

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON December 21, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2600 ROOSEVELT DRIVE, DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS.**

*While the order of some agenda items may have been changed, the following represents all items discussed and acted upon by the City Council.*

**WORK SESSION AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

**Members Present:**

Laura Bianco, Mayor  
John King, Alderman, Place 1  
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2  
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3  
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4  
Mark McGuire, Alderman, Place 5

**Staff Present:**

Greg Petty, DPS Director/ Interim City Administrator  
Kay Day, Finance Director  
Gary Parker, Public Works Director  
Sandra Ma, Interim City Secretary/Court Administrator

**2. WORK SESSION AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Any action may be deferred until the 7:00 p.m. Regular Session*

**a. Executive Session**

**i. Recess into Executive Session:**

City Council Recessed into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

**(1) pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.0171, Attorney Consultation, and 551.074, Personnel Matters, regarding the Public Works Director, Finance Director, and Finance Assistant.**

**ii. Reconvene into Regular Session for the following**

**(1) Discussion and possible action on the Public Works Director, Finance Director, and Finance Assistant.**

City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:55 p.m. Action was deferred until 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to direct staff to take the actions discussed in executive session

**b. Work Session on other listed agenda items, if time permits.**

Also discussed:

- Zone Change Application requesting a rezone from single-family “SF” residential to garden homes “GH” base zoning with a mixed-use “MU” overlay for properties located at 2500 California Lane and 2512 California Lane, Dalworthington Gardens

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following present:

#### **Members Present:**

Laura Bianco, Mayor  
John King, Alderman, Place 1  
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2  
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3  
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4  
Mark McGuire, Alderman, Place 5

#### **Staff Present:**

Greg Petty, DPS Director/ Interim City Administrator  
Kay Day, Finance Director  
Gary Parker, Public Works Director  
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### **2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor gave invocation. Pledges were said.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

a. Presentation of the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Dalworthington Gardens Historical Committee  
Mayor read aloud a proclamation recognizing Don Barrett as 2023 DWG Volunteer of the Year.

b. Velma Bogart Proclamation  
Mayor read aloud a proclamation recognizing Velma Bogart for her lifetime achievements.

c. Park Volunteer Acknowledgment

Council Member Cathy Stein acknowledged Park Board Members and Park Volunteers – Iashia Bergamini, Pam Miller, Mary Webster, Suzanne Hudson, Don and Sylvia Barrett. Jeanine Calhoun, Jill Howard, Tara Cao, and Pam Bookout.

### **4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The following items were presented.

a. Santa Parade, Saturday, December 23, 2023. Helicopter 4:00 – 4:30 p.m., Parade 5:00 p.m.

### **5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

### **6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ed Motley: He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He hopes that you have a great holiday. He wanted to thank the staff, especially those who keep us safe and ensure that the city service runs smoothly while many people are off during the holidays. To the traveling folks, be careful of the hazards and the weather. Come back safely. There are a lot of conflicts around the world, so keep the people in your prayers and thoughts during the rough times they are facing.

John King: Merry Christmas to everyone there and all the people who wanted to be here but couldn't make it. Staff, we appreciate everything you do over the years. I hope you enjoy your Christmas and be safe. See you next year, and have a happy new year.

Steve Lafferty: He congratulated Velma and Don again for their recognition and thanked them for all the years and the many things they have done for the city. He thanked the city staff for all the hard work. He stated we have some great people who put in a lot of effort and hours and do a great job taking care of us and keeping us safe. Everybody be safe over the holiday and have a very Merry Christmas. Be careful when you are traveling. Don't drink and drive. If there is temptation, just resist it.

Mark McGuire: He wanted to repeat everything that had been said, thank Velma for her time on council, and acknowledge that great things don't happen from nothing. They are built upon what was done before you. So, thank you to Velma for making the city what it is.

Cathy Stein: She thanked the volunteers that show up to help staff. Volunteers add a specialty that makes a difference. She was very glad to see Velma and thanked her for coming out.

Mayor: She wanted to take a moment to remember James from Campo Verde Restaurant, who had passed away earlier this month. Please keep his family in your prayers. On a happier note, she thanked all the citizens who brought such great goodies to the city staff and DPS. Thank you to Pam Miller for putting flowers in front of City Hall. She thanked those who rang the bell or contributed to the Salvation Army. This is an organization that is very near and dear to her heart. She said we beat Arlington and DWG was number two in the running with ten other cities. We met our goal and made over \$20,000 for our community. We were second in line to Mansfield. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you again for your contributions.

