

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
Monday, February 06, 2012
Council Chambers

The Dallas City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 06, 2012, 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, Community Development/Operations Director Jason Locke, Finance Director Cecilia Ward, Fire Chief Bill Hahn, Engineering Director Fred Braun, Chief of Police John Teague, Student Body Liaison Heather Enderle, and Recording Secretary Emily Gagner.

Mayor Brian Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Chelsea Pope, Executive Director for the Dallas Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, invited the Council to the 55th Annual Community Awards Ceremony on February 24.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Wilson and seconded by Councilor Marshall to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Item approved by the Consent Agenda: a) the January 17, 2012, City Council minutes; b) acknowledge report of the January 23, 2012, Administrative Committee meeting; c) acknowledge report of the January 23, 2012, Building and Grounds Committee meeting; and d) acknowledge report of the January 10, 2012, Planning Commission meeting.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were none.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Dalton presented his State of the City address, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein.

OTHER

Heather Enderle reported that the School Board was looking at the school's online server and whether they should continue with WESD or look to other more cost efficient options. She noted the Board would vote later in the month.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

RICKREALL WATERSHED COUNCIL

Warren Lamb, the current Council representative on the Rickreall Watershed Council (RWC), explained he needed to step down because his job prevented him from attending the monthly afternoon meetings. He stated the RWC did what it could, noting their funding came mostly from OWEB and they were continually cutting back that funding. Mr. Lamb reviewed some recent successful projects, including the fish trap and haul at Mercer Dam and a project to place five truck loads of logs above the dam to create habitat for spawning. Mr. Lamb expressed his hope that the RWC could make further progress on a project to find and control invasive species along the creek. He added the RWC was looking to establish an action plan to increase youth outreach programs and get them more involved.

Mr. Lamb stated the RWC was not big, but was effective, adding they wanted to work closely with the Council to make it grown into a bigger organization with the ability to do bigger projects in the watershed.

In response to a question, Mr. Lamb indicated the RWC met once per month on a Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Fairchild thanked Mr. Lamb for his years of service on the RWC. Mr. Wyatt asked the Councilors to let him know if they were interested in serving as the Council's representative on the RWC.

FALL AND WINTER SPORTS UPDATES

Mr. Wyatt stated one of the main goals of the City and schools was to have youth sports under one umbrella. He indicated one result from that was that basketball was under one group – Dallas Basketball Association (DBA). He reported they had their annual tournament the previous month and because there was one director and no scheduling conflicts, they were able to expand the tournament to include 54 teams, which was a tremendous economic boost. Mr. Wyatt commented that another change was going to Pop Warner for football. He acknowledged there were some people who were still not sold on Pop Warner, but probably 95% of parents were supportive. He explained the past season, Kids, Inc. had kept the 4th and 5th grade football teams with them, but would be going with Pop Warner for the next season. He indicated several groups would be dedicated to fundraising for scholarships for football, since the cost for Pop Warner was more than for Kids, Inc. Mr. Wyatt pointed out that Pop Warner required all parents to volunteer in some way so it got everyone involved.

Mr. Wyatt reported that Kids, Inc. maintained control of baseball, tennis, softball, volleyball and soccer. He added soccer and softball each functioned under two umbrellas with Dallas United and Kids, Inc running soccer and the Hurricanes and Kids, Inc. doing softball. He explained each of those groups coordinating everything so well together that there were no issues.

JANUARY 18-19, 2012, STORM EVENT REVIEW

Mr. Wyatt reported the City received a little over six inches of rain in about a 24-hour period during the recent storm event. He indicated for comparison the big 2007 storm event saw over eleven inches of rain in 24 hours. Mr. Wyatt stated staff responded well to this latest event. He expressed his appreciation for the Dallas High School students who helped load and deliver sandbags, adding they called the City to offer their help and were awesome.

Mr. Wyatt reviewed the areas that saw issues during the storm event and discussed ways staff did or would be alleviating future problems.

Mr. Wyatt indicated staff tried to direct people to our webpage for current information and did a good job keeping that up-to-date. He explained improvements staff would be making for the next storm event.

OTHER

Councilor Woods explained he was currently the Chair of MWACT, the Mid-Willamette Area Commission on Transportation. He provided an update of that Commission's recent work, which was advisory to the Oregon Transportation Commission. He provided the Council a list of projects that were completed in the area in the past ten to fourteen years. He explained they were working on prioritizing the applications for the Connect Oregon IV funds that would be available through the spring of 2012.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 3241: A resolution temporarily waiving certain System Development Charges.

Mayor Dalton explained this was discussed at length in the Administrative Committee meeting.

Councilor McDonald stated he would like to see the reduction in SDCs for a full year. He then stated the Council should revisit the issue when it was set to expire to see if it should be extended. Mayor Dalton stated he believed that was the intent.

Councilor Jones declared an actual conflict of interest because she was under contract to build a home in Dallas and would directly benefit from the SDC reduction.

A roll call vote was taken and Mayor Dalton declared Resolution No. 3241 to have PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE with Council President Wes Scroggin, Councilor Jim Fairchild, Councilor Jackie Lawson, Councilor Mark McDonald, Councilor Kevin Marshall, Councilor

Murray Stewart, Councilor LaVonne Wilson, and Councilor Ken Woods, Jr. voting YES and Councilor Beth Jones not voting due to her actual conflict of interest.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor McDonald stated the Mayor mentioned in his State of the City address that the General Fund saw an increase in revenue and asked what the source of that increase was. Mr. Wyatt explained it wasn't additional revenue, noting the revenue projections had been pretty accurate. He noted the savings came from reductions in expenditures, including several staff reductions due to retirements in positions that were not filled. Councilor McDonald commented that it sounded like everyone was really watching the dollars.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager