

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF DALWORTHINGTON GARDENS, TEXAS, CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MAY 18, 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

**Members Absent:**

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 the City's engineer on Corzine Drive design in advance of proceeding with bid process. Any action taken would be deferred until the Regular Session.**

Work session conducted.

- b. Receipt, discussion, and action on the City Accountant I position and associated salary range. Any action taken would be deferred until the Regular Session.**

Work session conducted.

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

Also discussed the Park Board storage building.

**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

**Members Absent:**

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. ELECTION MATTERS**

**a. Administer Oath of Office and issue Certificates of Election to newly elected officials.**

Mayor Bianco administered the Oath of Office and issued Certificates of Election to Council Member Cathy Stein and Council Member Ed Motley.

**b. Consider approval Resolution No. 2023-06 to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.**

A motion was made by Council Member John King and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve Resolution No. 2023-06 to appoint Ed Motley as Mayor Pro Tem for a one-year term.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, and Motley

Nays: None

**4. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**a. Presentation of proclamation to John Hibbs for his years of dedicated service to Arlington ISD.**

This item was postponed until the June 15, 2023 Council Meeting.

**5. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

The following items were presented.

- a. Free Fishing Day, Saturday, June 3**
- b. Park Workday, Saturday, July 8**
- c. Ice Cream Social, Saturday, July 15**
- d. Park Workday, Saturday, September 15**
- e. National Night Out, Tuesday, October 3**
- f. Trunk-or-Treat, Saturday, October 21**
- g. Park Workday, Saturday, November 11**
- h. Pictures with Santa, Sunday, December 3**

**6. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Iashia Bergamini, 2812 Whisperwood Trail: Spoke in favor of the bridge replacement on Roosevelt Drive.

## 7. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Bianco: Thanked Public Works Director Gary Parker and all public works employees for cleaning out big planters, and thanked Council Member Cathy Stein for planting new plants in them. Asked everyone to remember Council Member Mark McGuire and his family as his dad passed away. Congratulations to City Administrator Lola Smith for being nominated to the city clerk honor roll. Thanked Chief Petty, Lieutenant Yancey, Finance Director Kay Day, and City Administrator Lola Smith for their work on issues in the past month. Read press release about a former employee who inappropriately used city funds. It's with immense joy that we announce we have the same council as we had in the past year as our incumbents were unopposed. On May 17, I celebrated my fifth year of having the ability to serve this community of fine folks. There are so many lessons I have learned over the past five years. With each passing day, I realize just how much I don't know, but thanks to our extraordinary staff and DPS, we can conquer the world one step at a time. I am very thankful that we have a staff and council that truly work together for the betterment of our community and not for their own personal agendas. Having council members with varying ideas and opinions helps us to collectively consider all aspects of an issue before deciding what's in the best interest of the city. Your current council members are Mayor Laurie Bianco, Mayor Pro Tem and Alderman Place 4 Ed Motley, Alderman Place 1 John King, Alderman Place 2 Steve Lafferty, Alderman Place 3 Cathy Stein, and Alderman Place 5 Mark McGuire. Thank you for allowing all of us to serve you. We are excited to announce that Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive project will begin on May 30, 2023. The project is expected to take eight weeks, and will completely close the street from California Lane to Sunset Lane and divert all other traffic southbound to Bowen Road. This is always subject to change as we adapt to needs and safety measures during the project. Traffic plans are determined based on what is safest for citizens, construction crews, and staff, and what is most cost effective and easiest for our DPS to enforce from a traffic safety standpoint. We appreciate your patience during these projects as we know there are inconveniences and delays. Thank you for allowing us to improve the streets in our city. This project was funded through Tarrant County transportation bond funds. The city is requesting bids for garbage and recycling services in advance of the Republic Services contract renewal in August 2023. This is being done to ensure fiscal responsibility and that citizens are receiving the best possible service for the prices paid. You can find the bid packet on the city website

John King: Condolences to the Tommy Potts' family.

