

DALLAS CITY COUNCIL
Monday, May 7, 2012
Civic Center

The Dallas City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 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 Brown, 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, Community Development/Operations Jason Locke, Chief of Police John Teague, Fire Chief Bill Hahn, Finance Director Cecilia Ward, Administrative Services Director Robert Spivey, Engineering/Environmental Services Director Fred Braun, and Recording Secretary Emily Gagner.

Mayor Brian Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mayor Dalton reported the Dallas Dragon Fire Dance Team recently won the state championship and introduced two members who were in the audience. He also introduced Tim Larson, the High School Athletic Director. Mr. Larson stated baseball, softball, track, and tennis were well-represented this spring.

David Solvedt and Jamey Scott stated they were challenging the no biking in the skatepark ordinance. Mr. Solvedt indicated he had asked City members, police, and parks employees why there were no bikes allowed in the skatepark and they always answered that they didn't know why, it was just the law and they had to follow it. Mr. Solvedt handed out an information sheet to the Councilors, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein. Mr. Scott commented that there were a few reasons he thought bikes should be allowed in the skate park: it kept kids off drugs and alcohol; it gave kids something to do; it kept kids active and allowed them to be acknowledged by the community; it kept kids out of trouble and prevented them from doing things like vandalism. Mr. Scott advised the BMX community was like his family. Mr. Solvedt reported he had brought a petition around the school and got 142 signatures in just two days. Mr. Solvedt compared himself to Rosa Parks, standing up for his rights. Mayor Dalton stated the City of Dallas took recreation very seriously and indicated the City Manager would like to meet with both young men to discuss their concerns.

Dan Clem, West Salem City Councilor, stated he wanted to bring to the Council's attention the Salem River Crossing study. He invited the Council to attend a public forum the following day. Mr. Clem briefly reviewed the eight alternatives proposed following an exhaustive 6-year study and noted public comment would be accepted until June 18.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Councilor Woods and seconded by Councilor Marshall to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Items approved by the Consent Agenda: a) the April 16, 2012, City Council minutes; b) report of April 23, 2012, Public Safety Committee meeting; and c) report of April 23, 2012, Public Works Committee meeting.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Heather Enderly, Student Body Liaison, reported that the school was very excited because softball was currently first in their league and baseball was doing well and ranked very high. She indicated the track team was vying for first place and the tennis team would be attending districts the following weekend and they were expected to finish well. She commented that prom would be held the following weekend and the students were winding down the school year.

Councilor Lawson thanked Mr. Solvedt and Mr. Scott for coming to the Council regarding their proposal. She encouraged them to follow the current laws and work to change those laws if they disagreed with them.

Councilor Fairchild stated the Salem River Crossing was very important and recommended the Council choose a preferred option to recommend. Mr. Wyatt stated staff would bring information to the Council. Councilor Woods indicated there was not one option that jumped out as being preferable.

NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH 2012 PROCLAMATION

Mayor Dalton reviewed the proclamation for National Building Safety Month 2012. He thanked the Building Department staff for being good stewards of the program.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF

STOP SIGNS AT JASPER/FAIRHAVEN INTERSECTION

Mr. Wyatt reviewed the staff report. Councilor Jones asked if the staff could install crosswalks there too because of the number of kids in the area. Mr. Wyatt advised the stop bars should adequately stop the traffic. Councilor Brown asked about a "Limited Visibility" sign like those used in Salem. Mr. Wyatt stated staff did look at it but didn't think it was ideal. Councilor Marshall asked if there had been many accidents. Mr. Wyatt indicated there were a number of close calls. Councilor Lawson asked if there was any conflict with the neighbors on the proposal. Mr. Wyatt stated he had heard from no one. Mr. Shetterly clarified there were already stop signs on Fairhaven, so the resolution would be to establish stop signs on Jasper Street, effectively making it a four-way stop.

It was moved by Councilor Stewart and seconded by Councilor Lawson to direct staff to draft a resolution establishing stop signs on NW Jasper at NW Fairhaven. The motion CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

"2014"

Mr. Wyatt indicated staff was working and planning toward 2014. He stated they were looking at the history of Dallas and what shaped it as well as the present and future. He noted there would be a future presentation to the Council.

OTHER

Mr. Spivey reviewed the Park Host program noting the purpose was to improve efficiencies in the park by having a volunteer help with weekend reservations as well as maintain the restrooms and patrol the park. He introduced Larry Douglas, the current Park Host. Mr. Douglas thanked the Council for having him in the park. He stated everything he'd heard from park visitors had been positive and indicated he was excited to be part of the community.

Mr. Wyatt indicated the Fire Station Open House would be held on May 23 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

RESOLUTIONS

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Read and approved this _____ day of _____ 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager