

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON JUNE 19, 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
Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator
Pam Dwyer, Finance Supervisor

2. WORK SESSION

a. FY 2024-2025 Mid-Year Budget Review.

Work Session Conducted

Work session on listed agenda items, if time permits.

The following items were discussed.

9c. telecommunication towers

3. 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 6:01 p.m.

- i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation and 551.074, personnel matters, regarding the Director of Finance.**

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

- i. Director of Finance**

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:38 p.m.. No Action Taken.

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

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2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bianco gave invocation. Pledges were said.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**a. Presentation from SafeHaven of Tarrant County addressing domestic violence and building a safer more supportive community.**

Kathryn Jacob, Present and CEO from Safehaven gave presentation.

4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The following items were presented.

- a. Park Workday Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
- b. Ice Cream Social - Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall**
- c. Concert in the Park - Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
- d. National Night Out – Tuesday, October 7, 2025 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**
- e. Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
- f. Movie Night – Saturday, November 8, 2025 Starting at 6:00 p.m.**
- g. Pictures with Santa – Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 3:00 – 5:00 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.

Pam Miller, 3112 Roosevelt Drive, praised Public Works and the Department of Public Safety, noting that the park looks great, from the mowing to the fountain. She read a comment from one of the citizens about how the public works department cares for the children who play in the park. They are always concerned and looking for ways to improve safety and equipment.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ed Motley: said he has a friend who is moving into DWG. That friend was talking to his future neighbor, who said one thing you don't have to worry about in DWG is safety. This place is safe, so you don't have to worry about it. That is a great testament to our DPS.

John King: none

Steve Lafferty: none

Paul Sweitzer: asked the City about the lettering on the brick wall at the entrance to his subdivision, which had disappeared. Chief Petty said that the City did not remove it, but maybe by the contractor.

Cathy Stein: At the Ice Cream Social, there will be an author book reading by Mary Webster, a children's historical \ fiction book. The illustrator will also be present. Several citizens have signed up to bring home-made ice cream in flavors such as peach, mint chocolate chip, and vanilla. Come out between 6:30 and 8:30. Reading will be around 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bianco: She is pleased that Campo Verde is back open. If you haven't been, it is awesome. Delores Henderson has passed away. She has been a long-time member of this community. Keep her family in your prayers. Kudos to our Chief and our Fire Department for handling a resident's house that caught on fire. They did an exceptional job. We were able to use our ILA with Arlington.

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 2025-12 approving changes to the City Fee Schedule
- b Consider approval of an agreement with Tarrant County for the collection of taxes for Tax Year 2025.
- c Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 BrooksWatson & Co., PLLC final invoice for FY 2024 audit in the amount of \$19,600.00.
- d Approval of Resolution 2025-11 appointing members to various boards and committees.
- e Approval of April 17, 2025 Minutes
- f Approval of May 14, 2025 Minutes
- g Approval of May 15, 2025 Minutes

Council Member Cathy Stein asked to remove 8b for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Paul Sweitzer and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to items a, c, d, e, f, and g.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8.b. Consider approval of an agreement with Tarrant County for the collection of taxes for Tax Year 2025.

After discussion, the City Attorney suggested we take no action so they could see if they could get changes made to the contract to satisfy our concerns and report back next month.

No action taken.

9. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Discussion and possible direction action on any necessary changes resulting from the FY 2024-2025 mid-year budget review.

No action.

b. Discussion and possible direction on a credit card processor for city payments.

Background Information:

Our current vendor for credit card payments for the city is Global Payments. At the April's council meeting Council Member Stein notice a significant increase in payment.

Invoices from December through May Spreadsheet

Justification for Request:

The Risk assessment fees alone went from 6% to 45% between the months of December 2024 and May 2025.

NOTE: At the time this report was generated, we were still waiting for a reduction of fees from an advocate on our behalf.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein for staff to explore other processors and bring information back to council.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

c. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance No. 2025-07, zoning ordinance regarding telecommunication towers and Resolution 2025-13 City Fee Schedule.

i. Conduct a public hearing

ii. Discussion and action

Background Information:

During a Council Meeting on May 15, 2025, Council asked Planning and Zoning to consider an ordinance regarding telecommunication towers and to provide recommendations.

Planning and Zoning met on June 5, 2025 and recommended an ordinance for Council to consider.

The City has published both the Planning and Zoning June 5, 2025 and Council Meeting June 19, 2025 in the Commercial Recorder.

Also attached is Resolution 2025-13 City fee schedule for permitting of telecommunication towers.

Synopsis of Change:

Article A3.002 Building permits and inspections

(n) Communication Tower: Based on value as set forth in section A3.002(c)

Mayor Bianco opened a public hearing at 7:34 p.m.
With no one desiring to speak
Mayor Bianco closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve the ordinance and fee schedule update with the changes discussed and shown below and bring back the revised ordinance for review at next month's council meeting.

- Screening shrubs shall have a mature height of six (6) feet in three years and maintain it at that height by the tower owner.
- Corporate flag –remove corporate flag from the list of flag options when disguised as a flag pole.
- No Flag unless disguised as a flag pole.
- clarify language Stealth telecommunication towers shall be setback one foot for each foot in height from a SF, MF, GH district. Remove “Unless located in such a district and permitted by special exception.” For regular telecommunications towers.
- Add, setbacks of one foot for each foot in height from adjacent lots in SF and GH districts.
- Add appropriate special exception
- Final Action: any action taken by the City Administrator or City Council is a final action.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

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

No action was taken.

10. TABLED ITEMS

None

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.