Steve Lafferty: None.

Cathy Stein: Recognized Garden volunteers who spent 17 hours rescuing plants by the fire bay and storing offsite to put elsewhere on city property.

Ed Motley – Thanked Council Member Cathy Stein and volunteers for rescuing plants.

## 8. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

*Informational reports only; no action to be taken.*

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

Departmental Reports were presented.

## 9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-09; ratifying Council's approval of a special exception for the Montessorri Academy in December 2022; an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 "Zoning" by granting a special exception for certain property located at 3428 W. Arkansas Lane; providing for the amendment of the official zoning map to reflect such changes.**

- b. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-10; ratifying Council’s approval of a special exception for NewGen Printing in February 2023; an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14 “Zoning” by granting a special exception for certain property located at 2529 W. Arkansas Lane; providing for the amendment of the official zoning map to reflect such changes.**
- c. **Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-11 amending the City of Dalworthington Gardens Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3 “Building Regulations” by adding Article 3.11 “Heat Sensors” in order to provide for heat sensors to be installed in garages and attic spaces of all structures within the city.**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

**10. REGULAR AGENDA**

- a. **Receipt, discussion, and action on a presentation from the City’s engineer on Corzine Drive design in advance of proceeding with bid process.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve the design for Corzine Drive and direct staff to proceed with the bid process.

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

- b. **Receipt, discussion, and action on the City Accountant I position and associated salary range.**

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley to approve the City Accountant I position and associated salary range as presented.

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

- c. **Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of additional cost for emergency equipment to outfit three (3) DPS Tahoes in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.**

Background information on this item: Council previously approved \$180,000 for the purchase of 3 Chevrolet Tahoes and emergency equipment. Due to the uncertainty of Tahoe availability, DPS staff did not order the emergency equipment at the time of approval and wanted to ensure Tahoes would be delivered. Since the last quote, the price for the emergency equipment has increased by \$9,797.95 for all vehicles.

Note: If approved, DPS will request a budget adjustment using the surplus funds from the personnel line item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member Cathy Stein to approve the purchase of additional cost for emergency equipment to outfit three (3) DPS Tahoes in an amount not to exceed \$12,000

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

**d. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase and outfit of an external storage building to be utilized by the Park board not to exceed \$18,000.00.**

Background information on this item: In order to make a proper facility for our firefighters, the Park Board is losing its storage space in the annex and needs adequate storage space that is easily accessible. The annex storage has historically been inadequate. Various strategies and solutions have been used to compensate for this, such as members storing oversized items at their homes or placing items in the public works barn, many of which have been misplaced over the years.

Placing a storage building dedicated to the Park Board on the north side of the public works barn solves the problems of needing adequate storage space and easy accessibility that does not impact staff and allows the Park Board members to perform their volunteer service for the benefit of DWG's citizens at times when staff is not around.

Park board members have worked closely with DPS staff to find the best price and solution to help facilitate this matter. The quote for \$10,335.00 does not include the following.

1. A/C Unit (Window) \$489.00
2. Sheet Rock and Paint \$1,000.00
3. Underground electrical service ran to the structure. \$1,500 approx.
4. Electric Door Locks \$1,500
5. Any additional items needed to level and prep the pad location

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to authorize the construction of a storage building similar to what was presented but on a concrete slab on site assembled not to exceed \$25,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, and Motley

Nays: None

**e. Discussion and possible action to approve costs for a traffic control plan from Texas Traffic and Barricade for Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive project.**

Background information on this item: Staff is asking for approval of traffic control plan equipment cost for the Roosevelt phase II road construction project from Texas Traffic and Barricade. This project is to take place on Monday, May 29, 2023. This project is to last approximately six weeks. The TCP is designed to take traffic south bound for quicker response times for Police/Fire on the southside of the city.

