

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

26-0010

QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER ZARIN D. GRACEY, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [7] Gracey, Cadena, West, Bazaldua, Roth, Willis, Ridley (**9:07 a.m.),

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. with a quorum of the committee present.

The meeting agenda, posted in accordance with Chapter 551, "OPEN MEETINGS," of the Texas Government Code, was presented.

After all business properly brought before the committee had been considered, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Chair

ATTEST:

City Secretary Staff

Date Approved

The agenda is attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT A.

The actions taken on each matter considered by the committee are attached to the minutes of this meeting as EXHIBIT B.

The briefing materials for this meeting are filed with the City Secretary's Office as EXHIBIT C.

**** Note: Indicates arrival time after meeting called to order/reconvened.**

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Item 1: Approval of the January 20, 2026, Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Cadena moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West and unanimously adopted. (Ridley absent when vote taken)

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BRIEFING ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS

Item A: Feral and Community Cat Operational Overview and Potential Policy Considerations

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Paul Ramon, Director, Dallas Animal Services;
- Amanda Earl, Assistant Director, Dallas Animal Services; and
- Victoria Chittam Bennett, Assistant Director, Dallas Animal Services

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Item B: Proposed Code Amendments: Chapter 50 - Street Vendor

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Christopher Christian, Director, Code Compliance Services; and
- Cedric Secoundiata, Assistant Director, Code Compliance Services

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the following:

- Move Certain defenses to prosecution in Section 17-1.6 to Chapter 50 because street vending is not regulated under TRER. In addition:
 - Enhance "Street Vendor" definition to include the service or distribution of food or drink free of charge.
 - Defenses to prosecution from Chapter 17 become affirmative requirements related to service or distribution of food or drink free of charge.
 - Require simple, low-burden permit for noncommercial distribution to establish a responsible party and ensure basic public health and safety standards.
- Propose Grace Period following ordinance effective date to support successful implementation Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement & Education, including:
 - Meetings with nonprofit partners and vendor organizations
 - Direct outreach to known vendors and community partners
 - Development of New Permit System During Grace Period
 - Updated permit application software
 - Modernized permit issuance and tracking technology
 - Clear, Multi-Channel Communication of New Requirements
 - Stakeholder engagement meetings
 - City website updates and guidance materials
 - Direct responses to inquiries from existing vendor organizations

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

Chair Gracey called a vote and declared the motion adopted on a divided vote with Councilmember Bazaldua voting "No."

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Item C: Extraordinary Neighborhood Events

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Christopher Christian, Director, Code Compliance Services;
- Jeremy Reed, Assistant Director, Code Compliance Services;
- Pollyanna Ashford, Major - Dallas Police Department;
- Ghassan Khankarli, Director - Department of Transportation and Public Works; and
- Jacquelin Justice, Assistant Director - Tourism, Conventions and Events

Councilmember Ridley moved to adopt the change of the characterization of an offensive noise ordinance to an objective criteria to noise complaints.

Motion seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis.

Chair Gracey called a declared the motion failed with majority voting in opposition.

Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Willis moved to forward Chapter 42A by linking Section 28-10 to the full city council.

Motion seconded by Councilmember West.

Chair Gracey called a vote and declared the motion failed with majority voting in opposition.

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BRIEFING MEMOS

Item D: Office of Arts and Culture - FY 2026-27 Cultural Organizations Program Guidelines

Item E: Receipt and Allocation of Love Your Block Grant for Resident-Led Projects

Item F: Drivers of Opportunity Update

The committee discussed the items.

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FORECAST

Item G: Quality of Life, Arts and Culture (QOLAC) Committee Forecast: briefing items to be placed on the QOLAC agenda for February 2026.

The committee discussed the item.

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EXHIBIT C