

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 19, 2012
Civic Center

The Dallas City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center with Mayor Brian Dalton presiding.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were: City Manager Jerry Wyatt, City Attorney Lane Shetterly, Chief of Police John Teague, Fire Chief Bill Hahn, Finance Director Cecilia Ward, Administrative Services Director Robert Spivey, Sports Coordination Specialist David Brautigam, and Recording Secretary Emily Gagner.

Mayor Brian Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jenn Gaddis introduced herself and indicated she was running for District Attorney in Polk County.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Woods declared an actual conflict of interest on items b and c because he sold liquor liability insurance for those businesses. Councilor Lawson declared an actual conflict of interest on item c as she owned the property where Tony's was located.

It was moved by Councilor Marshall and seconded by Councilor Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with Councilor Lawson and Councilor Woods not voting due to their actual conflict of interest.

Items approved by the Consent Agenda: a) the March 5, 2012, City Council minutes; b) recommend approval of OLCC application for Change of Ownership for Sweeney's Pub and c) recommend approval of OLCC application for Change of Ownership for Tony's Place.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Councilor Woods reported he and Councilor Wilson had attended a reception with Pacific Power at Independence City Hall recently where they talked about the power needs of the area. He stated he had the opportunity to meet face to face with Pat Eagan, one of the Vice Presidents of Pacific Power and the Chair of the Transportation Commission.

Councilor Lawson stated she and Councilor Jones attended a League of Oregon Cities meeting in Independence and noted that they had a nice City Hall. She commented that they were both pleased with what the Dallas staff had done on a small budget to improve the condition of the City Hall building and grounds.

Councilor Fairchild indicated he had attended the National League of Cities Congressional Conference in Washington DC and they looked at a number of things. He noted he would get a full report to the Council soon and stated that the trip was at no expense to the City.

Councilor Stewart commended the school for keeping their sign current near the Academy Building. He stated it was nice to see Central Bark being kept up and liked seeing the addition of a small dog area.

Heather Enderle, student body liaison, reported the Dallas High School Dance Team went to State and won first place in the 5A small division. She explained they recently held the annual Mr. Dallas event, which helped raise money for the American Cancer Society through the Polk County Relay for Life. She noted they raised almost \$3,000. Councilor Lawson said she was proud of the Dragon Fire Dancers for their state win.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

POLK COMMUNITY CONNECT

Mr. Wyatt introduced Michelle Bornfleth from Polk Children and Families and Herm Boes. He explained they had held a Polk Community Connect event in January and were going to share their success.

Herm Boes stated he was the Co-Chair of Polk Community Connect. He explained how the event came about. He explained that their event was for homeless or at danger of being homeless people in Polk County, noting it wasn't just for folks living in parks, but also for those who lived with relatives or were couch surfing or living in a car or trailer. He indicated during the homeless count last year in Polk County, they counted 552 homeless in one day. He added of those, 105 were considered homeless within the Dallas School District boundary and half of that figure was youth.

Michelle Bornfleth indicated the purpose of the Polk Community Connect event was to connect those in need with resources and services. She stated the Dallas Living Hope City Church hosted the event. She reviewed the resources provided, including medical and dental services, clothing, haircuts, and even pet services. She reported they served 475 guests total with 230 from Dallas, including 75 children despite it being a school day.

Ms. Bornfleth stated the total value of the event was over \$79,979, which included cash and in-kind value. She noted that did not include the value of the food provided by James2 Kitchen throughout the day.

Councilor Marshall congratulated them on the success of a great program and asked when they planned to do it again. Ms. Bornfleth stated they hoped to do it annually or even twice per year.

Councilor Jones asked if the planning committee was comprised of volunteers or if it was government funded. Ms. Bornfleth explained it was a mix of volunteers and members of the Commission on Children and Families.

In response to a question, Ms. Bornfleth stated they had vans running almost every hour to areas in Polk County, noting they didn't want a lack of transportation to be a barrier to people who needed services.

FIRE/EMS REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Chief Hahn reported that they had two meetings with twelve members of the community to assess the idea of creating a fire district. He indicated they had determined it would not be a short-term discussion. He noted the group proposed having each entity involved contribute \$10,000 in order to hire a qualified consultant to evaluate all the entities involved and make suggestion to pursue.

In response to a question, Chief Hahn explained the consultant would work under a contract for completion of a project regardless of the hours they worked.

Mr. Wyatt explained the \$10,000 would be budgeted in the next fiscal year, but the whole discussion would be run through the Public Safety Committee. He advised this was just to give the Council a heads-up.

Chief Hahn stated the Fire Station work was completed by the contractor and they were putting themselves back together.