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member Steve Lafferty to approve costs for a traffic control plan from Texas Traffic and Barricade for Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive project not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, and Motley

Nays: None

**f. Discussion and possible action to approve costs for hydro-mulching and silt fence from Bowman Landscape Construction for Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive project.**

Background information on this item: Tarrant County will begin phase II of the Roosevelt Dr road construction project on Monday, May 29, 2023. This project will last approximately six weeks. Staff is asking once the road project has been completed the areas that need hydro mulched be completed to help erosion control.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve costs not to exceed \$14,000 for hydro-mulching and silt fence from Bowman Landscape Construction for Phase II of the Roosevelt Drive project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, and Motley

Nays: None

**g. Discussion and possible action to approve striping on Arkansas Lane to be performed by Tarrant County.**

Background information on this item: Staff has had multiple complaints about the striping on Arkansas Ln. Staff is requesting to have Arkansas Ln striped from Bowen Rd. to the entrance of Montessori Academy of Arlington in the amount of \$3,970.60. This would include all lanes of striping and school zone areas. This will also help visibility of lanes, turning lanes, cross walks, and school zone areas.

A motion was made by Council Member Cathy Stein and seconded by Council Member John King to approve striping on Arkansas Lane to be performed by Tarrant County, subject to checking the City Boundary Agreement and making sure there's a realistic period for striping lasting long term, and to use the street repair fund to fund project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Members King, Lafferty, Stein, and Motley

Nays: None

**h. Discussion and possible action to approve Phase II of crack sealing in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.**

No action taken.

**i. Discussion and possible action to approve foot bridge repair on Roosevelt Drive.**

Background information on this item: Council asked staff to have the city engineer provide cost estimates for both a concrete sidewalk solution and a solution to replace with the same likeness of wood. Staff has not heard back from Topographic on replacement for the design on the middle bridge near Castelon Ct – Sunset Ln. Staff previously presented to council the need to replace foot bridges on Roosevelt Dr. In turn, council directed staff to move forward with replacing the south bridge and to perform the work in house due to the structure looking good from the assessment. After further evaluation on the teardown, staff found that the utility timbers at both ends where the timbers set in the concrete abutments had a lot of settlement that actually caused the utility timbers to rot. Staff could not see this portion when we first performed the assessment.

Staff decided to look into different options and found a company (Bridge Brothers) that will design and build a metal bridge with a concrete footing design. This would include a one-piece metal bridge design and shipping for \$31,372.00 add additional \$3,000.00 for concrete and materials for footing. Staff would do the concrete footing in house.

Staff has also asked Bridge Brothers to quote the middle bridge with the same design specs. The quote we received for the middle bridge came in at \$43,881.00. This would also include the same concrete footing design. The advantages of this type of bridge would be long lasting with no future replacement or maintenance unlike the wood bridges.

To replace the south end footbridge with same wood design with pressure treated lumber, would be approximately \$6,300.00. This would include new pressure treated utility timbers 35' and new pressure treated lumber. This type of bridge would need to be maintained every two years with a cost of \$750.00 for staining and materials. This would give the bridge a life span of 10 to 15 years approximately.

A motion was made by Mayor Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to replace the south bridge for \$36,000 for a width of 4 feet and use concrete decking.

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

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

Not needed.

## **11. TABLED ITEMS**

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

## **12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**City Council recessed into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.**

- a. Recess into Executive Session for the following items:**

- i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation, to wit: The City Engineer**
- ii. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation, to wit: The City Building Official**
- iii. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.087, Economic Development Incentives, and Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation, to wit: 2500 and 2512 California Lane**
- iv. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, and Section 551.071, Attorney Consultation, to wit: City Board and Commission Appointments**

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:32 p.m.

- b. Reconvene into Regular Session for discussion and possible action regarding the following items:**

- i. The City Engineer**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve action discussed in closed session.

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

- ii. The City Building Official**

No action taken

- iii. Economic Development Incentive for 2500 and 2512 California Lane**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Motley and seconded by Council Member John King to approve action discussed in closed session.

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

**iv. City Board and Commission Appointments**

No action taken

**14. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.