

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **City Hall in Action! August 24 – Event Information**

The City Manager's Office (CMO) and Budget & Management Services (BMS) are excited to announce "City Hall in Action" partnership events on August 24, 2024. As discussed during the May 15 Budget Update briefing, we are adding City Hall in Action events including a Tele-Town Hall Meeting (TTHM) to the August Budget Town Hall meeting schedule to increase awareness and obtain feedback on the proposed budget.

We initially planned four combined district events (like City Hall at Fair Park held earlier this year on March 30) in four locations throughout the city. Due to limited feedback, we are now partnering with existing family friendly events to showcase city resources and services.

Join us on August 24 and support two family-friendly events with departments represented with onsite services such as pet adoptions, City Hall on the Go, community outreach and education materials, and more!

- Hugapalooza, Klyde Warren Park, 2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday August 24
- Unity Concert: Your Vote Rocks! Dallas Central Library, 1515 Young Street, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday August 24

Hugapalooza! is a kid-centered sing-along concert organized by KidLinks to honor community support in bringing healing, hope, and happiness through music and media and connect with City resources and services. KidLinks supports therapeutic music initiatives and programs for children. Participating departments will have visual, interactive elements that provide engagement opportunities with residents. City Council participation in the event is encouraged.

Dallas Public Library, Unity Concert: Your Vote Rocks! This is a family-friendly event for all Dallasites of all beliefs to register to vote, learn about candidates, and learn their voting rights. Residents will also be able to enjoy live bands, be a part of a karate dance party and visit the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit. Participating departments will have visual, interactive elements that provide engagement opportunities with residents.

This event will include a budget town hall meeting from 2:00-3:00 pm for residents to share their feedback on how City resources are allocated, priorities are set, and initiatives are funded in the FY 2024-25 budget. Residents may attend the budget town hall meeting in person at J. Erik Jonson Central Library or participate in the Telephone Town Hall

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Meeting (TTHM) option by phone or follow the conversation online. City Council participation in the event is encouraged.

City Hall in Action events details and information is shared on the event [website](#), and marketing and advertisement materials are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Janette Weedon, Director of Budget & Management Services.



Jack Ireland  
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024**

**JOIN US FOR DALLAS' BUDGET PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS!**

Highlighting City Resources and Services

**KIDSLINK 2024  
HUGAPALOOZA**

Free Children's Concert and Resource Fair

**9 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Klyde Warren Park**

2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, TX 75201

**UNITY CONCERT:  
YOUR VOTE ROCKS!**

**2 p.m. to 6 p.m. | J. Erik Jonsson Central Library**

1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201

This event will include a Budget Town  
Hall meeting from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

Visit [dal.city/CityHallinAction](https://dal.city/CityHallinAction) For more information!







# SÁBADO, 24 DE AGOSTO DE 2024

## ¡ACOMPÁÑANOS EN LOS EVENTOS DE PARTICIPACIÓN PÚBLICA SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO DE DALLAS!

Resaltando los recursos y servicios de la Ciudad

### KIDSLINK 2024 HUGAPALOOZA

Concierto gratis para niños y feria de recursos

**9 a.m. a 12 p.m. | Klyde Warren Park**

2012 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, TX 75201

### UNITY CONCERT: YOUR VOTE ROCKS!

**2 p.m. a 6 p.m. | J. Erik Jonsson Central Library**

1515 Young Street, Dallas, TX 75201

Este evento incluirá una reunión comunitaria sobre el presupuesto de **2 p.m. a 3 p.m.**

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SUBJECT **Consideration of 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities**

In the Fall 2023, the Office of Government Affairs began collecting feedback on potential 2025 legislative priorities from City Councilmembers, City staff, and external stakeholders. Over the last several months, the City Council standing committees have examined the current state and federal landscape and identified key priorities that address critical issues impacting the City of Dallas. The legislative team received more than 150 items for consideration. The standing City Council Committees advanced approximately 80 of those submitted items.

On May 7, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs advanced a draft federal program for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress for City Council consideration, as presented by the Office of Government Affairs.

A draft state legislative program for the 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature is expected to be briefed at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs on Tuesday, August 27, 2024.

Below is a timeline of actions related to consideration of legislative priorities.

Date	Briefing
<b>September 11, 2023</b>	Initial call for legislative priorities to be submitted by City Council, staff and stakeholders (OGA)
<b>September 18, 2023</b>	<b>Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>October 23, 2023</b>	<b>Government Performance and Financial Management Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>October 31, 2023</b>	<b>Additional communication to stakeholders on call for legislative priorities (infographics) (OGA)</b>
<b>November 13, 2023</b>	<b>Public Safety Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>November 14, 2023</b>	<b>Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>November 14, 2023</b>	<b>Government Performance and Financial Management Committee</b> <i>2025 Legislative Priorities (Memorandum-OGA)</i>
<b>December 4, 2023</b>	<b>Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee</b> <i>2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities: Office of Environmental Quality &amp; Sustainability and the Environmental Commission (Memorandum-OGA)</i>



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<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b>Draft list of submitted State and Federal 2025 legislative priorities shared with external stakeholders (OGA)</b>
<b>December 5, 2023</b>	<b>Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b>Public Safety Committee</b> <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Public Safety (Memorandum-OGA)</i>
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b>Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-OGA)</i>
<b>December 11, 2023</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs</b> <i>Review of 2025 Legislative Priorities to Date (Briefing-OGA)</i> <i>Materials shared with stakeholders</i>
<b>December 12, 2023</b>	<b>Government Performance and Financial Management Committee</b> <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Fiscal Stewardship (Memorandum-OGA)</i>
<b>December 15, 2023</b>	<b>City Council Committees’ Legislative Priorities Deadline</b>
<b>January 9, 2024</b>	<b>Economic Development Committee</b> <i>Economic Development Committee Proposed 2025 Legislative Priorities (Memorandum-OGA)</i>
<b>May 7, 2024</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (OGA)</b> <i>2025 Federal Legislative Priorities and Overview of the Process</i> <i>Materials shared with stakeholders</i>
<b>May 10, 2024</b>	<b>Memo to Mayor and City Council regarding next steps on 2025 Federal legislative priorities (OGA)</b>
<b>May 21, 2024</b>	<b>Draft 2025 Federal legislative priorities distributed to Directors (OGA)</b>
<b>May 28, 2024</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (OGA)</b> <i>2025 State Legislative Priorities and Overview of the Process</i>
<b>June 3, 2024</b>	<b>Parks, Trails, and the Environment Committee</b> <i>2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities: Office of Environmental Quality &amp; Sustainability and the Environmental Commission (Memorandum-CAO)</i>
<b>June 10, 2024</b>	<b>Workforce, Education, and Equity Committee</b> <i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-CAO)</i>
<b>June 10, 2024</b>	<b>Public Safety Committee</b> <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – DPD / Public Safety (Briefing-CAO)</i>
<b>June 17, 2024</b>	<b>Transportation and Infrastructure Committee</b> <i>Postponed to August 19, 2024 (CAO)</i>
<b>June 21, 2024</b>	<b>Communication to Mayor and City Council regarding next steps on 2025 Federal and State legislative priorities (OGA)</b>
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	<b>Communication to Directors regarding next steps on 2025 Federal and State legislative priorities (OGA)</b>
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	<b>Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee</b>



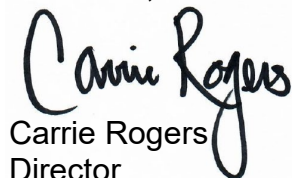
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	<i>Consideration of 2025 Legislative Priorities (Briefing-CAO)</i>
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	<b>Government Performance and Financial Management Committee</b> <i>2025 Proposed Legislative Priorities – Fiscal Stewardship (Briefing-CAO)</i>
<b>June 24, 2024</b>	<b>DRAFT Memos prepared and distributed to City Council Standing Committee chairs to communicate proposed 2025 State legislative items to staff (OGA)</b>
<b>June 25, 2024</b>	<b>Quality of Life, Arts, and Culture Committee</b> <i>Review January 2024 QOL memo and receive additional 2025 priorities (Briefing-CAO and OGA)</i>
<b>August 19, 2024</b>	<b>Planned: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (OGA)</b>
<b>August 27, 2024</b>	<b>Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs (OGA)</b> <i>Affirm May 7<sup>th</sup> draft 2025 Federal Legislative Priorities and Consider 2025 State Legislative Priorities</i>
<b>September 4, 2024</b>	<b>Planned: City Council Briefing and Action on 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities (OGA)</b>
<b>September 25, 2024</b>	<b>Planned: City Council Consideration of Adoption of 2025 Legislative Priorities (OGA)</b>

### Next Steps

The Office of Government Affairs anticipates briefing the Mayor and City Council on state and federal legislative priorities in September 2024. In preparation for the September 2024 briefing, the legislative team will begin working through these Committee-advanced items to capture priorities while ensuring clarity and balance while also reducing duplications. A list of *submitted* 2025 state and federal legislative priorities through August 2, 2024, is attached. We will continue working with each Committee Chair, peer departments, and the City Attorney's Office. The goal is to ensure proposed language retains its original meaning as it moves through the process for City Council consideration in September. Based on the information we have today, City Council action is anticipated for the Wednesday, September 25, City Council voting agenda.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [carrie.rogers@dallas.gov](mailto:carrie.rogers@dallas.gov) or Jake Anderson, Government Affairs Manager, at [james.anderson1@dallas.gov](mailto:james.anderson1@dallas.gov).



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Encl: List of *submitted* 2025 state and federal legislative priorities through standing City Council committees

## **All Federal legislative items submitted to the Office of Government Affairs through Committee (as of August 2, 2024)**

*On May 7, 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee on Legislative Affairs advanced a draft federal program for the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress for City Council consideration, as presented by the Office of Government Affairs. Items in **blue** have already been adopted by the Legislative Affairs Committee on May 7. Additional items have been submitted for consideration since that date for both the state and federal programs.*

### **Economic Development**

- **EDF1.** Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises **(State/Federal)**
- **EDF2.** Prioritize broadband connectivity for all residents **(State/Federal)**
- **EDF3.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**

### **Government Performance**

- **GPF1.** Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data **(State/Federal)**
- **GPF2.** Fund Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives that will reduce city expenses and support efficient city services **(State/Federal)**
- **GPF3.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control. **(State/Federal)**

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- **HHF1.** Expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program to include blight remediation **(Federal)**
- **HHF2.** Enhance Point in Time Process to ensure homeless population is accurately reflected **(Federal)**
- **HHF3.** Expand funding for housing programs including the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program **(Federal)**
- **HHF4.** Remove barriers to growing the housing stock, including the availability of condos **(State/Federal)**
- **HHF5.** Protect tenant "bill of rights" and right to cure period during eviction process **(State/Federal)**
- **HHF6.** Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities **(State/Federal)**
- **HHF7.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**



## Public Safety

- **PSF1.** Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and resources for abusers **(State/Federal)**
- **PSF2.** Increase funding for re-entry services **(State/Federal)**
- **PSF3.** Increase funding for Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) **(Federal)**
- **PSF4.** Create a definition for Less Lethal Devices to ensure law enforcement agencies may utilize the latest and greatest life-saving technologies available **(State/Federal)**
- **PSF4.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority **(State/Federal)**

## Parks, Trails, and the Environment

- **PTEF1.** Increase funding for open green spaces, such as parks and urban trails **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF2.** Support green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF3.** Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF4.** Support growth in industries of sustainability and resiliency, such as reusing materials (e.g., clothing), recycling and methane capture **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF5.** Increase incentives for technology that protects our residents and business from harsher weather, such as weatherization, energy efficient technology, and solar and solar battery storage **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF6.** Advance the deployment of – and infrastructure – for cleaner and more sustainable equipment such as electric vehicles and electric/battery-powered landscape equipment **(State/Federal)**
- **PTEF7.** Ensure increased collaboration between state agencies, local governments, and residents during permitting processes to ensure that all communities, particularly historically disadvantaged communities, are protected from environmental hazards **(State/Federal)**

## Quality of Life, Arts and Culture

- **QOLF1.** Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLF2.** Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA + individuals, seniors, and refugees **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLF3.** Support legislation that promotes proper mental and physical healthcare for all **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLF4.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLF5.** Reduce barriers to existing opioid and related epidemic response tools, treatment, and overdose prevention **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLF6.** Increase funding for the Texas Cultural Association's Culture District Program **(State/Federal)**

- **QOLF7.** Support the legalization of marijuana **(State/Federal)**

### **Transportation and Infrastructure** *(Subject to change following 8/19 TRN Committee)*

- **TRNF1.** Work with regional, state and federal agencies to address programs and funding strategies for the maintenance, repair and renewal of water, wastewater and storm drainage systems **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF2.** Enhance and fund mobility infrastructure **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF3.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF4.** Support funding for new technology use for traffic control systems and upgrades of antiquated equipment **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF5.** Support legislation, if needed, for high-speed rail, street cars and other potential new transportation and related funding **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF6.** Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF7.** Support legislation that guarantees transparency in utility operations, ensures reliable service delivery to all consumers, and creates sustainable communities **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNF8.** Support mobility safety enhancements outlined in the City's Vision Zero Plan **(State/Federal)**

### **Workforce, Education and Equity**

- **WEEF1.** Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infant, and Children Program benefits **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF2.** Support legislation that protects workplace safety ethics **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF3.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF4.** Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA+ individuals, seniors, and refugees **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF5.** Support legislation to eliminate criminal history inquiries during hiring process **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF6.** Support post incarceration programs and re-entry services **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF7.** Support legislation that expands resources to foster and post foster children **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF8.** Support legislation that promotes proper and mental physical health care for all **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF9.** Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services **(State/Federal)**
- **WEEF10.** Support funding for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses **(State/Federal)**



