

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 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. **Receive presentation from Todd Batiste regarding Garden Home development at 3001 and 3101 W Pleasant Ridge Road.**
Presentation received
- b. **Receive presentation from Community Waste Disposal (CWD) annual review and Cost Adjustment.**
Presentation received.

Work session on listed agenda items, if time permits.
No other items were discussed.

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 6:42 p.m.

- i. **Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation regarding budget and tax rate.**

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

- i. **budget and tax rate.**

City Council reconvened from Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:10 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
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2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bianco gave invocation. Pledges were said.

3. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

The following items were presented.

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

Mayor Bianco added an item to the Community Interest List. Salvation Army – Ring the Bell, December 13

4. 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 of 3112 Roosevelt Drive in DWG, Texas shared two updates. First, she encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Concert in the Park, which is open to all. Second, she highlighted the newly renovated bridge found between the ballpark and playground.

5. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ed Motley: Thanked Staff and Cathy for the countless hours that was put into the budget.

John King: Shared that a gentleman had approached him to compliment the park's well-manicured appearance.

Steve Lafferty: Seconded what Ed said.

Paul Sweitzer: Reiterated the comments previously stated. He totally agrees.

Cathy Stein: She expressed her appreciation for the comments shared by fellow council members and shared several community updates. The recent park workday held on Saturday was a great success, with 18 volunteer hours

contributed. She was pleased to report that, after years of effort, the weeding is finally under control. Additionally, the re-edging of the large triangle bed has been completed. She encouraged everyone to save the date for DWG 90th birthday in 2026. The city's official birthday is June 1st, but the celebration may be scheduled for Friday, June 12th and Saturday, June 13th. More details will be shared as plans develop. Anyone interested in volunteering for the celebration is encouraged to reach out to her directly or provide their contact information to City Staff.

Mayor Bianco: DWG was recently honored as the best place to live in the metroplex by a leading real estate publication. Pan Pan Bakery is thriving, with lines wrapping around the building. She encourages everyone to continue supporting DWG businesses that make our city thrive. In the All-Star Issue of Arlington Today *and* Living Magazine, several DWG businesses and professionals were recognized No Frills Grill, Greens Produce, Dr. Eric Eidson, McAndrew Motors, Arlington Classics Academy, The Pet Resort in the Gardens, Ferrell Animal Hospital, and Dr. Clay Elswick. She also personally thanked Cathy Stein for the countless hours that was spent on working on the budget.

6. 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.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Ratification of invoice over \$5,000.00 for fire protection ILA with the City of Arlington \$5,834,15.**

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

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

8. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding an eagle scout project in the park.**

Background information:

Emma Nguyen is proposing to install a little free library in our park near the gazebo.

Applicant Emma Nguyen gave the presentation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve an Eagle Scout project in the park.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

b. Discussion and possible action on an amendment to the zoning ordinance to permit semi-permanent make-up establishments within B2 zone.

Background information:
Cleo (Tram) Dau has submitted an inquiry regarding the addition of a semi-permanent makeup business within a B2 zoning district.

While B2 zoning currently permits personal service shops such as licensed barber shops, beauty salons, and massage therapy practices—it does not explicitly reference semi-permanent makeup as an allowable use. As such, clarification or administrative interpretation may be required to determine whether this service aligns with the intent of permitted uses under B2 zoning.

Applicant Cleo (Tram) Dau spoke regarding proposed business.

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member John King for Planning and Zoning Commission to make a recommendation regarding semi-permanent make-up establishments within B2 zoning.

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

c. FY 2025-2026 City Budget
i. Conduct Public Hearing
ii. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10 to adopt the FY 2025-2026 City Budget.

Mayor Bianco opened a public hearing at 7:46 p.m.
With no one desiring to speak, Mayor Bianco continued this agenda item to the next special council meeting scheduled September 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. No actions were taken on the budget this evening.

d. FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate
i. Conduct Public Hearing
ii. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11 to adopt the FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate.

Mayor Bianco opened a public hearing at 7:47 p.m.
With no one desiring to speak, Mayor Bianco continued this agenda item to the next special council meeting scheduled September 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. No actions were taken on the tax rate this evening.

e. Discussion and possible action setting garbage and recycle rates.

Background Information: CWD will be increasing their Residential Trash rate from \$13.09 to \$13.68. The Residential Recycle rate will go from \$4.74 to \$4.92.

DWG current rates for	RES	Add'l Cart	Comm	Comm Recy
	\$19.56	\$4.18	\$25.97	\$7.39
With the increase	\$20.66	\$4.41	\$27.43	\$7.81

This results in a 5.6% increase.

Pam Dwyer gave the presentation.

No action were taken on this agenda item. Staff is to recalculate the numbers and bring information back at the next special council meeting scheduled September 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

f. Discussion and possible action to designate Monday, September 22, 2025 as a launch date for HopeZone Mind-Fit City Initiative.

Background information:

Esther Scott, Licensed Professional Counselor, proposes Monday, September 22, 2025 as a launch date for HopeZone-Mind-Fit initiative for Dalworthington Gardens to create a healthier, happier, and more resilient community.

No actions were taken on this agenda item.

g. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-12 ,an ordinance amending section 12.03.072 “No Left Turn Signs” of Division 3 “Locations” of article 12.03 “Traffic-Control Devices” of Chapter 12 “Traffic and Vehicles” of the code of ordinances, City of Dalworthington gardens, Texas to add a location where left turns are prohibited. 2800 block of West Arkansas Lane, 3600 Roosevelt Drive, and 3500 Roosevelt Drive.

Background Information:

Currently, “No Left Turn” signs are installed at Key Elementary (3600 Roosevelt Drive and Arlington Classics Academy (2800 W. Arkansas Lane) to help manage traffic flow during school hours. To further alleviate congestion and improve safety, staff is recommending the installation of an additional “No Left Turn” sign during school hours at 3500 Roosevelt Drive. This measure would require all vehicles exiting the parking lot to turn right during designated school hours, reducing traffic buildup.

The proposed ordinance will authorize enforcement of this restriction, ensuring compliance and supporting a safer, more efficient traffic environment for students, families, and commuters.

Chief Greg Petty gave the presentation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Cathy Stein to approve Ordinance No. 2025-12 for placement of a traffic control device at Arlington Classics Academy, 2800 W. Arkansas Lane and Key Elementary, 3600 and 3500 Roosevelt Drive school parking exits.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

9. TABLED ITEMS

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

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to remove this item from tabled items.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

Pam Dwyer gave the presentation.

Background Information: At the June council meeting, council requested an agenda item to discuss the existing Open Edge Global Payments contract and any potential to consider new contracts for credit card processing, online payments and text to pay. Staff met with Joe Conger from Tyler Payments. We have a quote for their services.

Recommended Action/Motion: The Finance staff feels it is in the best interest of the City to stay with Global Payments for all of our credit card processing for now. We had to sign a three year agreement with them in order to receive the new reduced rates. If we choose to switch to Tyler Payments we would have to pay a termination fee to Global Payments for \$2,000. Tyler Payments was going to match the price we are now paying to Global Payments plus charge us for their equipment for \$1,587 then \$540 annually for the equipment. Global payments does not charge for their equipment.

A Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to stay with Global Payments for credit card processing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nays: None

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.