

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

25-0017

AD HOC LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL/VIDEO CONFERENCE
COUNCILMEMBER CARA MENDELSON, PRESIDING

PRESENT: [5] Mendelson, Atkins (**8:26 a.m.), *Gracey, *Narvaez, Stewart

ABSENT: [0]

The meeting was called to order at 8:22 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 9: 11 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: Members of the Committee participated in this meeting by video conference.**

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

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EXHIBIT A

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Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs

January 15, 2025

8:00 AM

2023 CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

COUNCIL COMMITTEE	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Atkins (C), Narvaez (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Ridley, Stewart, West	GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT West (C), Blackmon (VC), Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS Moreno (C), Mendelsohn (VC), Gracey, West, Willis	PARKS, TRAILS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT Stewart (C), Moreno (VC), Arnold, Bazaldua, Blackmon, Narvaez, West
PUBLIC SAFETY Mendelsohn (C), Stewart (VC), Atkins, Moreno, Willis	QUALITY OF LIFE, ARTS, AND CULTURE *Ridley (C), Resendez (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Gracey, Schultz, Willis
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE Narvaez (C), Gracey (VC), Atkins, Mendelsohn, Resendez, Schultz, Stewart	WORKFORCE, EDUCATION, AND EQUITY *Arnold (C), *Schultz (VC), Bazaldua, Blackmon, Resendez, Ridley, Willis
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS Atkins (C), Mendelsohn, Moreno, Ridley, Stewart	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL INVESTIGATING AND ETHICS Mendelsohn (C), Gracey, Johnson, Schultz, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS Ridley (C), Resendez, West	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS Mendelsohn (C), Atkins, Gracey, Narvaez, Stewart
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS Atkins (C), Blackmon, Mendelsohn, Moreno, Resendez, Stewart, West, Willis	AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION Gracey (C), Blackmon, Johnson, Moreno, Narvaez, Resendez, Schultz

(C) – Chair, (VC) – Vice Chair

* Updated:6/28/24

Note: A quorum of the Dallas City Council may attend this Council Committee meeting.

General Information

The Dallas Council Committees regularly meet on Mondays beginning at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 6th floor, City Hall, 1500 Marilla. Council Committee agenda meetings are broadcast live on bit.ly/cityofdallastv and on Time Warner City Cable Channel 16.

Sign interpreters are available upon request with a 48-hour advance notice by calling (214) 670-5208 V/TDD. The City of Dallas is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. **The Council agenda is available in alternative formats upon request.**

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Rules of Courtesy

City Council meetings bring together citizens of many varied interests and ideas. To insure fairness and orderly meetings, the Council has adopted rules of courtesy which apply to all members of the Council, administrative staff, news media, citizens and visitors. These procedures provide:

- That no one shall delay or interrupt the proceedings, or refuse to obey the orders of the presiding officer.
- All persons should refrain from private conversation, eating, drinking and smoking while in the Council Chamber.
- Posters or placards must remain outside the Council Chamber.
- No cellular phones or audible beepers allowed in Council Chamber while City Council is in session.

"Citizens and other visitors attending City Council meetings shall observe the same rules of propriety, decorum and good conduct applicable to members of the City Council. Any person making personal, impertinent, profane or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the City Council or while attending the City Council meeting shall be removed from the room if the sergeant-at-arms is so directed by the presiding officer, and the person shall be barred from further audience before the City Council during that session of the City Council. If the presiding officer fails to act, any member of the City Council may move to require enforcement of the rules, and the affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council shall require the presiding officer to act." Section 3.3(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure.

Información General

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Si tiene preguntas sobre esta agenda, o si desea hacer comentarios o presentar quejas con respecto a servicios de la Ciudad, llame al 311.

Reglas de Cortesía

Las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal reúnen a ciudadanos de diversos intereses e ideologías. Para asegurar la imparcialidad y el orden durante las asambleas, el Ayuntamiento ha adoptado ciertas reglas de cortesía que aplican a todos los miembros del Ayuntamiento, al personal administrativo, personal de los medios de comunicación, a los ciudadanos, y a visitantes. Estos reglamentos establecen lo siguiente:

- Ninguna persona retrasará o interrumpirá los procedimientos, o se negará a obedecer las órdenes del oficial que preside la asamblea.
- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- No se permite usar teléfonos celulares o enlaces electrónicos (*paggers*) audibles en la cámara del Ayuntamiento durante audiencias del Ayuntamiento Municipal

"Los ciudadanos y visitantes presentes durante las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal deben de obedecer las mismas reglas de comportamiento, decoro y buena conducta que se aplican a los miembros del Ayuntamiento Municipal. Cualquier persona que haga comentarios impertinentes, utilice vocabulario obsceno o difamatorio, o que al dirigirse al Ayuntamiento lo haga en forma escandalosa, o si causa disturbio durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento Municipal, será expulsada de la cámara si el oficial que este presidiendo la asamblea así lo ordena. Además, se le prohibirá continuar participando en la audiencia ante el Ayuntamiento Municipal. Si el oficial que preside la asamblea no toma acción, cualquier otro miembro del Ayuntamiento Municipal puede tomar medidas para hacer cumplir las reglas establecidas, y el voto afirmativo de la mayoría del Ayuntamiento Municipal precisará al oficial que este presidiendo la sesión a tomar acción." Según la sección 3.3 (c) de las reglas de procedimientos del Ayuntamiento.

Handgun Prohibition Notice for Meetings of Governmental Entities

"Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.06 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistol oculta), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola oculta."

"Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with an openly carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly."

"De acuerdo con la sección 30.07 del código penal (ingreso sin autorización de un titular de una licencia con una pistola a la vista), una persona con licencia según el subcapítulo h, capítulo 411, código del gobierno (ley sobre licencias para portar pistolas), no puede ingresar a esta propiedad con una pistola a la vista."

"Pursuant to Section 46.03, Penal Code (places weapons prohibited), a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon into any open meeting on this property."

"De conformidad con la Sección 46.03, Código Penal (coloca armas prohibidas), una persona no puede llevar un arma de fuego u otra arma a ninguna reunión abierta en esta propiedad."

The Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Committee meeting will be held by videoconference and in the Council Briefing Room, 6ES City Hall.

The public may attend the meeting virtually; however, City Hall is available for those wishing to attend the meeting in person.

The following videoconference link is available to the public to listen to the meeting and Public Affairs and Outreach will also stream the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs on Spectrum Cable Channel 95 Spanish and online at [bit.ly/cityofdallastv](https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/j.php?MTID=m50d55c7c6655f4ed458c1c5b37a91839).

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Call to Order

MINUTES 25-243A Approval of the January 6, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Minutes.

BRIEFING ITEMS

- A. 25-244A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Amend local government election dates and authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections” from Pursue to Support within the state legislative program appendix.
- B. 25-245A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities” from Monitor to Support within the state legislative program appendix.
- C. 25-246A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.
- D. 25-247A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.
- E. 25-248A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all, including participation in Medicaid” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.
- F. 25-249A Consider recommending the movement of the item “Seek clarity regarding card rooms” from Monitor to Pursue within the state legislative program appendix.

ADJOURNMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTICE

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. seeking the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, or any matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.071]
2. deliberating the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.072]
3. deliberating a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the city if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the city in negotiations with a third person. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.073]
4. deliberating the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.074]
5. deliberating the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices. [Tex. Govt. Code §551.076]
6. discussing or deliberating commercial or financial information that the city has received from a business prospect that the city seeks to have locate, stay or expand in or near the city and with which the city is conducting economic development negotiations; or deliberating the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect. [Tex Govt. Code §551.087]
7. deliberating security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology, network security information, or the deployment or specific occasions for implementations of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices. [Tex Govt. Code §551.089]

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EXHIBIT B

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 15, 2025

Item 1: Approval of the January 6, 2025, Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs Minutes.

Councilmember Stewart moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Gracey and unanimously adopted. (Atkins absent when vote taken)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 15, 2025

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item A: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Amend local government election dates and authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections” from Pursue to Support within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Jake Anderson, Interim-Director, Office of Government Affairs

Councilmember Stewart moved separate the item into two separate items:

- Amend local government election dates
- Authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted.

Councilmember Stewart moved to keep “local government election dates” as within the state legislative program appendix.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted.

Councilmember Narvaez moved to delete “Authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections” from the state legislative program appendix.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Stewart and unanimously adopted.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 15, 2025

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item B: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities” from Monitor to Support within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Jake Anderson, Interim-Director, Office of Government Affairs

Councilmember Stewart moved to forward the item to city council with the recommendation of the council committee.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted.

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JANUARY 15, 2025

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item C: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Jake Anderson, Interim-Director, Office of Government Affairs; and
- Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director, City Attorney's Office

Councilmember Stewart moved to leave “Support transparency in utility operations and grid reliability” under Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Narvaez and unanimously adopted.

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BRIEFING ITEMS

Item D: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director, City Attorney's Office

Councilmember Narvaez moved to leave “Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities” under Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted.

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

JANUARY 15, 2025

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item E: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all, including participation in Medicaid” from Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individual briefed the committee on the item:

- Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director, City Attorney's Office

Councilmember Narvaez moved to leave “Promote proper mental and physical healthcare for all, including participation in Medicaid” under Support to Monitor within the state legislative program appendix.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted.

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JANUARY 15, 2025

BRIEFING ITEMS

Item F: Consider recommending the movement of the item “Seek clarity regarding card rooms” from Monitor to Pursue within the state legislative program appendix.

The following individuals briefed the committee on the item:

- Clifford Sparks, State Legislative Director, City Attorney's Office; and
- Bertram Vandenberg, Chief of General Counsel, City Attorney’s Office

Councilmember Stewart moved to forward the item to city council.

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Atkins and unanimously adopted.

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EXHIBIT C