

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2026, AT 6:30 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 6:30 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  
Paul Sweitzer, Alderman, Place 5

**Staff Present:**

Greg Petty, DPS Director/City Administrator  
Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator  
Jeff Brown, Finance Director

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**a. Recess into Executive Session**

**i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation and 551.074, Personnel Matters, regarding the Finance Director.**

**b. Reconvene into Regular Session for discussion and possible action on:**

**i. Personnel Matters regarding the Finance Director.**

Executive Session was removed from the agenda as it was not needed.

**3. WORK SESSION**

**Work session on listed agenda items if time permits.**

The following agenda items were discussed.

- 9a. 51<sup>st</sup> CDBG project on Madrid Court
- 9b. Hourly employee wages for when City Hall is closed due to inclement weather.
- 9c. City sponsored library cards.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:00 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  
Paul Sweitzer, Alderman, Place 5

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**2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Bianco gave invocation. Pledges were said.

**3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**a. Recognition of parties who participated in the Salvation Army Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge.**

Mayor Bianco presented certificates to parties involved in the Salvation Army Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge.

**b. Proclamation - Iashia Bergamini**

Mayor Bianco read aloud the proclamation

**c. Presentation from Salvation Army – Mayoral Challenge Per Capita Award**

Item was removed from the agenda as it was not needed.

**4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The following items were presented.

- a. **Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Sunday March 29, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- b. **DWG Plant Swap, Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
- c. **DWG 90<sup>th</sup> celebration, Friday & Saturday June 5 –6, 2026**
- d. **Concert in the Park, Saturday September 26, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**
- e. **National Night Out, Tuesday October 6, 2026**
- f. **Trunk or Treat, Saturday October 17, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**
- g. **Movie Night, Saturday November 7, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m.**
- h. **Pictures with Santa, Sunday December 6, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**5. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ed Motley: He asked if you keep Guy Snodgrass in your prayers. For those who may not know Guy, he served on city council from the mid-1980s until about six years ago. He was instrumental in helping establish our Department of Public Safety. Guy has taught many of us about the city and the events that have come throughout the years. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

John King: He shared that he has the same sentiments for Guy Snodgrass that have already been expressed. With Guy stepping down, it opened an opportunity for one of us to serve on the dais. He also expressed his appreciation to Boy Scout Troop 517 for their help with the Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge. He told them to keep up with the good work. He also mentioned that early voting has started.

Steve Lafferty: He stated make sure you go vote.

Paul Switzer: He said thank you for everything Boy Scout Troop 517 has done. It was really nice.

Cathy Stein: She stated that she agrees with everything that has been said so far. She added that the DWG 90th Celebration will take place on June 5–6. For more information about the event, please visit [dwg90th.blogspot.com](http://dwg90th.blogspot.com).

Mayor Bianco: She asked everyone keep Kathleen and Guy Snodgrass in their prayers. She expressed her appreciation to the Public Works Department for their hard work during the severe weather, noting their efforts to ensure safe shoveled paths for access to the public buildings. She also thanked Paul Swietzer for his contribution of water, and Steve Lafferty for his work on city vehicles and equipment, especially ensuring the generator was operational ahead of the inclement weather. Additionally, she shared that there is a new business in town, Catalyst Creative Arts, and encouraged everyone to stop by and support it if they have the opportunity.

## 7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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

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

Departmental Reports were presented.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approval of Resolution No. 2026-01, authorizing continued participation with the steering committee of cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of ten cents per capita to the steering committee to fund the actives of the Steering Committee.
- b. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 for Ruts Construction emergency repair on 3106 Sunset Oaks in the amount of \$20,000.00.
- c. Approval of Minutes, December 18, 2025
- d. Approval of Minutes, January 15, 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Paul Sweitzer to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein and Sweitzer

Nays: None

## 9. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Discussion and possible action on 51<sup>st</sup> CDBG project on Madrid Court.

Background Information:

Ivan Lopez from Kimley-Horn has notified staff of potential impacts to existing trees as part of the ongoing water line design. During the recent site visit, the team discussed the possible removal of the tree located at 2223 Madrid Court. Additional review indicates that more trees may need to be removed at 2223, 2229, 2237, and 2239 Madrid

Court due to limited space between the existing trees and the concrete curb. Based on current field conditions, it is likely these trees would be removed during construction if the water line is placed within the parkway.

Tree removals in this area may generate negative feedback from residents. Input is needed regarding the City's position on these removals and anticipated community response. Kimley-Horn has provided an exhibit showing an alternative alignment—placing the water line within the roadway (shown in red)—which may reduce or eliminate the need for tree removal.

Clarification is requested on whether the City would oppose this roadway alignment option. Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (OPCC) have been provided for both alignment options (in-road vs. in-parkway). Cost differences between the two alternatives are minimal.

It should be noted that the updated project cost is higher than the estimate provided in 2024. Direction is needed from the City regarding preferred alignment and acceptance of potential tree removals.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to direct city staff to have the city engineer place the water line in the street instead of the parkway and to leave the existing line in place to disturb as little as possible.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein and Sweitzer  
Nays: None

**b. Discussion and possible action on hourly employee wages for when City Hall is closed due to inclement weather.**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to direct staff to come back before council with a policy to allow for the actions as discussed in the work session.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein and Sweitzer  
Nays: None

**c. Discussion on City Website.**

Background Information:  
Brian Acosta, CEO Advent Trinity Marketing Agency has agreed to update City Website and provide maintenance for the first year without any cost. He is building his portfolio and sees an opportunity to work with DWG.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Ted Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to move forward with the proposal subject to City Attorney's approval of a contract.

Motion carried by the following vote:  
Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Motley, Stein and Sweitzer  
Nays: None

**d. Discussion and possible action on city sponsored library cards.**

Background Information:

Norma Zuniga, Library Director for the City of Arlington, sent an email to the Mayor. Arlington's City Council passed a resolution to increase charges and fees for library services. Non-resident library card is now \$120.00 per year vs. \$50.00 per year.  
Does DWG want to continue with city sponsored library cards?

Mayor Bianco stated this item will be revisited during the next fiscal year budget's session.

**e. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the FY 2025-2026 budget in amounts not to exceed \$10,000.00**

No action taken.

**9. TABLED ITEMS**

None

**10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.