## **All State legislative items submitted to the Office of Government Affairs through Committee (as of August 2, 2024)**

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### **Economic Development**

- **EDS1.** Expand business opportunities to grow the tax base and generate revenue streams for city priorities, including but not limited to authorization, licensing, and regulation of casino gaming and sports wagering in this state **(State)**
- **EDS2.** Ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent **(State)**
- **EDS3.** Support property tax relief for Dallas residents **(State)**
- **EDS4.** Strengthen Dallas' workforce development pipeline and support the growth of small business enterprises **(State/Federal)**
- **EDS5.** Prioritize broadband connectivity for all residents **(State/Federal)**
- **EDS6.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**

### **Government Performance**

- **GPS1.** Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations **(State)**
- **GPS2.** Seek restructuring of DART sales tax contributions by member cities **(State)**
- **GPS3.** Require mandatory disclosure of residential and commercial real estate prices **(State)**
- **GPS4.** Support legislation to ensure project delivery processes serving residents and industry are effective and transparent **(State)**
- **GPS5.** Establish a database of homestead exemptions **(State)**
- **GPS6.** Preserve local authority to collect franchise fee revenues **(State)**
- **GPS7.** Expand options for publication of legal notices **(State)**
- **GPS8.** Clarify the local government procurement process to include price consideration of purchasing goods **(State)**
- **GPS9.** Amend Government Code Chapter 2274 regarding prohibition from service contracts with institutions that have policies that may restrict gun or ammunition sales and fossil fuels investments **(State)**
- **GPS10.** Support flexibility for local government election dates **(State)**
- **GPS11.** Support legislation to authorize ranked choice voting for local government elections **(State)**

- **GPS12.** Expand opportunities to grow the tax base and generate revenue for city priorities and obligations, including but not limited to, authorization, licensing, and regulation of casino gaming, sports wagering, and card rooms in the state **(State)**
- **GPS13.** Protect privacy and security of resident and commercial data **(State/Federal)**
- **GPS14.** Fund Artificial Intelligence (AI) Initiatives that will reduce city expenses and support efficient city services **(State/Federal)**
- **GPS15.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control. **(State/Federal)**

### **Housing and Homelessness**

- **HHS1.** Enhance residential and commercial protections against squatting **(State)**
- **HHS2.** Preserve tools for seniors to age in place and preserve homeownership **(State)**
- **HHS3.** Remove barriers to growing the housing stock, including the availability of condos **(State/Federal)**
- **HHS4.** Protect tenant “bill of rights” and right to cure period during eviction process **(State/Federal)**
- **HHS5.** Seek funding for homelessness services, including cost recovery for unsheltered services provided by certain municipalities **(State/Federal)**
- **HHS6.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**

### **Public Safety**

- **PSS1.** Pursue revenue streams that could support future public safety and pension obligations **(State)**
- **PSS2.** Create a definition for Less Lethal Devices in the Texas Penal Code to ensure law enforcement agencies may utilize the latest and greatest life-saving technologies available **(State/Federal)**
- **PSS3.** Properly align responsibilities and seek funding for school crossing guard programs **(State)**
- **PSS4.** Seek funding for emergency protection equipment accidents in high-density areas **(State)**
- **PSS5.** Consider establishing the Department of Public Safety as the primary first responder on state highways **(State)**
- **PSS6.** Enhance safety for residents of senior facilities **(State)**
- **PSS7.** Expand Baby Moses Law Age **(State)**
- **PSS8.** Amend the Open Records Act to exempt preliminary recommendations derived from early warning software platforms designed to support proactive employee intervention **(State)**
- **PSS9.** Pursue legislation that would allow municipalities to designate roadways as a High Injury Network (HIN) roadway **(State)**
- **PSS10.** Authorize municipalities to install automated speed safety cameras to reduce motor vehicle accidents and fatalities **(State)**



- **PSS11.** Streamline the out of state lateral transfer process for peace officers **(State)**
- **PSS12.** Authorize local law enforcement agencies to conduct driving while intoxicated checkpoints to combat the prevalence of drunk driving, motor vehicle accidents, and fatalities **(State)**
- **PSS13.** Request funding to fund a Weed & Seed Program in the City of Dallas **(State)**
- **PSS14.** Request funding for a childcare center at the new Dallas Police Training Facility **(State)**
- **PSS15.** Create a 10-Year minimum sentence for aggravated assault on a peace officer **(State)**
- **PSS16.** Adopt a statewide minimum cash bail schedule for eligible violent felonies and mandate the revocation of bail of defendants arrested for any violent felony while the defendant is awaiting trial on a previously charged violent felony **(State)**
- **PSS17.** Mandate that judges order participation from high-risk violent offenders in Focused Deterrence programs as a condition of probation or parole **(State)**
- **PSS18.** Support additional prevention, protections and resources for domestic violence and human trafficking survivors and resources for abusers **(State/Federal)**
- **PSS19.** Increase funding for re-entry services **(State/Federal)**
- **PSS20.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority **(State/Federal)**

#### **Parks, Trails and Environment**

- **PTES1.** Strengthen the state's electricity grid **(State)**
- **PTES2.** Amend existing legislation to capture a portion of the short-term car rental tax for parks and trails improvements **(State)**
- **PTES3.** Increase funding for open green spaces, such as parks and urban trails **(State/Federal)**
- **PTES4.** Support growth in industries of sustainability and resiliency, such as reusing materials (e.g., clothing), recycling and methane capture **(State/Federal)**
- **PTES5.** Increase incentives for technology that protects our residents and business from harsher weather, such as weatherization, energy efficient technology, and solar and solar battery storage **(State/Federal)**
- **PTES6.** Advance the deployment of – and infrastructure – for cleaner and more sustainable equipment such as electric vehicles and electric/battery-powered landscape equipment **(State/Federal)**
- **PTES7.** Ensure increased collaboration between state agencies, local governments, and residents during permitting processes to ensure that all communities, particularly historically disadvantaged communities, are protected from environmental hazards **(State/Federal)**
- **PTE S8.** Support green infrastructure, waste reduction, weatherization and utilities efficiencies, deployment of solar power, electric and hydrogen fueled vehicles **(State/Federal)**

- **PTES9.** Ensure sustainability of the State's natural resources, including lakes, reservoirs, and water supply **(State/Federal)**

### **Quality of Life, Arts and Culture**

- **QOLS1.** Clarify the regulation of public libraries **(State)**
- **QOLS2.** Increase funding for the Texas State Library Archives Commission relating to technology and digital inclusion **(State)**
- **QOLS3.** Support the legalization of gambling as a revenue source to fund pension obligations **(State)**
- **QOLS4.** Support legislation that promotes proper mental and physical healthcare for all **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLS5.** Study, implement, and make accessible harm reduction strategies to combat the opioid epidemic **(State/Federal)**
- **QOLS6.** Protect the rights of all vulnerable communities, including LGBTQIA + individuals, seniors, and refugees **(State/Federal)**
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- **QOLS9.** Increase funding for the Texas Cultural Association's Culture District Program **(State/Federal)**
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### **Transportation and Infrastructure** *(Subject to change following the 8/19 TRN Committee)*

