

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
Monday, October 3, 2011
Council Chambers

The Dallas City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Brian Dalton presiding.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council members present: Council President Wes Scroggin, Councilor Jim Fairchild, Councilor Beth Jones, Councilor Jackie Lawson, Councilor Mark McDonald, Councilor Kevin Marshall, Councilor Murray Stewart, Councilor LaVonne Wilson, and Councilor Ken Woods, Jr.

Also present were: City Manager Jerry Wyatt, City Attorney Lane Shetterly, Administrative Services Director Robert Spivey, Police Chief John Teague, and Recording Secretary Emily Gagner.

Mayor Brian Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dalton reminded the Council that Dallas was once called Prune City USA and he shared a Prune City recipe book from 1923.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

David Solvedt and Jamey Scott spoke to the Council regarding the issue of riding bikes in the skate park. Mr. Scott stated he really wanted to be able to legally ride bike in the skate park. He added the bikers had been given an area in the park but the sprinkler system washed it out. He noted everywhere else they rode in the park was dangerous for pedestrians. Mr. Scott indicated the skate park was a safer environment for the bikers, adding there had been cases where people had been hurt there, but they were doing illegal things. He stated he and others had been riding there every summer and no one had been hurt yet. Mr. Solvedt indicated there were 15 to 25 other kids that supported this and there was nowhere else to do it in Dallas. Mr. Scott stated he was not asking to release to the public the information that bikers would be allowed in the skate park because of the potential danger. He asked that the no bikes in the skate park rule just not be enforced so the bikers weren't potentially going to get arrested.

Mayor Dalton explained the Council was reviewing the situation, adding the Council would take their comments seriously and appreciated their input.

Chelsea Pope, Executive Director of Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center reported that business was going very well in Dallas. She explained the Chamber had started Weekly Wednesdays to provide networking opportunities and they were averaging 25-30 people. She noted there were several new businesses coming to town and invited the Councilors to several upcoming ribbon cuttings.

Ms. Pope announced Homecoming week and explained the following Friday was a community-wide Pride day.

Ms. Pope reported that the Bounty Market was over, noting it was a rough season with the weather and economy. She stated the construction work in front of their office was going very well and commended Mr. Locke, his crew, and the contractors for their hard work and adept handling of any situations that arose.

Beth Jones, Director of Bambinos, explained that her outreach ministry worked with low income families from pregnancy through high school. She reported that her organization offered sports scholarships to ensure that low income children could participate in sports. She noted she was asking other businesses to offer scholarships for Pop Warner and Dallas Basketball Association.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Shetterly explained the Councilors were given an additional page to the OLCC application, noting it was the driving record of the applicant that was referred to but not copied by OLCC when it was forwarded to the City.

Councilor Lawson asked to remove the Building and Grounds Committee meeting minutes from the consent agenda.

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor McDonald to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the Building and Grounds Committee discussion removed. The motion carried unanimously.

Item approved by the Consent Agenda: a) approve the September 6, 2011, City Council minutes; b) approve the September 19, 2011, City Council minutes; c) acknowledge report of the September 26, 2011, Administrative Committee meeting; and d) recommend approval of OLCC License for new outlet at Aces Up Poker Club, 147 SW Court Street.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Lawson reviewed the minutes of the September 26 Building and Grounds Committee meeting regarding the skate park rules. She explained it was brought to the Committee's attention that there had had been a lot of difficulties finding a location for the BMX bikers to ride, adding they also discussed the difficulty of combining bikes with skateboards at the skate park. She indicated the Committee asked staff to identify some possible locations for a BMX track and bring those back to the Committee for review. She added the Parks and Recreation Board had been discussing skate parks and had a couple ideas. She assured the gentlemen who spoke earlier in the meeting that the Council and Park Board were aware of the issues and were working on finding a solution.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Dalton asked the Councilors to hold off discussing the details of the League of Oregon Cities Conference, as the upcoming workshop would be a discussion of that conference.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

OTHER

Mr. Wyatt explained Dallas and the Chamber of Commerce were partnering with eight local wineries for a "passport" event to promote Polk County wineries. He noted the wineries were working together for the first time and were hoping to make this an annual event. He indicated the wine aspect was important for economic development in the area.

Mr. Wyatt asked Councilor Jones for an update on the Bambinos auction that was held at Eola Hills. Councilor Jones explained it was very successful, with 80-90 people in attendance. She reported they raised \$2,600 for Bambinos and noted she is helping 110 families. Councilor Lawson stated she went and it was a beautiful event. She encouraged everyone to attend the next year.

Mr. Wyatt reported that the sewer debt refinancing was successful and he was pleased to announce the City would receive approximately \$820,000 in savings over the next seven years. He noted that was substantially more than the \$300,000 they originally anticipated.

RESOLUTIONS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor McDonald indicated that in other communities, BMX bikers shared the skate park facilities, noting he always observed that when the kids get out there and are left to their own devices, they seem to get along well. He commented the City needed to encourage that type of alternative sport. He proclaimed his support of allowing the BMX guys access to the skate park while the City tried to figure out where to put them.

Mr. Shetterly clarified that unless the Council changed the ordinance, bikes were not allowed in the skate park per Dallas City Code.

Council President Scroggin stated that when the skate park was built, there was a reason bikes were excluded. Councilor Fairchild indicated at the time, the Council felt bikes would cause

damage to the park. Councilor Lawson stated the impression the skate boarding guys gave the Park Board was that the park was getting damaged from bikes and indicated staff may want to look at that. Councilor Woods recommended the Council and staff find a good place for the bikers. Councilor Jones pointed out the skate park was quite small to have both bikers and skate boarders.

Mayor Dalton recognized the Dallas Superintendent, Christy Perry, and the new Chair of the School Board, Luann Myers, who were in the audience. He thanked them for coming.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2011.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager