

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 19, 2026, 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
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. Resolution no. 2026-04 appointing Andrew Saxon to fill a vacancy on the Park Board for the remaining term expiring in June 2026.

9b. Credit card processing fee.

9c. Directing staff on designating incoming funds from TIRZ.

9d. Consider FY 2024-2025 annual financial audit.

9e. Resolution No. 2026-03 adopting inclement weather/emergency closing policy.

9f. Mid-year budget review for FY 2025-2026 budget.

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
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2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Jeremy Warf gave the invocation. Pledges were said.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Presentation from Salvation Army – Mayoral Challenge Per Capita Award.

Jeremy and Jillian Warf presented the Salvation Army Mayoral Challenge Per Capita Award to Mayor Bianco.

b. Proclamation supporting the Mayor’s Monarch Challenge.

Mayor Bianco read aloud the proclamation

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 90th 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

Pam Miller, 3112 Roosevelt gave an update on Guy Snodgrass.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ed Motley: None

John King: He expressed his thoughts and prayers are with Guy Snodgrass. He thanked the Salvation Army for coming by and presenting us with the Mayoral Challenge Per Capita Award. It is nice to be recognized for things that we do. He added while he can’t predict the future, he is willing to bet that in 2027 with the help of the Mayor and our community, our name will be on the award again.

Steve Lafferty: stated he expressed the same thoughts as listed by John.

Paul Sweitzer: none

Mayor Bianco: She also expressed that her thoughts and prayers are with Guy Snodgrass. She appreciates everyone being patient as she transitioned from her old house to her new big house.

Cathy Stein: She agreed with the sentiments expressed by previous speakers. She thanked the Park Board, as well as past and present members of the community, for their participation in the recent park workday. Approximately 16 volunteer hours were contributed. There was significant work completed including weed removal and mulch installation. She noted that the large triangle bed and marquee bed are looking very nice. She also recognized Pam Bookout and her group for doing an excellent job maintaining the monarch garden. As a reminder, she stated that DWG's 90th Anniversary will take place on June 5–6. For more information, visit dwg90th.blogspot.com and watch for Facebook updates. She added that she is working with Visual Impact on final designs for T-shirt sales.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Informational reports only; no action to be taken.

- a. Director of Public Safety/City Administrator Report
- b. Financial Reports
- c. Investment 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 Ordinance No. 2026-02 canceling the May 2, 2026 general election and declaring unopposed candidates elected.**
- b. **Approval of Resolution 2062-02 authorizing continued participation with the Atmos Cities Steering Committee; and authorizing the payment of four cents per capita to the Atmos Cities Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to Atmos Energy Corporation.**
- c. **Approval of January 22, 2026 Minutes**

A motion was made by Council Member Paul Switzer and seconded by Council Member John King 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 to approve Resolution No. 2026-04 appointing Andrew Saxon to fill a vacancy on the Park Board for the remaining term expiring in June 2026.**

Background Information:

Former Park Board Member Iashia Bergamini resigned February 2026. Park Board Members wish to recommend Andrew Saxon to replace the vacancy.

Park Board: Andrew Saxon for the remaining term expiring in June 2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to appoint Andrew Saxon to the Park Board for the remaining term expiring June 2026.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and possible action on credit card processing fee.

Background information:

City has used the majority of its entire budget already for this year and we need to begin to raise fee's to offset.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to authorize staff to increase the fee for credit and debit card transactions on court fines and fees up to five percent. Staff was also directed to analyze other transaction fees and present recommendations to the Council at the June meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and possible action on directing staff on designating incoming funds from TIRZ.

Background Information:

TIRZ has been established but not yet funded with dollars that can begin to be allocated.

TIRZ Allocation

Zone that you would like to begin to place collected funds into. Once the Zone/Zones are established and confirmed by council, Monies that are collected can be place in any % per the collection zone. Collection zones will then have subcategories for

Roads

Water/Sewer

Drainage

Public Improvements

Tax Abatement

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Ted Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Paul Sweitzer for City Attorney to do some research and report back to us on the appropriate ways to allocate incoming funds from TIRZ.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

d. Discussion and possible action to consider FY 2024-2025 annual financial audit.

Background Information:

Auditor's were at City Hall on March 10 & 11th. The Finance Director can answer questions and give feedback on what was communicated and where we are in the process.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to meet next Thursday March 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the audit

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

e. Discussion and possible action on Resolution No. 2026-03 adopting inclement weather/emergency closing policy.

Background Information:

At last month's Council meeting, a discussion was held regarding the potential closure of City Hall due to inclement weather or other emergency situations. Council requested that staff prepare an updated policy and draft resolution regarding City Hall closures and return to Council for review and consideration.

A motion was made by Council Member John King and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve Resolution No. 2026-03 adopting inclement weather/emergency closing policy.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

f. Discussion and possible action on a mid-year budget review for FY 2025-2026 budget.

Background Information:

Yearly meeting to review current budget for FY 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to schedule a meeting on May 4, 2026, for the mid-year budget review.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

g. Receive a staff update regarding the status of the dam and provide directions to staff.

Background Information:

Staff meet with Freese and Nichols to discuss the dam project. Staff is updating council of the meeting.

Chief Greg Petty provided update.

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

Credit Card Fees

Incoming funds from TIRZ

11. ADJOURN

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