

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 20, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2600 ROOSEVELT DRIVE, DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS.

While the order of some agenda items may have been changed, the following represents all items discussed and acted upon by the City Council.

WORK SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present:

Laura Bianco, Mayor
John King, Alderman, Place 1
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4
Mark McGuire, Alderman, Place 5

Staff Present:

Lola Hazel, City Administrator
Greg Petty, DPS Director
Kay Day, Finance Director
Gary Parker, Public Works Director

2. WORK SESSION

- a. Receipt, discussion, and action on a presentation from Republic Services on changes coming to trash and recycling services upon contract renewal in August 2023. Any action taken would be deferred until the Regular Session.**

Discussed

- b. Receipt, discussion, and action on a development presentation from Trevor Turnbow for property located at 2500 and 2512 California Lane, Dalworthington Gardens. Any action taken would be deferred until the Regular Session.**

Discussed.

Scott McCaskey, 2501 California Lane: Spoke to residential parking, entry on California and fencing.

- c. Receipt, discussion, and action on a development presentation from Christian Rodriguez for property located at 3509 S. Bowen Road, Dalworthington Gardens. Any action taken would be deferred until the Regular Session.**

This item was not addressed.

- d. Work Session on other listed agenda items, if time permits.**

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bianco called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following present:

Members Present:

Laura Bianco, Mayor
John King, Alderman, Place 1
Steve Lafferty, Alderman, Place 2
Cathy Stein, Alderman, Place 3
Ed Motley, Mayor Pro Tem; Alderman, Place 4
Mark McGuire, Alderman, Place 5

Staff Present:

Lola Hazel, City Administrator
Greg Petty, DPS Director
Kay Day, Finance Director
Gary Parker, Public Works Director

2. INVOCATION, AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bianco gave invocation. Pledges were said.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

a. Presentation of proclamation for Royal Family Kids Camp Send a Kid to Camp Day.

Mayor Bianco read aloud the proclamation for Royal Family Kids Camp Send a Kid to Camp Day.

4. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- **Plant Swap on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22**
- **Park Workday, Saturday, May 13**
- **Free Fishing Day, Saturday, June 3**
- **Park Workday, Saturday, July 8**
- **Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 15**
- **Park Workday, Saturday, September 15**
- **National Night Out, Tuesday, October 3**
- **Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday, October 21**
- **Park Workday, Saturday, November 11**
- **Pictures with Santa, Sunday, December 3**

5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

6. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bianco: Because of your generosity in supporting the Salvation Army's Mayoral Red Kettle Challenge, I was asked to speak at their National Convention in Dallas on April 18. I am officially the chairman of the Tarrant County Mayor's Council. For those who don't know what that is, it's the council comprised of all 41 mayors in Tarrant County. We meet bi-monthly to discuss issues that directly affect Tarrant County residents. I had the privilege of going to Austin March 22 and 23 to represent Tarrant County and meet one-on-one with legislators. I advocated to all of our legislators to not support any bill that restricts local control such as HB 2127. We should have the power to decide what happens in our community, not legislators who meet every other year. Mrs. Verna Rainwater of 2800 Whisperwood Trail passed away on April 3, 2023. Please keep Mr. Rainwater and their family in your prayers as they navigate this next chapter of their lives. Pantego Books, located at 2910 W. Pioneer Parkway, is happy to announce their participation in the 10th

Anniversary of Independent Bookstore Day! On April 29, 2023 they will have free face painting for kids from 2-4p and raffle entries 11a-6p. The city is partnering with Arlington Classics Academy's Griffin Goodfellows on Earth Day, April 22. They will have volunteers pick up trash at Elkins Park. We want to thank them in advance for volunteering to make our city as beautiful as possible.

John King: None.

Steve Lafferty: None.

Cathy Stein: Shout out to Jill Howard for being the Easter Bunny at the City Easter Event.

Ed Motley: None.

Mark McGuire: None.

7. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Informational reports only; no action to be taken.

- a. DPS Report**
- b. Financial Reports**
- c. Quarterly Investment Report**
- d. City Administrator Report**
- e. Public Works Report**

Departmental Reports were presented.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the February 15, 2023 special meeting minutes.**
- b. Approval of the February 16, 2023 regular meeting minutes.**
- c. Presentation and acknowledgment of budget adjustments.**
- d. Approval of a contract amendment with SAFEbuilt Texas LLC for hourly city planner and building official services.**
- e. Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-08 making changes to the City of Dalworthington Gardens Code of Ordinances, Article 1.09, Parks and Recreation, to amend procedures and conditions for rentals in the city park.**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire

Nays: None

9. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Discussion and possible action to provide direction on requiring fire heat sensors for all buildings in the city limits.**

Background information on this item: The City Council considered adding a requiring for fire heat sensors for all buildings in the city limits.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to direct staff to start developing ordinance to require heat detectors on new construction and develop educational program to strongly encourage it on existing homes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire

Nays: None

b. Discussion and possible action regarding replacement of street lighting on Ambassador Row, and addition of lighting on Arkansas Lane.

