

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS,
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON September 25, 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.

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

Members Absent:

Paul Sweitzer, Alderman, Place 5

Staff Present:

Sandra Ma, City Secretary/Court Administrator
Pam Dwyer, Finance Supervisor

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor gave invocation. Pledges were said.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. REGULAR AGENDA

a. 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

BUDGET STATEMENT Pursuant to Section 551.043, Government Code, the following taxpayer impact statement must be included with the City Council meeting notice at which the City Council will discuss or adopt a budget for the City of Dalworthington Gardens: For an average-valued homestead property \$572,423, the City's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the current fiscal year (FY2025) is \$3,526.25, the City's portion of the property tax bill for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if the proposed budget is adopted is estimated to be \$3,579.60, and the City's portion of the property tax bill in dollars for the upcoming fiscal year (FY2026) for the same property if a budget funded at the no-new-revenue rate under Chapter 26, Tax Code, is adopted is estimated to be \$3,460.25.

Background Information: In accordance with Local Government Code, Section 102.007, the Council must adopt the budget at the conclusion of a public hearing on said budget. The motion shall be as follows and shall be a record vote. A record vote means the Mayor will individually call each council member by name and ask for a vote.

“THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY \$183,349 WHICH IS A 7.33% INCREASE, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$14,759 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.”

Mayor Bianco opened a public hearing at the previous council meeting on September 18, 2025.

With no one desiring to speak, Mayor Bianco closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Mayor read aloud THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY \$183,349 WHICH IS A 7.33% INCREASE, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$14,759 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Mayor Bianco asked if there are any questions or changes to add to the proposed budget before calling for a motion.

Council Member Cathy Stein spoke in regards to Street Sales Tax Fund 143 Line 4800 - Interest Investment. She noticed a balance amount was not listed. She asked Pam Dwyer, Finance Supervisor if she could recommend an amount that should be listed. Recommended amount given was \$10,000.00

Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and Council Member Cathy Stein agreed on adding \$10,000.00 to that line item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Steve Lafferty to approve Ordinance No. 2025-10 adopting the budget for the Fiscal Year of October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 with the addition of the value of \$10,000 to Line 4800 (Interest Investment) of the Street Sales Tax Fund 143, as noted during discussion by Council Member Cathy Stein.

Mayor Bianco read aloud the budget statement.

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Mayor Bianco called for a record vote. Record vote as follows:

Council Member Ed Motley: aye

Council Member John King: aye

Council Member Steve Lafferty: aye

Council Member Cathy Stein: aye

Nays: None

Motion carries.

b. FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate

i. Conduct Public Hearing

ii. Discussion and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2025-11 to adopting the FY 2025-2026 Tax Rate.

Background Information: In accordance Tax Code, Section 26.05 (b), a taxing unit may not impose property taxes in any year until the governing body has adopted a tax rate for that year, and the annual tax rate must be set by ordinance, resolution, or order, depending on the method prescribed by law for adoption of a law by the governing body. The vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting the tax rate must be separate from the vote adopting the budget. For a taxing unit other than a school district, the vote on the ordinance, resolution, or order setting a tax rate that exceeds the no new revenue tax rate must be a record vote, and at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body must vote in favor of the ordinance, resolution, or order. A record vote means the Mayor will individually call each council member by name and ask for a vote.

Mayor Bianco opened a public hearing at the previous council meeting on September 18, 2025.

With no one desiring to speak, Mayor Bianco closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.625342 which is effectively a 1.49 percent increase in the tax rate.

Mayor Bianco called for a record vote. Record vote as follows:

Council Member Ed Motley: aye

Council Member John King: aye

Council Member Steve Lafferty: aye

Council Member Cathy Stein: aye

Nays: None

Motion carries.

c. Ratification the property tax rate reflected in the budget.

Background Information: Local Government Code 102.007(c) requires: “Adoption of a budget that will require raising more revenue from property taxes than in the previous year requires a separate vote of the governing body to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. A vote under this subsection is in addition to and separate from the vote to adopt the budget or a vote to set the tax rate required by Chapter 26, Tax Code.”

A Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget.

Mayor Bianco called for a record vote. Record vote as follows:

Council Member Ed Motley: aye

Council Member John King: aye

Council Member Steve Lafferty: aye

Council Member Cathy Stein: aye

Nays: None

Motion carries.

d. Discussion and possible action setting garbage and recycle rates for FY 2025-2026.

Background Information:

Commercial Waste Disposal is increasing their rates.

	2024 DWG Cost	2024 Customer Cost	2025 DWG Cost	2025 Customer Cost	% increase
Residential Garbage and Recycle Rate	\$ 17.83	\$ 19.56	\$ 18.60	\$ 20.46	10 %
Residential Additional Recycle Cart	\$ 3.79	\$ 4.18	\$ 3.94	\$ 4.33	9.9 %
Household Hazardous Waste Collection	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.96	9.1 %
Commercial Hand-Collect and Recycling cart	\$ 29.21	\$ 25.97	\$ 30.50	\$ 33.55	10 %
Commercial - Additional Recycle Cart	\$ 4.17	\$ 7.39	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.76	9.9 %

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to accept the new garbage and recycle rates to begin in October 2025 billing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Lafferty, King, Motley, and Stein

Nays: None

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

No action was taken.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.