- **TRNS1.** Permit greater flexibility in lowering of the prima facie speed limit in residential areas from 30 to 25 miles per hour **(State)**
- **TRNS2.** Permit roadway signage identifying High-Injury Network areas and allow municipalities to add a surcharge either fixed or % to regular citations **(State)**
- **TRNS3.** Clarify Texas Local Government code to improve the competitive bid process for public works projects **(State)**
- **TRNS4.** Establish regulation and reporting for autonomous vehicles **(State)**
- **TRNS5.** Pursue legislation to set and enforce standards for the conditions and maintenance of state highways and adjacent properties **(State)**
- **TRNS6.** TxDOT to pay in full annually for mowing, cleaning, sweeping, their right of way as well as funding for cleanup up for encampments in overpasses and/or hardening/fencing **(State)**
- **TRNS7.** Protect constitutional home-rule authority against attempts to reduce local control **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNS8.** Support funding for new technology use for traffic control systems and upgrades of antiquated equipment **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNS9.** Support legislation, if needed, for high-speed rail, street cars and other potential new transportation and related funding **(State/Federal)**



- **TRNS10.** Support rail safety legislation to ensure transparency and protection of local communities **(State/Federal)**
- **TRN S11.** Support legislation that guarantees transparency in utility operations, ensures reliable service delivery to all consumers, and creates sustainable communities **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNS12.** Support mobility safety enhancements outlined in the City's Vision Zero Plan **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNS13.** Work with regional, state and federal agencies to address programs and funding strategies for the maintenance, repair and renewal of water, wastewater and storm drainage systems **(State/Federal)**
- **TRNS14.** Enhance & fund mobility infrastructure **(State/Federal)**

### **Workforce, Education and Equity**

- **WEES1.** Protect immunization requirements for vulnerable populations **(State)**
- **WEES2.** Protect and strengthen the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman **(State)**
- **WEES3.** Expand funding and eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infant, and Children Program benefits **(State/Federal)**
- **WEES4.** Support legislation that protects workplace safety ethics **(State/Federal)**
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- **WEES10.** Support legislation that promotes proper and mental physical health care for all **(State/Federal)**
- **WEES11.** Increase funding for the Department of Family and Adult Protective Services **(State/Federal)**
- **WEES12.** Support funding for local government services for immigrants and humanitarian responses **(State/Federal)**

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Dallas Water Utilities – Utility Bill Payment Plans**

In March 2024, Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) implemented DallasGo, the new online payment platform. Water service interruptions and late fees were not applied during the transition to DallasGo. There are 122,195 customers registered on DallasGo and 66,127 using AutoPay functionality. Currently, 26% of DWU customers have past due balances of more than 60 days with a median balance of \$127.52. Accounts that are past due and do not have a payment plan will be subject to disconnection and late fees for non-payment starting Wednesday, September 18, 2024.


DWU is committed to working with customers to set up a payment plan. All residential and commercial customers with an account that is past due more than 60 days will receive a letter the week of August 19, 2024. The letter will encourage customers to establish a payment plan either online, by mail or by contacting customer service. DWU will also be sharing social media posts with information on payment plans and staff will be attending city events in person to assist customers. DWU will also assist customers with identifying non-profit agencies that may be able to provide financial assistance.

DWU customers can make payments online at [dallas.gov/DallasGo](https://dallas.gov/DallasGo). To register for a user profile on DallasGo, customers may visit [dallas.gov/DallasGo](https://dallas.gov/DallasGo) or use the Guest Pay feature to make a convenient one-time payment. Payments can also be made by mail, by phone at (214) 651-1441, in person at Dallas City Hall, at an authorized pay station, or the drop box outside City Hall in the driveway between Young Street and Canton Street. Customers with questions regarding their account may contact DWU Customer Service at 214-651-1441 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hold times and call volumes may increase during this time. Customers can also email [dwupaymentplan@dallas.gov](mailto:dwupaymentplan@dallas.gov) for assistance with establishing a payment plan.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact Sarah Standifer, Director of Dallas Water Utilities at [Sarah.Standifer@dallas.gov](mailto:Sarah.Standifer@dallas.gov).

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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update**

## Summary

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the ForwardDallas Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update (ForwardDallas 2.0). On July 25, the City Plan Commission (CPC) voted to recommend approval of the draft plan, as amended, and send to City Council for consideration. This memo summarizes the CPC review process, key recommended changes since the CPC received the draft plan from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee (CLUP), and next steps.

## City Plan Commission (CPC) Review Process

Review of the plan began with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Committee (CLUP), a standing committee of the CPC. On January 9, 2024, after four months of review of the initial draft of the plan, the CLUP unanimously recommended that its draft, as amended, be forwarded on to CPC for additional review, discussion, and public hearings. The first briefing to CPC after receiving the draft from CLUP was held on February 1, 2024 and included an introduction to the draft plan and key CLUP recommendations. A total of six CPC briefings were provided, two full-day workshops were held to review and discuss the plan, and five public hearings were scheduled to hear public comments and continue the review and discussion of the draft. In addition to workshops with CPC and the public hearings, between February and June of 2024, staff attended 20 community town halls and neighborhood meetings at the request of City Council members, City Plan Commissioners, and community members.

## Key City Plan Commission Issues and Recommendations

Three topics were most highly debated by CPC: 1) Residential Neighborhoods, 2) Environmental Justice, and 3) Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). The first topic, Residential Neighborhoods garnered the most discussion. Discussion was prompted due to recommended changes to the initial draft plan from the CLUP for the Community Residential placetype, as well due to as misinformation erroneously claiming that ForwardDallas 2.0 recommended eliminating single-family zoning, developing multiplexes on all residential lots, and “by-right” authority to do this with no additional action from decision-making bodies. Staff and CPC spent many meetings correcting misinformation to clarify that: ForwardDallas 2.0 is not a zoning document, it does not recommend the elimination of single-family zoning, there is no recommendation to allow apartments to be built on every residential property, a plan cannot make anything happen “by-right,” and a plan provides guidance and does not have the authority to change zoning nor change the zoning review process.

1. **Key Changes Related to Neighborhoods:** As part of its work to clarify what ForwardDallas 2.0 is, its intent, and to balance the comments CPC was hearing about residential neighborhoods, CPC recommended the following key changes from the CLUP draft:

- **Neighborhood Protections:** Added further clarifying language that 1) ForwardDallas 2.0 does not include a recommendation to rezone single-family neighborhoods, and 2) ForwardDallas 2.0 does not change Historic Districts, Conservation Districts, Neighborhood Stabilization Overlays and neighborhood-led Planned Developments.
- **Multiplex:** The CLUP recommended a multiplex definition of 10 or fewer units and that they be a primary future land use in the Small Town and Community Residential placetypes. CPC moved multiplex to a secondary use in the Small Town Residential and Community Residential placetypes and updated the multiplex definition as having 8 or few units.
- **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), tiny homes, and cottage courts:** CPC recommended removing ADUs, tiny homes, and cottage courts as example land uses within single-family detached residential, and alternatively, recommended moving the items to the implementation chapter as an action step to explore the process and standards for these uses as part of the separate, Development Code update process.
- **Locational Guidance:** Added preferred locations for different housing types such as near transit stations and along commercial corridors, in transition areas between non-residential and existing residential areas, on former civic/institutional properties, and possibly on corner lots.
- **Displacement Concerns:** Added language about retaining existing housing stock whenever possible to minimize the displacement of existing residents.
- **Design Standards:** Added further clarity about prioritizing building residential design standards into the Development Code and strengthening the Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay ordinance to provide greater predictability and sensitive design for new housing.

