veronica Arredondo, Not Provided
SUBJECT: Intertribal Community Center of Texas
REPRESENTING: Intertribal Community Council of Texas

SPEAKER: Cheryl Tovar, Not Provided
SUBJECT: Identity theft/fraud/corruption

OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:

There were no speakers under this category.

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Item 1: Approval of the Minutes of October 1, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Resendez and unanimously adopted. (Johnson absent when vote taken; Blackmon 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 a nomination was received and indicated the nominee met qualifications for service with the term for appointment for the 2025-2027 (term beginning October 1, 2025).

Councilmember Ridley moved to appoint the following:

- Mickie Bragalone, Volunteer cultural board experience professional, to the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission;
- Rachel Hayden and Parker Graham to the Board of Adjustment;
- Daniel E. Roby, Representative from a faith-based organization, to the Citizen Homelessness Commission;
- Anjulie Ponce and Alberto R. Ramos to the Civil Service Board Adjunct Members;
- Walter Higgins and Chauncey V. Lander to the Community Police Oversight Board;
- Victor Toledo, Real estate law, to the Dallas Public Facility Corporation;
- Marcy Helfand, Possesses a juris doctorate degree, to the Ethics Advisory Commission;
- Kevin Henton to the Housing Finance Corporation Board;
- Vitaly Lunev to the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center;
- Sam E. Staggs and Carol S. Pinker to the Municipal Library Board;
- Arun Agarwal to the Park and Recreation Board;
- Laura Baez Torres and Robert Quint to the Permit and License Appeal Board;
- Karen S. Roberts, 55+ years of age, to the Senior Affairs Commission;
- Jasmin Ramirez to the Youth Commission;
- Thomas Fleming to the Board of Adjustment Alternate Members;
- Bridgett Mitchell to the Civil Service Board;
- Paul Zubiate, Architect, to the Landmark Commission Alternate Members;
- Jesus Javier Ponce, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Three Board (Oak Cliff Gateway);
- Lorin Carter, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Six Board (Farmers Market); and
- Heather Daniel, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seven Board (Sports Arena)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blair and unanimously adopted. (Johnson, Resendez absent when vote taken; Blackmon absent)

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Mayor Pro Tem Moreno moved to appoint the following:

- Arun Agarwal, Chair, to the Park and Recreation Board

Motion seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn and unanimously adopted. (Johnson, Resendez absent when vote taken; Blackmon absent; *Mayor Johnson abstain)

*Note: Per the Dallas City Charter, Ch III, Sec. 2, The Mayor shall have a vote on all matters coming before the city council, other than confirmation of appointments by the mayor, unless otherwise disqualified, but no power to veto.

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

25-6550	BOA	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
25-6551	BOX	BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE MEMBERS
25-6552	CAC	ARTS & CULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION
25-6553	CHC	CITIZEN HOMELESSNESS COMMISSION
25-6554	CSB	CIVIL SERVICE BOARD
25-6555	CPO	COMMUNITY POLICE OVERSIGHT BOARD
25-6556	CSX	CIVIL SERVICE BOARD ADJUNCT MEMBERS
25-6557	DPC	DALLAS PUBLIC FACILITY CORPORATION
25-6558	EAC	ETHICS ADVISORY COMMISSION
25-6559	HFC	HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD
25-6560	LMX	LANDMARK COMMISSION ALTERNATE MEMBERS
25-6561	MLB	MUNICIPAL LIBRARY BOARD
25-6562	MLK	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD
25-6563	PKR	PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
25-6564	PLA	PERMIT AND LICENSE APPEAL BOARD
25-6565	RZ03	REINVESTMENT ZONE THREE BOARD (OAK CLIFF GATEWAY)
25-6566	RZ06	REINVESTMENT ZONE SIX BOARD (FARMERS MARKET)
25-6567	RZ07	REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVEN BOARD (SPORTS ARENA)
25-6568	SAC	SENIOR AFFAIRS COMMISSION
25-6569	YOC	YOUTH COMMISSION
25-6570		BOARD OFFICER

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Briefing A: Winter Weather Operations

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.)

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

Item 3: Katrina Ahrens, S.A., and M.A. v. Dallas Police Association, et al.

Item 4: Compliance with pavement marking standards on Texas public roads.

At 1:42 p.m., Presiding Officer Moreno 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.)

Seeking the advice of the City Attorney regarding:

Item 3: Katrina Ahrens, S.A., and M.A. v. Dallas Police Association, et al.

Item 4: Compliance with pavement marking standards on Texas public roads.

The closed session ended and reconvened to open session at 3:32 p.m. No other matters were discussed during the closed session.

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