Background information on this item: Staff reported the following at the March 16, 2023 Council Meeting: Staff received a complaint from a citizen a while back about lighting in the Ambassador Row neighborhood, and has been working for some time to find the right solution. The entire neighborhood was surveyed for lighting and then eventually narrowed down to the parking lot because of cost. Staff then tried to include said lighting in the Tarrant County CDBG grant application submitted January 2023, but did not have details nailed down in time to include it. However, just to note, the total cost of the CDBG project is quoted at \$252,217 (which includes contingency) with Tarrant County only covering, at most, \$175,000. So, any additional lighting would have been paid by the city for this project.

At the March 16, 2023 meeting, staff asked council about installing a street light on Arkansas Lane. Council did not approve installation at that meeting, and following that meeting, staff discovered Oncor mistakenly installed the light. Oncor has apologized and has offered to take down the light if the city does not want it installed. This installation does add light (LED light) where it did not previously exist on Arkansas Lane near the city pump station, in an area that was very dark. The approximately added monthly electricity cost would be between \$10-\$30 (estimated from current billing amounts).

The \$19,000 quote Oncor originally provided was for three double head lights and one single head light as council desired. The statement that all four lights in the quote were double head lights was inaccurate. The only other option would be to consider four single head lights which Oncor is still working to quote. In theory, and according to Oncor, even single head LED lights should be brighter than the existing high sodium pressure lights. Staff should have the quote for four single head lights to hand out at the meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Mark McGuire and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to approve replacement of street lighting on Arkansas Lane.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire

Nays: None

c. Discussion and possible action to approve a quote from Rangeline for valve installation on Broadacres Lane in the amount of \$22,920.

Background information on this item: Council asked staff to look into replacing water valves on Broadacres to help stop flow when repairs are needed. Staff requested two bids from Gra-Tex that came back with a quote of \$52,670.00 and the other quote from Rangeline that came back at \$22,920.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve a quote from Rangeline for valve installation on Broadacres Lane in the amount of \$22,920.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire

Nays: None

d. Discussion and possible action to approve holding a farmer’s market in the city limits and approve contracting with said vendor, Four Seasons Market, and Arlington Classics Academy, the proposed event location, to finalize event planning, subject to attorney approval of all associated documentation.

Background information on this item: When Kimberly Fitzpatrick was mayor she contracted with SGR to hold a strategic plan workshop with the city council. One of the items identified under “Known for something Positive – Long Term” from SGR’s report from that workshop was to “Organize and Implement Organic Farmers Market”. Shortly after that Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Cathy Stein to work on this item. DWG’s current strategic plan has been updated to be less specific and encourage unique shopping experiences.

The seeds planted by Cathy Stein as a result of Mayor Fitzpatrick’s request began to bear fruit earlier this year when one of the people she had planted a seed with contacted her asking to discuss establishing a farmers market in DWG. Alderman Stein has been meeting with them and a potential site for the farmers market and now has enough buy in to bring the concept to city council for consideration.

Four Seasons Market is the entity that Dalworthington Gardens would be contracting with to produce the Dalworthington Gardens Farmers Market. They currently run several weekly markets in northern Tarrant County and are looking to expand into the southern area.

Arlington Classics Academy would enter into a licensing agreement with the City to use the appropriate portion of their campus on Arkansas Lane. There is ample customer parking and space for vendors to set up and park that does not include the customer parking area.

The plan is to conduct a year-round, open air Farmers Market on a weekly basis on Sundays from 10am-2pm. The timeline for this project is to get council input at our April meeting with an eye to having final contracts approved at the May regular council meeting. After that, Four Seasons Market would develop the vendor base for this market and begin promotional efforts with an eye towards opening the first market on Sunday, September 10, 2023.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to approve holding a farmer’s market in the city limits and approve contracting with said vendor, Four Seasons Market, and Arlington Classics Academy, the proposed event location, to finalize event planning, subject to attorney approval of all associated documentation.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire
Nays: None

e. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, approving a Take Home Vehicle Policy.

Background information on this item: Staff previously discussed a Take Home Vehicle Policy with council. The proposed policy authorizes a take home vehicle only when authorized by the City Administrator or Department of Public Safety, and would only be authorized in accordance with the approved city budget.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve Resolution No. 2023-05, approving a Take Home Vehicle Policy with the addition of an exemption for MDTs in DPS vehicles

Motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, Motley, and McGuire
Nays: None

f. Discussion and possible action regarding amendments to the FY 2022-2023 budget in amounts not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Not needed.

10. TABLED ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding consideration of bond requirements for oil and gas drilling.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

- a. **Recess into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation, to wit: the City Administrator**
- b. **Reconvene into Regular Session for discussion and possible action regarding the City Administrator.**

City Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:04 p.m.

No action taken

13. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.