2. **Key Changes Related to Environmental Justice:** Staff worked with community and advocacy groups over the course of the plan to elevate the issue of environmental justice (EJ) in ForwardDallas 2.0. CPC recommended the following additions to further strengthen recommendations:

- **Authorized Hearings:** Adding clarity that Authorized Hearings should be prioritized in areas with environmental justice concerns.
  - **Environmental Justice Review Tool:** Incorporating a recommendation that a new EJ tool should be explored after ForwardDallas 2.0 is adopted to consider EJ impacts in zoning cases.
  - **Environmental Justice Goals:** Recommended creating citywide EJ goals in collaboration with City departments and community groups.
3. **Transit-Oriented Development (TOD):** CPC recommended providing more TOD guidance to the draft plan and further emphasizing that certain TOD areas were preferred locations for additional mixed-use development, including various housing types. CPC recommended adding the following:
- **Graphics:** Additional graphics were added to the plan that showed and described different TOD typologies, for example: neighborhood centers and mixed-use centers, to demonstrate that there are different scales and intensities to TOD, depending on the context and existing conditions of the area.
  - **Trail, Bike and Bus Infrastructure:** Additional language was added to emphasize the importance of these connections.

### Next Steps

Staff is currently updating the draft document, as recommended by CPC. The next steps in the ForwardDallas 2.0 process are:

- Publish an updated CPC draft plan (beginning of August)
- August 5: Briefing to the Economic Development Committee
- August 28 (tentative): City Council public hearing and draft plan discussion

All Council members are invited to join the August 5 Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss ForwardDallas 2.0. Should you have any questions, please contact Emily Liu, Director, Planning and Development Department, at 469-990-8069 or [yu.liu@dallas.gov](mailto:yu.liu@dallas.gov).



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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Moody's Investor Service Affirms 'Aa2' Rating and Stable Outlook on Waterworks and Sewer System**

On July 26, 2024, Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) released an update to their credit analysis of the Dallas Water Utilities' (Aa2 stable) rating as part of a required annual review to incorporate Fiscal Year 2023-2024 information. This is not a rating action on the credit but affirms no change to the current rating. Moody's last affirmed the rating on May 18, 2023.

The Moody's report for Dallas Water Utilities (the "System") considers the "close credit relationship between the City of Dallas (A1 stable) and the system, as well as the strong credit fundamentals of the system," noting the healthy asset condition, ample water supply, and system capacity with robust and long-range capital planning to access additional water supply and replace aging infrastructure. Moody's outlook of the System continues to reflect the expectation that "favorable demographic trends, strong financial management and strategic planning, and ongoing city council support of rate increases as needed will lead to maintenance of solid liquidity and adequate debt service coverage," and that "rising pension costs associated with the Dallas Employees' Retirement Fund, and allocated to the system, will remain a manageable percentage of operating expenses."

The City's Waterworks and Sewer System rating is currently two notches below Moody's highest rating level and is considered to be of high quality and subject to very low credit risk. The affirmed rating once again reinforces the strength and marketability of the System and the City's overall credit profile.

Please find attached the report issued by Moody's for review. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Ireland".

Jack Ireland  
Chief Financial Officer

Attachment

DATE August 2, 2024

SUBJECT **Moody's Investor Service Releases Update to Credit Analysis of City's General  
Obligation and Waterworks and Sewer System Ratings– INFORMATION**

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# Dallas (City of) TX Waterworks & Sewer Ent.

Update to credit analysis

## Summary

The credit profile of the [Dallas \(City of\) TX Waterworks and Sewer Enterprise](#) (the system) (Aa2 stable) considers the close credit relationship between the [City of Dallas](#) (A1 stable) and the system, as well as the strong credit fundamentals of the system. The linkage between the two entities is driven by its shared governance, as the city council is the responsible body for both general city operations and the system. The system exhibits credit strengths that bolster the profile, including both legal protections and system fundamentals. Specifically, the legal framework protecting bondholders is strong, both in state legislation and the bond legal documents, including a secured pledge of net revenue and the closed loop of funds as required in the city's voter approved charter. Additionally, the system exhibits healthy credit fundamentals. The system is a very large, regional water and wastewater service provider with a healthy asset condition, ample water supply and system capacity. Financial performance remains sound: rate increases contributed to the second consecutive year of improved debt service coverage in fiscal 2023, and days cash on hand improved to over 300 days, though remains below the median for the rating category. Being a large provider, system management exhibits robust and long-range capital planning to access additional water supply and replace aging infrastructure, though this has resulted in an elevated debt level relative to revenue. The profile is also constrained by its exposure to the Dallas Employees' Retirement Fund, though allocated pension leverage and annual pension costs to the system are currently manageable.

## Credit strengths

- » Large service area that is nearly double the size of the city of Dallas
- » DFW region exhibits strong economic indicators
- » Strong bond holder legal protections

## Credit challenges

- » Elevated ratio of debt to operating revenue
- » Exposure to ERF unfunded pension liability
- » Debt service coverage and days cash ratios are below the Aa2 national median

## Rating outlook

The stable outlook reflects the expectation that favorable demographic trends, strong financial management and strategic planning, and ongoing city council support of rate increases as needed will lead to maintenance of solid liquidity and adequate debt service

coverage. The stable outlook also incorporates the expectation that rising pension costs associated with the Dallas Employees' Retirement Fund, and allocated to the system, will remain a manageable percentage of operating expenses.

### Factors that could lead to an upgrade

- » An upgrade of the city's issuer rating combined with improved debt service coverage to over 2x and a decline in leverage to under 2x revenue

### Factors that could lead to a downgrade

- » Downgrade of the city's issuer rating
- » Decline in debt service coverage to below 1.5x
- » Trend of declining liquidity to below 200 days

### Key indicators

Exhibit 1

#### Dallas (City of) TX Waterworks & Sewer Ent.

System Characteristics					
Asset Condition (Net Fixed Assets / Annual Depreciation)	42 years				
System Size - O&M (\$000)	\$397,534				
Service Area Wealth: MFI % of US median	97.00%				
Legal Provisions					
Rate Covenant (x)	1.25x				
Debt Service Reserve Requirement	DSRF funded at less than the 3 prong test or a springing DSRF (A)				
Management					
Rate Management	Aa				
Regulatory Compliance and Capital Planning	Aaa				
Financial Strength					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Operating Revenue (\$000)	\$617,510	\$635,940	\$675,180	\$775,576	\$816,678
System Size - O&M (\$000)	\$295,389	\$319,348	\$356,716	\$350,635	\$397,534
Net Revenues (\$000)	\$339,896	\$328,566	\$321,868	\$417,101	\$451,082
Net Funded Debt (\$000)	\$2,521,821	\$2,681,424	\$3,009,917	\$3,018,694	\$3,383,966
Annual Debt Service (\$000)	\$212,157	\$215,254	\$222,946	\$235,928	\$247,322
Annual Debt Service Coverage (x)	1.6x	1.5x	1.4x	1.8x	1.8x
Cash on Hand	274 days	243 days	245 days	278 days	320 days
Debt to Operating Revenues (x)	4.1x	4.2x	4.5x	3.9x	4.1x

Source: Moody's Ratings

### Profile

The City of Dallas Waterworks and Sewer Enterprise is a large water and sewer utility serving the City of Dallas and the surrounding area. The system also provides wholesale water and wastewater treatment to numerous local governments in the Dallas - Fort Worth metroplex.

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## Detailed credit considerations

### Service area and customer base

The system serves a large area of residential, commercial and retail development which will continue to grow. The system has approximately 308,000 water accounts and provides water on a wholesale basis to 26 local governments in the metro area (23 treated and three untreated water). Water supply is available from six surface water impoundments, from water in the Elm Fork of the Trinity River, and from recycled water. All the sources are in north central and east Texas. The dependable connected water supply yield is 431 million gallons per day (MGD) from current connections and increases to 604 MGD including available but not yet connected supply. As of 2023, the average demand on the system was 422 MGD and the peak was 685 MGD. Future surface water impoundments are anticipated, including an important connection to Lake Palestine which is about two-thirds complete and expected to be available in 2030. The city's water supply is projected to be adequate to 2055 upon completion of the connection to Lake Palestine. Long-term affordable water supply options continue to be identified – the city updated its long-range water supply plan in 2014 and again in 2022 in order to secure water through 2080.

The system also includes wastewater collection and treatment and serves the City of Dallas on a retail basis and provides treatment services to 11 local governments in the area. The system has about 291,000 wastewater accounts. Wastewater infrastructure includes over 4,050 miles of pipe and two treatment plants. The plants are permitted to treat 280 MGD on an average daily basis. As of 2023, the average daily usage was 204 MGD and the peak usage of 367 MGD.

### Debt service coverage and net working capital

Debt service coverage will remain adequate because the city council, who approves water and sewer rates, has demonstrated willingness to increase rates as needed. Rate increases in fiscal 2023 contributed a slight uptick in debt service coverage, the second consecutive year that coverage increased. The city council plans to continue to increase rates over the next few years because the system has large debt plans.

Fiscal 2023 revenue increased 10.5% because of increased consumption combined with rate increases and debt service coverage improved slightly from last year to 1.8x. City officials have a goal to maintain fiscal year-end maximum debt service coverage of 1.5 times. Prudently, the target is used for budgeting purposes in order to account for any reductions in water revenue and still sufficiently meet the rate covenant and additional bonds test. System operating expenditures reflect a Moody's adjustment of -\$56.6 million, which converts the GASB accrual expense for pension and OPEBs into cash contributions.

### Liquidity

Unrestricted liquidity improved in fiscal 2023 to \$348.2 million (from \$266.9 million last year), which represents a sound 320 days, though it remains below the Aa2 national median. The city has adopted a financial policy to maintain an unreserved cash balance that provides a minimum quick ratio of 1.50 times and 30 days of budgeted expenditures.

### Debt and legal covenants

The debt to revenue ratio will remain elevated because of additional borrowing plans, and further increases in leverage metrics could lead to negative credit pressure. Despite annual new debt issuances, the debt to operating revenue ratio has remained around 4x due to revenue growth. Over the past five years, the highest ratio was 4.5x in 2021 and the lowest point was 3.9x in 2022. It totaled 4.1x in 2023. A ratio of 4x is over twice the national Aa2 median, though it is in line with similarly sized systems with substantial capital needs to serve a regional population.

The system has undertaken a robust capital improvement plan to replace and expand aging infrastructure to accommodate growth, including the Integrated Pipeline Project. The city uses a combination of commercial paper, revenue bonds and cash contributions from current revenue to fund annual capital needs. We expect continued growth in customers along with rate increases will keep leverage elevated but manageable.

### Legal security

The bonds are secured by a first lien on the net revenues of the system. The contract revenue bonds are secured by a pledge of gross operating revenues and are considered an O&M expense. Legal provisions associated with the revenue bonds provide strong bondholder security. Texas government code 1208 perfects the lien on pledged revenues, which can point to increased bondholder recovery in the event of severe fiscal distress of the city.



Additionally, per the current city charter and management practices, there exists a strict separation of accounts and assets between general city operations and the system, except for payments in lieu of taxes, street rental fees, and charges for services rendered. While the charter may be amended by a vote of the residents, an amendment impacting the system is not currently contemplated. The bond documents include a rate covenant that requires net revenues to produce 1.25 times peak debt service, and the additional bonds test is 1.25 times average annual debt service. A reserve fund is required to be maintained at 100% average annual debt service funded over 60 months. All the debt service reserves have been cash funded. Outstanding commercial paper notes have a subordinate lien on system net revenues. Finally, the bond ordinance requires equal monthly installments for the next payment of principal and interest due.

Debt structure

The revenue bond debt service schedule is descending and approximately 42% of principal will amortize within 10 years.

Debt-related derivatives

The system is not a party to any debt-related derivative agreements.

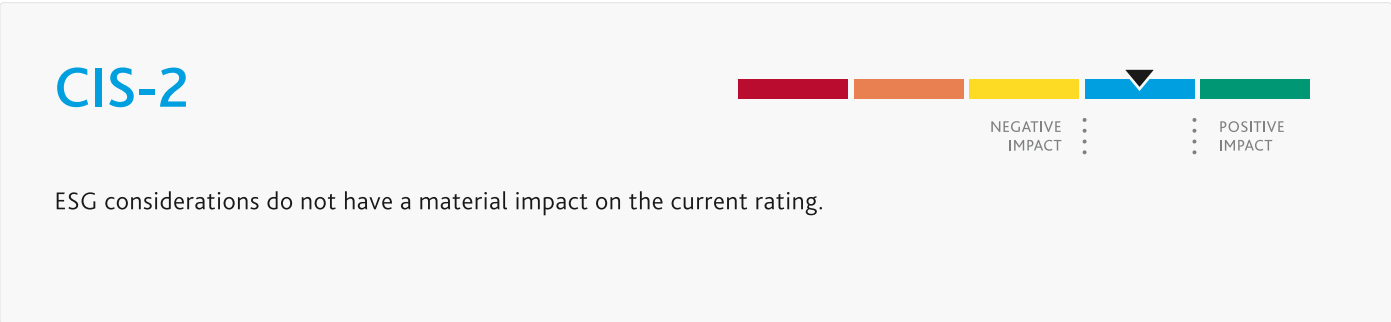
Pensions and OPEB

The system funds a portion of the city's single-employer Employees' Retirement Fund (ERF). As of fiscal 2023, the system was allocated 18.9% of the reported ERF net pension liability of \$3 billion. The Moody's Adjusted Net Pension Liability (ANPL) of the ERF was \$3.3 billion, based on a more conservative discount rate of 5.02%. Based on an assumed 18.9% share, the ANPL attributable to the system is \$626 million or 0.7 times revenue.

ESG considerations

Dallas (City of) TX Waterworks & Sewer Ent.'s ESG credit impact score is CIS-2

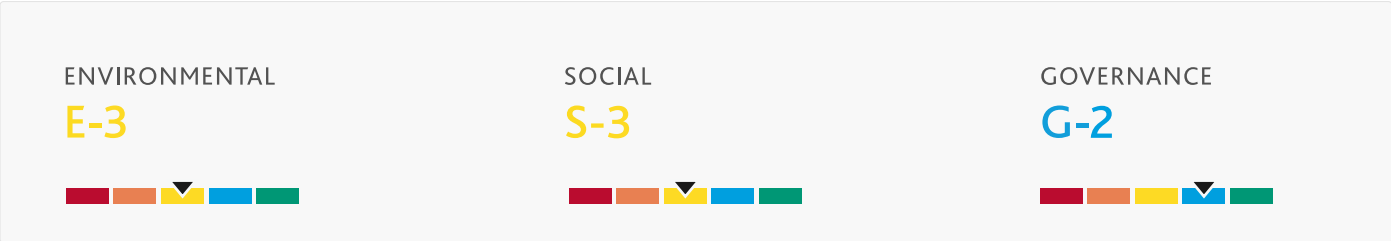
Exhibit 2  
ESG credit impact score



Source: Moody's Ratings

Dallas, TX water and sewer enterprise's ESG credit impact score of **CIS-2** indicates that ESG considerations do not have an impact on the rating.

Exhibit 3  
ESG issuer profile scores



Source: Moody's Ratings

### Environmental

The system's environmental IPS score is **E-3**. All wastewater and combined water and wastewater utilities have exposure to water management considerations given the risk of potential regulatory violations associated with wastewater disposal. Wastewater operations face risks of increased operating costs or capital requirements in addressing any future violations. However, Dallas' system is not in violation of any regulations. The system has low exposure to other environmental considerations, including physical climate risks, carbon transition, natural capital, and waste and pollution.

### Social

The system's social IPS score is **S-3**. All water utilities have exposure to responsible production risk, which we view as moderately negative across the sector. Testing results reported to the Environmental Protection Agency indicate that most utilities provide clean and safe drinking water. However, all water utilities are at risk of health violations resulting from catastrophic events, changes in source water quality, failures in treatment or transmission processes or revised regulations. The system has low exposure to demographic and societal trends, customer relations, human capital, and health and safety considerations.

### Governance

The system's governance IPS score is **G-2**. The system has low exposure to financial strategy and risk management, management credibility and track record, organizational structure, compliance and reporting, and board structure, policies and procedures considerations. The system has closed loop of funds as required in the city's voter approved charter.

ESG Issuer Profile Scores and Credit Impact Scores for the rated entity/transaction are available on Moodys.com. In order to view the latest scores, please click [here](#) to go to the landing page for the entity/transaction on MDC and view the ESG Scores section.

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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Planning and Development Department Updates**

On June 21, Interim City Manager Kimberly Tolbert announced the creation of the Planning and Development Department. In that announcement, ICM Tolbert outlined next steps including naming interim assistant directors, posting the positions for permanent hiring no later than July 31, and updating the department organizational chart, contact information, branding, and online presence. All of these next steps have been completed.

I am excited to announce the appointment of the new interim assistant directors for the Planning and Development Department. An updated executive organizational chart is also included below. Each candidate has a wealth of experience and knowledge. More importantly, however, I spoke with each interim assistant director individually and have their commitment to act as problem solvers and change agents in these new roles.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Director (Emily Liu)						
Deputy Director - Planning and Chief Planning Officer (Andrea Gilles)	Deputy Director - Zoning (Andreea Udrea)	Deputy Director (I) - Permitting and Chief Building Official (Sam Eskander)			Deputy Director - Customer and Team Excellence (Vernon Young)	
AD - Planning (Arturo Castillo)	AD (I) - Zoning Code (Megan Wimer)	AD (I) - Residential Permitting (Willie Franklin)	AD (I) - Commercial Permitting (Linda V. Rivera Vélez)	AD (I) - Inspections (David Session)	AD (I) - Team Excellence (Teresa Bateman)	AD (I) - Customer Experience (Jason Pool)
Long Range Planning, Forward Dallas, Area Plans, Neighborhood Planning, Authorized Hearings, CLUP, Historic Preservation, Conservation Districts, Urban Design, UDPRP, Landmark Commission	Zoning requests, special zoning projects, Subdivision and Platting, Public Hearings, CPC, ZOAC, Annexes, Street Name Changes, Code Amendments, Land Use Termination Cases, Board of Adjustment, Landscaping Review/Arborist, Signs, Zoning Interpretation	Residential Permitting, including RSVP program. This division will also oversee all minor permit reviews.	Commercial Permitting, including Q Team and the new pre-development process to be implemented through the cross departmental review process.	Inspections, including all inspectors for zoning, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, water/waste water, building inspection, health, etc.	Budget, HR, IT, Fee Collection, staff training, procurement, fleet and equipment, GIS and data, process and policy, innovation	Records management, open records, call center, external training, marketing and outreach, VIP/ Escalation/ Concierge services



**Interim Assistant Director of Zoning: Megan Wimer**

Megan Wimer has 22 years of diverse planning and zoning experience, with nearly 17 years dedicated to the City of Dallas. She began her career with the City as a Senior Planner, advancing to Chief Planner and then to Assistant Building Official overseeing all zoning functions of permitting. Megan currently serves as a Service Area Planning Manager in the Planning and Development Department overseeing the Code Amendments and Authorized Hearings teams. She holds a bachelor's degree in geography from University of Arkansas and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Additionally, she is a certified building official by the International Code Council.

**Interim Assistant Director of Commercial Permitting: Linda V. Rivera Vélez**

Linda V. Rivera Vélez has over 15 years of experience in the environmental and civil engineering fields. She started with the City of Dallas in 2018 as an Engineer Assistant and was quickly promoted to Engineer I, Engineer II, and Engineer Program Administrator. Linda holds both a master's and a bachelor's degrees in environmental engineering from Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico. She is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Texas and is committed to serve Dallas residents with excellence and professionalism.

