

MINUTES OF THE DALLAS CITY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

26-0260

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

PRESENT: [15] Mayor Johnson, Moreno, Willis, West (\*\*9:27 a.m.), Gracey, Johnson (\*\*9:36 a.m.), Resendez (\*\*9:49 a.m.), Cadena, Bazaldua (\*9:29 a.m.), Blair (\*\*9:28 a.m.), Blackmon, Stewart (\*\*9:26 a.m.), Roth, Mendelsohn, Ridley

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 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.

After all business was properly brought before the city council had been considered, the city council adjourned at 4:49 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.

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: Leon Holeman, 511 N. Akard St.  
SUBJECT: Economic development southern sector

SPEAKER: Ruth Steward, 7022 Balalaika Rd.  
SUBJECT: Code/sanitation

SPEAKER: Jerry Russell, 511 N. Akard St.  
SUBJECT: The Tina Fest

SPEAKER: LeKendra Johnson, 13151 Emily Rd. (handout provided)  
SUBJECT: Tina Fest

SPEAKER: Kay Hutchison, 25 Downs Lake Cir.  
SUBJECT: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas

Councilmember West 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. (Resendez, Blair absent when vote taken)

SPEAKER: Tanisha Batiste, 1900 Elm St.  
SUBJECT: Tina Festival

SPEAKER: Ana Rossainz, 7719 Tillman St.  
SUBJECT: Systemic issues in Dallas

SPEAKER: Rebekah Kornblum, 25327 Tremont St.  
SUBJECT: Bicycle lanes during FIFA/ongoing construction  
REPRESENTING: Dallas Bicycle Coalition

SPEAKER: John Martinez, 2210 W. Illinois Ave.  
SUBJECT: Dallas College and Convention Center Project

**OPEN MICROPHONE – END OF MEETING:**

There were no speakers under this category.

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26-0263

Item 1: Approval of Minutes of the December 3, 2025 City Council Meeting

Councilmember West moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

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

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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 Blackmon moved to appoint the following:

- Erick S. Drobinski to the North Oak Cliff Municipal Management;
- Jody W. Bland, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seven Board (Sports Arena); and
- Hayden Smith, Dallas County resident, to the Reinvestment Zone Seventeen Board (TOD)

Motion seconded by Councilmember Bazaldua and unanimously adopted. (Blair absent when vote taken)

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

<b>26-5263</b>	<b>NOC</b>	<b>NORTH OAK CLIFF MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>26-5264</b>	<b>RZ07</b>	<b>REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVEN BOARD (SPORTS ARENA)</b>
<b>26-5265</b>	<b>RZ17</b>	<b>REINVESTMENT ZONE SEVENTEEN BOARD (TOD)</b>

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Item 5: A resolution stating that the City Council: (1) reaffirms its position not supporting any construction of aboveground rail lines through the Central Business District, Uptown, and Victory Park areas of Dallas, except for streetcar expansion projects currently under consideration as stated in Resolution No. 24-0876 approved on June 12, 2024; (2) supports North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) request to NCTCOG's executive board to accept a \$500,000.00 grant from the Federal Railroad Administration's Step 1 of the Corridor Identification and Development Program of the "Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor" and that the Dallas to Fort Worth leg of this corridor is subject to (a) compliance with Resolution No. 24-0876 approved on June 12, 2024; (b) scope, schedule, and cost development to be based on multiple alternative alignments complying with Resolution No. 24-0876 approved on June 12, 2024; (c) requesting that the existing Trinity Railway Express line be studied for upgrading opportunities; and (d) that any aboveground rail alignments do not go through city park land - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the item as recommend by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee with the following change:

- that the above-ground rail alignments not go through subdistrict 1A of PD 714, including the site for the Harold Simmons Park within the subdistrict.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Blackmon and unanimously amended.

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26-0266

Briefing A: FIFA World Cup 2026 Update

The following individuals briefed the city council on the item:

- Rosa Fleming, Director, Convention & Event Services;
- Brett Wilkinson, Public Affairs Specialist, Convention and Event Services;
- Chief Daniel Comeaux, Chief of Police, Dallas Police Department;
- Craig Davis, President and CEO, Visit Dallas;
- Noelle LeVeaux, Chief Marketing Officer, North Texas FWC Organizing Committee; and
- Rocky Vaz, Director of City Services and IBC, North Texas FWC Organizing Committee

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Briefing B: Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas (KBHCCD) Master Plan -  
Component 1 - Convention Center Expansion Update

The following individuals briefed the city council on the item:

- Rosa Fleming, Director, Convention & Event Services;
- Reginald Williams, Assistant Director, Convention & Event Services;
- Ghassan Khankarli, Director, Transportation and Public Works
- Alan J. Cohen, Managing Partner, Sage Consulting
- Jack Matthews, President, Inspire Dallas
- Carlos Aguilas, CEO, Inspire Dallas
- Jane Hope Hamilton, Senior Vice President, Strategic Affairs, Inspire Dallas
- Tom Reizenbicker, Managing Director and Principal, Perkins & Will
- Dewey Newton, Senior Vice President, Trinity Alliance

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