RECREATION PROGRAM REVIEW

Mr. Brautigam provided an update on youth sports. He indicated the change with basketball had gone well, with Dallas Basketball Association (DBA) taking over the K-8 level. He noted DBA provided good organization, communication, and a streamlined program.

Mr. Brautigam reported that the change to Pop Warner for grades 5-8 football had gone really well, noting the youth and coaches saw the benefit of being part of that organization. Mr. Brautigam stated he had spent the past six months meeting with the President of Pop Warner to discuss creating a Dallas Pop Warner Association, which would free us up to provide what was needed regarding scholarships. He indicated he had talked with community members and businesses about scholarships for the program and there were funds available for that. He anticipated that any child who needed it would be able to get a scholarship for 50% off the

registration fee. Mr. Brautigam acknowledged that it was a big issue during the last season that the Dallas teams were called the Ravens. He explained that with a Dallas Association, the players would be able to have black and orange uniforms and the Dallas decals on their helmets.

Mr. Brautigam stated other youth sports, such as softball and soccer, were evaluating themselves and getting together to streamline the programs and provide things like coaches clinics.

Mr. Brautigam reported that track had been cut in the Middle School due to the budget so he got together with the coaches to organize the Dallas Track Club to fill that void. He noted there were 127 kids out for track.

Mr. Brautigam indicated youth football did not have a weights program, so he was working with the coaches to provide a program next fall for kids to lift weights.

Mr. Brautigam introduced the new Dallas High School (DHS) football coach, Tracy Jackson.

Mr. Jackson stated he was excited and proud to be part of DHS. He indicated that he had gone in to many losing programs and turned them around, noting it was nice to see the passion here in Dallas. He explained he was encouraged that Dallas was involved in Pop Warner, adding that program provided great continuity from fifth grade up to help kids be successful in the high school. He indicated though it may not be a one year proposition, he would work to make DHS football something people could be proud of.

PROCEDURE FOR FILLING COUNCIL VACANCY

Mr. Wyatt reviewed the recommended procedure to fill Mark McDonald's vacant Council seat. He acknowledged the process moved quickly, but he felt it was important to have someone in place prior to the budget process.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to interview all the qualified applicants, regardless of the number.

There was discussion about interviewing the candidates individually without everyone else listening. Mr. Shetterly explained it had to be done in a public meeting and the Council could not exclude people from a public meeting. He noted one distinction was that this was more like an election to an office than a job interview so a forum type of interview would be appropriate.

It was moved by Councilor Wilson and seconded by Councilor Fairchild to adopt the form and procedure as presented to fill the Council vacancy with item #5 struck from the first page of the procedure. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UPCOMING MEETINGS DISCUSSION

Mr. Wyatt reviewed the staff report.

It was moved by Councilor Wilson and seconded by Councilor Stewart to cancel the March 26 Administrative and Building and Grounds Committee meetings and the April 2 City Council meeting. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER

Mr. Wyatt reminded the Councilors to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest and return it to the state.

Mr. Wyatt stated the consultants recently talked to the Council about the rate study and recommended putting together a citizen committee. He explained he would be forming a Utility Rate Advisory Committee and asked the Councilors to let him know if they had someone in mind for the committee.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 3243: A resolution authorizing the transfer of budgetary funds.

Mr. Wyatt explained the transfers included in the resolution. Mr. Shetterly noted the transfers were compliant with budget law.

A roll call vote was taken and Mayor Dalton declared Resolution No. 3243 to have PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE with Councilor Jim Fairchild, Councilor Beth Jones, Councilor Jackie Lawson, Councilor Kevin Marshall, Councilor Murray Stewart, Councilor LaVonne Wilson, and Councilor Ken Woods, Jr. voting YES.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 1744: An Ordinance regulating the display for sale of drug paraphernalia; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Dalton declared Ordinance No. 1744 to have passed its second reading. A roll call vote was taken and Mayor Dalton declared Ordinance No. 1744 to have PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE with Councilor Jim Fairchild, Councilor Beth Jones, Councilor Jackie Lawson, Councilor Kevin Marshall, Councilor Murray Stewart, Councilor LaVonne Wilson, and Councilor Ken Woods, Jr. voting YES

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Shetterly reported the final order in the Walmart appeal was signed earlier in the day and the appellants had 21 days to file a notice of appeal to LUBA.

Mr. Wyatt explained there would be an appeal on a partition coming before the Council at the April 16 Council meeting.

Councilor Fairchild reported he was appointed by Salem Hospital to the Community Benefits Committee. He explained the purpose of the committee was to examine and recommend changes as to how Salem Hospital could provide medical services to the communities it served and those individuals with no insurance. He asked for those with ideas to talk to him.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager