

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2025 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
Paul Sweitzer, Alderman, Place 5

Staff Present:

Greg Petty DPS Director/City Administrator
Will Fike, Captain, Operations Commander
Kay Day, Finance Director
Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

a. Recess into Executive Session:

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.

i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.0171, Attorney Consultation, and 551.0174, Personnel Matters, regarding the City Administrator, City Secretary, Finance Director, and Public Works Director

b. Reconvene into Regular Session for discussion and possible action

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Action was deferred until recessing again into Executive Session on this topic after the completion of the Regular Agenda items and then reconvening into Regular Session.

3. WORK SESSION

a. Work session on listed agenda items, if time permits.

Item discussed:

- 8j. Approval of January 16, 2024 minutes
- 9a. Contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD)
- 9b. Guardrail located in the 3500 block of Roosevelt to the newly installed pedestrian bridge
- 9c. Ordinance No. 2025-02, Parking of oversized vehicles
- 9d. Office 365 for city and DPS staff
- 9e. Interlocal agreement with City of Arlington for ballistic evidence through Ballistic IQ for entry into Brasstrax and NIBIN
- 9f. Amendment to the FY 2024-2025 budget in the amounts not to exceed \$10,000.00

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

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2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor gave invocation. Pledges were said.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

- a. **Proclamation supporting the Mayor's Monarch Challenge**
- b. **Proclamation Commitment to Volunteerism.**

Mayor read aloud proclamations for a and b.

4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The following items were presented.

- a. Great Backyard Bird Count – Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- b. Pictures with the Easter Bunny – Sunday, April 6, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- c. Plant Swap – Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens who wish to speak to the City Council will be heard at this time. In compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, unless the subject matter of the presentation is on the agenda, the City staff and City Council members are prevented from discussing the subject and may respond only with statements of factual information or existing policy.

Iashia Bergamini, 2812 Whisperwood Trail

General Concerns

- What's taking so long to complete the bridge work on the small bridge down Roosevelt? The bridge was out I believe over a year. Is it going to be another year before the large gap between the road and bridge is safe? It

won't take much for someone to either fall in the gap or a car to drive too close to the edge and have some sort of accident.

- What about the other bridge closest to Sunset? We have the bridge sitting back in the wildscape part of the park. Prices are continuing to go up and so by waiting to get it installed, the City is potentially making a larger bill for themselves. Will there be a large gap when that bridge is installed?

Who is in charge of making sure these things are being take care of in a timely fashion?

Park Board

Now, let me talk about Park Board issues by going through a timeline of events.

November Council Meeting

In this meeting I briefly talked about how the park board doesn't feel supported by Council and we are not feeling that sense of community when we are trying to plan our events. I talked about how our events are planned almost a year out in advance and yet we do not see any city any council members show up sans Cathy and the Mayor of course show up to our events. I said it would be nice for council to see the citizens they represent at our events and witness all the hard work the Park Board put into hosting events throughout the year.

At the end of the meeting, I stayed around in case a council member wanted to come over to understand the park board concerns but no one came over to chat. I've been to enough council meetings to know council members do talk to attendees after a meeting has concluded. So that's all I will say about the November meeting.

December Council Meeting

This is the council meeting had a high and a low. The high part of the meeting was the acknowledgment of one of the Park Board members receiving the volunteer of the year award. The meeting quickly took a hard turn to a low point in which Council discussed the park maintenance list. Specifically, Ed Motley, voiced his "great disappointment" regarding park maintenance over the years. Just to be clear, I have been on the park board for only 3ish years. During this meeting Ed Motley spoke to the Park Board in a very condescending and disrespectful manner. I will spare everyone the details because we were all there and know what occurred with the park maintenance "discussion". At the end of this "discussion" the park board was tasked with modifying the park board maintenance list to submit to council at a later date. Once again, I was disappointed and with the actions of Council.

January Council Meeting

I was only able to stay in attendance at this meeting long enough for my son to receive his certificate for his volunteer service during the Salvation Army Bell challenge. However, there was an agenda item for Council to consider having a work session with the Park Board to finalize the park maintenance list. From what I understand, the idea of having a work session was rejected.

Today

This leads me to today. Over the last 4 months we went from a simple request for more support, to an onslaught of complaints directed at the Park Board, to a flat-out rejection of any type of olive branch to work together.

I really don't understand how 8 people can't get together to discuss our vision for the park when it's the BIGGEST visible asset that citizens/taxpayers can see. There aren't that many people (excluding DPS) that work and/or volunteer for the City so this should be a difficult task and the idea of going back and forth without open dialogue with the decision makers is a complete waste of everyone's time. When I say back and forth, I mean exactly what has happened: The Park Board modifies the park maintenance

list (which has been in existence long before I came on board), give it Council to approve, Council requests adjustments to be made, Park Board modifies the list, Council revisits the list, and potential gives it back to the Board to adjust, and then it is sent over to Public Works. Specifically, addressing the park maintenance list, the adjustments could have been done in a 1hr session with all interested parties. For the record, I refuse to spend any more of my time working on park maintenance list when there's not any assurance that any of the tasks will actually be completed. Once again, I will circle back to the great disappointment in the maintenance of the park over the years. Whose job is it to ensure the maintenance is actually taken care of? If the PB creates a list, but we are advisory only then who is to follow up to ensure that the playground safety checklist was completed, the water lines will be winterized, and the list goes on and on? The City no longer has a dedicated Public Works Director nor a dedicated City Manager.

If you are so greatly disappointed in the park board maintenance over the years and the Park Board specifically asked for more support from council, why would you reject the opportunity to make some REAL changes in the park. Instead, you hold on tight to the purse strings without investing any proactive money into the city's biggest visible asset. Let me ask a rhetorical question: How long has that dam/lake issue been going on? Are we reaching the 5-7-10 year mark yet?

You specifically talked about the tree trimming in the park and how the governor is currently disabled because of an accident involving a tree, but we have a large bridge (the one between the ball field and the park) that's falling apart, and nothing has been done about it. As a reminder my foot literally fell through one of the bridges on Roosevelt which I'm guessing may have started this whole process to get those bridges replaced. Are you waiting on another accident to happen before investing into improvements in the park? Public Works is already stretched thin, where's the investment into the health of the trees around the park which includes trimming every 5-6 years by arborists (not the companies that came and hacked all the trees for Oncor).

Now here we are with a disappointed and frustrated volunteer and taxpaying citizen who has poured her blood, sweat, tears, personal time, and skills into a City that has chosen not to embrace efforts to improve things.

I have been met with unnecessary obstacles and headaches. This City needs the support of its volunteers and donations made by citizens to move forward with positive progress.

So how you interact with people of your community is important and being involved with community you represent is important. We all want DWG to remain DWG but if we can't even carve out a simple hour to knock out a park maintenance list and remove petty obstacles then we might as well just be another big city in the metroplex.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cathy Stein: None

Paul Sweitzer: None

Steve Lafferty: Be careful with the cold winter weather. It is dangerous out there.

John King: Congratulated the Mayor on being on the Arlington Today Magazine cover. If you haven't seen it to take a look into it. It is a good read. It gives you insight on why the Mayor is the way she is, why she does the things she does, and you may learn some things about the sugar bus.

Ed Motley: Congratulated the Mayor on being in the magazine. He said he read the article and has learned a couple of

things about her.

Mayor Bianco: Parker Swiggart, Jan Espeland's grandson, cleaned up the north shore of the lake. He picked up all the trash and debris. Lanie Reed was very generous in donating a lot of water to the City and DPS. Ryan Miller's father passed away. Billie Bob's wife passed away. Her service was when the Mayor was out of the county. She said she was sorry she missed it. The Mayor asked to keep these folks in your prayers. She congratulated all her friends on the dais because we will not have an election this year. You are automatically in. She is happy to report that we have officially joined Sister Cities International. Once they update their directory, we will look for a friendship city in another county to partner with. As of tonight, we are also a JustServe city, the second one in Texas. This is a free service that connects volunteers with opportunities and opportunities with volunteers.

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 2025-02 authorizing continued participation with the steering committee of cities served by Oncor and authorizing the payment of eleven cents per capita to the steering committee to fund the activities of the Steering Committee.**
- b. Approval of Resolution 2025-03 authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of five cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.**
- c. Ratification on Kroger Opioid Texas Settlement Subdivision participation and release form**
- d. Ratification on City Holiday Schedule.**
- e. Ratification of contract - LCRA Environmental Laboratory Services. 4 Events WQP Sampling and 4 Events for Sampling Services required by TCEQ in the amount of \$6,920.00.**
- f. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 for Allied Concepts, Inc. 4 x DSR radar w/fast lock remote. \$13,694.00.**
- g. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 for Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc. emergency repair on service hit by fiber contractor at 3301 Rainer \$12,544.00.**
- h. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 Siddons-Martin Emergency Group 5 x 1.75" NH x 50 combat ready double jacket attack hose yellow w/aluminum couplings, 10 x 2.5" NH x 50' tru id double jacket green hose rubber lined w/ aluminum couplings, 2 x hydrant asst so valve 4.5"NHF handle/ fs b-5" storz c1-5" storz c2-5" storz \$9,461.21.**
- i. Approval of December 19, 2024 Minutes**
- j. Approval of January 16, 2025 Minutes**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve the consent agenda with a change of (j) to say Approval of January 16, 2025 Minutes instead of January 16, 2024 Minutes.

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 the current contract with Community Waste Disposal (CWD)

Background Information:

The city has received numerous issues and complaints regarding trash pick-up from citizens such as missed pick-up, leaf pick-up, recycle bin missed. City Attorney has looked into the contract and stated information needs to be documented and provided to CWD with proper notification so they will have a chance to fix the situation. A spreadsheet has been created to see if we can see a trend and start a paper trail in case council needs to make a decision for change if needed.

A motion was made by Council Member Paul Sweitzer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley for the City Manager to document and follow up on any complaints.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and possible action to approve the installation of a guardrail located in the 3500 block of Roosevelt to cover the newly installed pedestrian bridge.

Prior Council Action:

The council previously approved the installation of a new pedestrian bridge in the 3500 block of Roosevelt Dr.

Background Information:

After the installation of the new pedestrian bridge in the 3500 block of Roosevelt a large gap was created between the bridge and roadway. This is a potential hazard to passing vehicles and pedestrians.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to approve the installation of a guardrail located in the 3500 block of Roosevelt to cover the newly installed pedestrian bridge not to exceed \$15,000.00

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-02 to amend our city ordinance to address parking of oversized vehicles.

Background Information:

Staff is requesting approval to amend Article 12.06, "Parking," or Chapter 12, "Traffic and Vehicles,". The new additions will address parking of oversized commercial vehicles on private property and parking of large and oversized vehicles on public streets.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Paul Sweitzer to approve Ordinance No. 2025-02 to amend our city ordinance to address parking of oversized vehicles.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Office 365 for City and DPS staff.

Background Information:

City and DPS employees are currently using an outdated version of office. This is not allowing staff to take advantage of the certain programs and automation features available with the online platform. Below are a few reasons to switch to Office 365.

1. Georedundant cloud setup included outside of the City's server room that is a single point of failure. Think fiber cut or power outage, Office 365 this will still work.
2. Enhances security with multifactor authentication and conditional access policies that prevent attackers from out of the US from logging in.
3. Gain access to cloud storage through sharepoint which can replace dropbox and its cost.
4. Software licenses get automatically updated as new versions come out.
5. Better integration with local and external software so users only have to remember one sign in (called single sign on)
6. Message encryption included to send sensitive information securely.

Note: This is an annual cost and will be billed yearly.

A motion was made by Council Member John King and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve the purchase of Office 365 for City and DPS staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Arlington to have them test our ballistic evidence through Ballistic IQ for the purposes of entry into Brasstrax, and NIBIN.

Background Information:

The City of Arlington (Police Department) is offering to test our ballistic evidence at no charge to DWG. We do not have many cases that meet the criteria for testing, but it's an outstanding opportunity when such a case arises.

Note: This is being presented to the Arlington City Council on February 25, 2025 for approval. We don't believe they will have any issues approving.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to enter into an interlocal agreement with the City of Arlington to have them test our ballistic evidence through Ballistic IQ for the purposes of entry into Brasstrax, and NIBIN.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

f. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the FY 2024- 2025 budgets in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00

No action was taken.

10. TABLED ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Recess into Executive Session:

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.0171, Attorney Consultation, and 551.0174, Personnel Matters, regarding the City Administrator, City Secretary, Finance Director, and Public Works Director

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

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 8:52 p.m.

Action – take action as discussed in executive session

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.