## 7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

*Informational reports only; no action to be taken.*

- a. **Director of Public Safety/ City Administrator Report**
- b. **Financial Reports**
- c. **Public Works Report**

Departmental Reports a and b were presented. Public Works Director left due to a sewer leak.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

*All consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote.*

- a. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-26 ratifying Council's approval of a special exception 3520 Estates Drive in November 2023; an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 "Zoning" by granting a special exception for certain property located at 3520 Estates Drive.**
- b. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-25, ratifying Council's approval to allow Motor Vehicle Sales – indoor in zoning B-3 and LI permitted pursuant to a special exception.**
- c. **Ratification of invoices over \$5,000.00 for various fire emergency vehicle repairs in the amount of \$12,523.63.**
- d. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-27 approving budget amendments for FY2022-2023.**
- e. **Approval of Ordinance No 2023-28 approving budget carryovers from the FY 2022-2023 budget to the FY 2023-2024 Budget**
- f. **Approval of Resolution No. 2023-18, to conduct an annual review of the City Investment Policy, in accordance with Chapter 2256 of the Local Government Code, suggesting no changes to the existing policy.**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to approve Consent Agenda 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e, and 8f. On item 8b the approval is for the amended ordinance the City Attorney Cara provided.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein, and McGuire  
Nays: None

8c After further discussion a motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve this purchase request in the amount of \$10,021.43.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein, and McGuire  
Nays: None

## 9. REGULAR AGENDA

### a. Discussion and possible action on a replat for property described as Lot 2R, Block 1 and Lot 1R1, Block 1 of Dalworthington Gardens Addition, Dalworthington Gardens, Tarrant County, Texas otherwise known as 3428 W. Arkansas Lane Dalworthington Gardens, Tarrant County, Texas

- i. Conduct a public hearing
- ii. Discussion and action

**Background Information:** Section 1.02.151 of the City’s Code of Ordinance states the purpose of a replat is to revise or subdivide any part or all of any block or previously platted subdivision, addition, or lot. On November 16, 2023, John W. Guerin submitted a replat application for property described as Lot 2R, Block 1 of Dalworthington Gardens Addition, Dalworthington Gardens, Tarrant County, Texas otherwise known as 3428 W. Arkansas Lane Dalworthington Gardens, Tarrant County, Texas. The plat application was forwarded to the city engineer for review. On December 4, 2023, the city engineer conducted his final review of the plat and determined the plat conforms with the City’s ordinance and recommended approval of the plat. Local Government Code, Chapter 212, states plats that satisfy all applicable regulations must be approved. The proposed plat satisfies all requirements of city ordinance. As such, staff recommends approval of this plat

Planning and Zoning meet on December 19, 2023 and recommended approval.

Mayor Bianco opened the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Lynette Engelke, Director of Marketing and Admissions at the Montessori Academy of Arlington, stated they wanted to add a parking lot on their property. In order to do so, they need to replat the land for construction.

Mayor Bianco closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein for approval

Motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, McGuire, and Stein  
Nays: None

### b. Discussion and possible action regarding a Zone Change Application requesting a rezone from single-family “SF” residential to garden homes “GH” base zoning with a mixed-use “MU” overlay for properties located at 2500 California Lane and 2512 California Lane, Dalworthington Gardens

- i. Conduct public hearing
- ii. Discussion and action

No action was taken on this item. This topic will be continued at the P&Z meeting on January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**c. Discussion and possible action to approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for the Provision of Library Services to Dalworthington Gardens Residents.**

**Background Information:** Over the past several years we are consistently approached by citizens about free library cards. At one time, our citizens were granted free cards because of a fundraising campaign for the new downtown library. After that one year period passed, citizens were once again required to pay for an individual/family membership. We have been working with the City of Arlington to try and find a resolution to this problem. The City of Arlington is willing to work with us to provide library cards for our citizens, but it would be at the city's expense.

After crafting an application (see packet info) with our city we will determine if our citizen would qualify for a library card at the expense of DWG.

We determined our best course of action would be to offer free library cards to the qualifying citizens from January 16, 2024 to January 31, 2024.

We would offer this for the first 40 families who qualify. This would be a maximum total cost of \$2000.00. This process would continue annually.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King for approval

Motion carried by the following vote

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, and McGuire

Nays: Member Stein

**d. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the FY 2023-2024 budgets in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00**

No action taken.

**10. TABLED ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and possible action to direct staff regarding correctly indicating when special exceptions are authorized in accordance with Section 14.02.321 of city ordinances, to include but not limited to special exceptions for private stables as allowed in Section 14.02.172 "SF" residential district uses.**

Item not addressed.

**11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**12. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.