

Monday, November 18, 2024

1 Mayor Kenneth L. Woods, Jr. called the City Council meeting to order on Monday, November
2 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

3 **ROLL CALL**

4 **Councilors Present:** Council President Michael Schilling, Councilor Nancy Adams, Councilor
5 Carlos Barrientos, Councilor Larry Briggs, Councilor Kirsten Collins, Councilor Kim Fitzgerald,
6 and Councilor David Shein

7 **Mayor or Councilors Excused:** Councilor Micah Jantz and Councilor Debbie Virden

8 **Also Present:** Mayor Kenneth L. Woods, Jr., City Manager Brian Latta, City Attorney Lane
9 Shetterly, Fire & EMS Chief April Wallace, Police Chief Tom Simpson, Economic & Communi-
10 ty Development Director Charlie Mitchell, and City Recorder Kim Herring

11 **INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITION, PROCLAMATIONS**

12 April Wallace, Fire & EMS Chief, came forward and invited Mayor Woods to cut the ribbon at
13 the “Push In” of the new fire engine on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm. The entire council was
14 invited to attend and participate in the “Push In”, which is a fire service tradition any time a new
15 piece of equipment enters service.

16 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

17 a) Development Code Updates addressing requirements in Senate Bill 1537 – #LA-24-01

18 Mr. Latta explained that this item is being postponed to the next meeting on Dec. 9th at
19 7:00 pm. The Planning Commission was unable to meet on November 14th, due to a lack
20 of quorum which delays the City Council Public Hearing.

21 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

22 Ann Hurd, Friends of the Dallas Aquatic Center, provided an update on the progress of their
23 fundraising.

24 Lu Ann Meyer, Dallas School Board member, provided information regarding musical instru-
25 ment drive. The music program is seeking donations of new or gently used musical instruments
26 to help the local schools grow their music programs.

27 **CONSENT AGENDA**

28 a) Approve the November 4, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes

29 b) Approve the November 4, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

30 Councilor Shein made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilor Adams
31 seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

32 **REPORTS OR COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS**

33 Councilor Collins encouraged the council to adopt a more stringent attendance policy for the
34 council and reminded everyone that the council should show up and be prepared for each meet-
35 ing.

36 Councilor Barrientos offered words of support for the school musical instrument drive.

37 Councilor Shein thanked Jennifer Ward and the Parks Department for such a magnificent Japa-
38 nese garden.

39 **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER AND STAFF**

40 a) **Republic Services**

41 Mr. Latta introduced Julie Jackson, Republic Services Municipal Manager, who present-
42 ed information regarding the proposed rate increase of 4.1%. Councilor Adams made a
43 motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare a resolution approving a 4.1% increase to
44 the Republic Services Rates, effective January 1, 2025. Councilor Shein seconded the
45 motion. Councilor Adams amended the motion to reflect that the new rates wouldn't take

1 effect until February 1, 2025. The vote was taken and passed with a vote of 5-2 with
2 Councilors Briggs and Fitzgerald voting NO.

3 **b) Public Works Building Project Update**

4 Gary Marks presented information regarding the construction of the new Public Works
5 building. Construction is projected to begin in January with completion in September.
6 The estimated cost of the project is just under \$5 million and he will come back at a fu-
7 ture date to request approval of a comprehensive infrastructure loan to finance part of the
8 construction costs as well as some funds for the Godsey Road project and the Ellen-
9 dale/Levens intersection.

10 **c) Creation of Technical Advisory Committee for the Transportation System Plan Pro-**
11 **ject and Appointment of Members**

12 Mr. Latta presented a staff report outlining the request for council to approve the for-
13 mation of a technical advisory committee to assist with the Transportation System Plan
14 update project and appoint members. City staff is seeking an exception to the two-
15 committee limit for Rich Spofford and Trevor Petersen, as their involvement with this
16 committee is directly related to their role on the other committees on which they serve.
17 Councilor Briggs made a motion to form the Transportation System Plan Project Tech-
18 nical Advisory Committee and appoint as its members the individuals listed in Attach-
19 ment A and exempt Rich Spofford and Trevor Petersen from the two-committee limit in
20 the manual. Councilor Adams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion
21 passed with a vote of 7-0.

22 **d) FEMA Pre-implementation Compliance Measures**

23 Mr. Latta presented the staff report. The city has received insufficient information to fully
24 evaluate the three options presented by FEMA and how they could be implemented local-
25 ly. Staff are recommending to the City Council to wait for additional guidance from FE-
26 MA before fully selecting one of the three measures. If the City Council agrees with
27 staff's recommendation to wait for further guidance on the permit-by-permit review, then
28 we will notify FEMA of this approach by the December 1, 2024 deadline. There was a
29 consensus to implement the permit-by-permit approval process.

30 **e) Veteran's Day Celebration**

31 Each year following the Veteran's Day Fireworks Display, the City receives a handful of
32 complaints from veterans or those concerned about veterans who may suffer from PTSD.
33 The public concern generally involves concern for our local military veterans with whom
34 the loud noise from the fireworks show may trigger episodes of post-traumatic stress. In
35 an effort to be sensitive to the needs of those whom the fireworks display are intended to
36 celebrate, city staff would like to have a discussion with the Buildings and Grounds
37 Committee on how we can best celebrate Veteran's Day as a community in the years
38 ahead. Councilor Collins would like to see the city reach out to various veterans' organi-
39 zations to see how they would like to celebrate this day as well as to subject matter ex-
40 perts on how to best communicate the effects of such events. There was a consensus to
41 move this subject to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for review.

42 **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

43 **a) Ordinance No. 1901 – declaring 9.2 acres, more or less, of territory being Tax Lot**
44 **400 and a portion of Tax Lot 1400 on Polk County Assessor's Map 7.5.29CA, and a**
45 **portion of the neighboring property, Tax Lot 1304 on Assessor's Map 7.5.29CD, an-**
46 **nexed to the City of Dallas and withdrawn from Southwestern Polk County Rural**
47 **Fire Protection District; and designating the zoning of said property as Residential**
48 **Low Density (RL)**

49 Mr. Latta read the ordinance title and Mayor Woods declared that Ordinance No. 1901
50 passed the first reading.

51 **b) Ordinance No. 1902 – declaring .33 acres, more or less, of territory being Tax Lot**
52 **10000, on Polk County Assessor's Map 7.5.32CD, annexed to the City of Dallas and**
53 **withdrawn from Southwestern Polk County Rural Fire Protection District; and des-**
54 **ignating the zoning of said property as Residential Low Density (RL)**

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2 passed the first reading.

3 **RESOLUTIONS**

4 a) **Resolution No. 3538 – A resolution honoring Mark O. Hatfield and renaming Birch**
5 **Park as Mark O. Hatfield Park**

6 Mr. Latta reviewed the staff report. Mayor Woods asked city staff to recommend a facili-
7 ty to be named in honor of Mark O. Hatfield. City staff recommend renaming Birch Park
8 to Mark O. Hatfield Park. Birch Park was built in the 1970s and is located in the older
9 portion of the city, near the childhood home of Mark Hatfield. The Mayor called for a roll
10 call vote. Resolution No. 3538 passed with a vote of 7-0.

11 **ADJOURNMENT: 8:32 pm**

12 **Read and approved this 9th day of December 2024.**

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15 **Mayor**

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18 **City Manager**