**Interim Assistant Director of Residential Permitting: Willie Franklin**

Willie Franklin has over 10 years of professional experience, guiding teams, projects, and programs to positive outcomes. He currently serves as a Chief Planner in the Planning and Development Department. Willie holds a master's degree in community development and a bachelor's degree in arts of mass communications from Prairie View A&M University.

**Interim Assistant Director of Inspections: David Session**

David Session has worked for the City of Dallas for over 35 years, holding various positions in the Building Inspections Division including field inspections and both residential and commercial review teams. He has led numerous code amendment efforts and is considered the City's expert on building codes. He currently serves as an Assistant Building Official in the Planning and Development Department.

**Interim Assistant Director of Team Excellence: Teresa Bateman**

Teresa Bateman has over 30 years of experience in budgeting, business, and public administration. She has been with the City of Dallas for nearly 20 years and currently serves as the Business Manager in the Planning and Development Department. Teresa holds a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor's degree in political science, both from the University of Texas at Arlington.

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**Interim Assistant Director Customer Experience: Jason Pool**

Jason Pool currently serves as a Development Services Administrator in the Planning and Development Department, overseeing the teams for zoning plan review, zoning consultations, zoning enforcement, subdivision, arborists, signs, and the Board of Adjustment. Jason began his career with the City of Dallas as a sign inspector in 2017 and has progressed through roles including Senior Planner, Development Manager, and Administrator. He holds a bachelor's degree in graphic design from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Each of these six positions has also been posted through the Human Resources and a national search will be conducted to hire permanent candidates for each role.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Emily Liu, Director at 469-990-8069 or [yu.liu@dallas.gov](mailto:yu.liu@dallas.gov)



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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Elm Thicket-Northpark Permit Oversights and Violations**

In September 2017, the City Plan Commission authorized a hearing to amend Planned Development (PD) No. 67. The resulting amendment, effective October 12, 2022, sought to preserve Elm Thicket-Northpark's historic character and prevent displacement. Key changes included district expansion, height restrictions, a revised land-use map, reduced lot coverage, and new roof design standards.

Earlier this year, the City began receiving complaints about construction violations on new homes and duplexes. On June 12, 2024, Interim City Manager Tolbert (ICM) announced the consolidation of the Planning and Urban Design and Development Services departments with new leadership. Immediately, the staff of the newly merged departments collaborated on a deeper dive into the complaints. The initial fact finding revealed that permit applications for projects in the Elm Thicket-Northpark neighborhood reviewed between October 12, 2022 and June 2, 2023 were evaluated using outdated zoning information, and some permits may have been approved in error. We are working to determine what led to these errors.

A total of 29 initial sites were identified for review in collaboration with Save Elm Thicket, a neighborhood advocacy group. Of the 29 initial sites investigated, 10 met the PD requirements and therefore had no violations, five had non-compliant plans but had not yet started construction, and the rest were in various stages of construction with violations.

Last week, after completing the fact-finding and field visits, Planning and Development Department staff began contacting contractors and applicants to address the 19 sites with violations. Actions taken by staff included issuing stop work orders and placing holds on violating sites. Our residential and enforcement teams are working closely with applicants and contractors to quickly bring these sites into compliance with the new development provisions.

As a next step, Planning and Development staff will review all additional Elm Thicket-Northpark permits issued within the October 12, 2022 to June 2, 2023 timeframe. This review will be completed no later than September 30, and Planning and Development staff will update the City Council once that review is complete.

In addition to resolving these specific Elm Thicket-Northpark permitting errors, staff is looking at larger systemic changes to ensure this type of error does not occur in the future. As a reminder, in the last few weeks, ICM Tolbert announced the formation of a City Action Strike Team (CAST) to engage and collaborate cross-departmentally in situations

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such as this. The CAST will evaluate the processes by which the City updates our GIS and permitting systems following an ordinance change. The CAST will also consider procedural changes such as allowing a short delay between ordinance approval and implementation to build in time for staff training and system updates. The recent consolidation of zoning, planning and permitting into one department under common leadership will also create stronger communication between the various land use teams.

As a reminder, please be advised that there may be some media coverage regarding this PD. We will continue to provide updates as the work progresses.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Emily Liu, Director of Planning and Development, [yu.liu@dallas.gov](mailto:yu.liu@dallas.gov).



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# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 2, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Organizational Realignment: Mayor and City Council Office**

While we continue to implement opportunities to evolve into a more efficient and effective organization. As I communicated with you in the last two weeks, I am pleased to share with you a new structure for the Mayor and City Council Office.

The City Manager's proposed budget for FY 2024-25, incorporates the proposed structure, that if approved will be effective October 1. Each City Council member officeholder account will receive a set allocation of funds to support your staffing and district specific needs. This restructure is anticipated to provide greater operational efficiency and autonomy for officeholders in the management of personnel and budgets.

The Director of the Office of Government Affairs will serve as a liaison to the Mayor and City Council Office and provide executive guidance via a budget, HR, and CMO liaisons to assist with the new structure. This will not replace my one-on-one regular meetings with you or your direct executive leadership liaison team assignments.

The realignment of these funding resources will further elevate and focus your policy and programming needs. The amount allocation takes into consideration the current total budget and actual, historical expenses of the Mayor and City Council Office and is consistent across all districts. Your budgets will cover salary and related benefits of both the officeholder and the staff reporting to each district (including an average 3% merit pay for employees), which were previously combined in a central office administrative budget. If there are changes to the City Charter allocating a budget enhancement, the amount will then be adjusted to reflect them.

Office supplies, cell phones, mileage, officeholder travel, district events, ceremonial items, all expenses associated with community district offices, and other expenses typical of officeholder purchases will be included in Council District Budgets. If appointed as an officer of the City Council, City Councilmembers will receive an additional one-time stipend of \$5,000 at the time of initial appointment. As a reminder, all expenses must meet the requirements of [Dallas City Code, Chapter 15A](#). Any expenses above the approved the officeholder budget are the responsibility of the individual officeholder.

Each City Council officeholder will have the latitude to select from positions that are benchmarked with policy-office, industry comparable titles and market-based salary ranges. City Councilmembers will also have the authority to move current employees



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within these positions and salary ranges, oversight of their respective personnel actions, and the ability to manage positions based on the Council district's individual needs.

### **Path Forward**

Today, I had an opportunity to meet with the Mayor and City Council Office team to give them insight on the anticipated changes. Although budget elements would be effective October 1, next week, we will immediately begin planning for the transition. Carrie Rogers, Director of the Office of Government Affairs, will reach out to you schedule a time to discuss the structural changes and further details about the budget allocation. The attached questions are for your ease of reference as we move through this transition.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have additional questions.

Service First, Now!



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**When does this go into effect?**

While the budget elements would be effective October 1, staff will begin moving towards the transition immediately. *This is not a merger of the Mayor and City Council Office and the Office of Government Affairs. The Director of Government Affairs will serve as your executive liaison on behalf of the City Manager to provide assistance to the City Councilmembers, if needed.*

**What will the Council District staff be responsible for?**

Council District staff will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Council District, including managing the Council District budget and expenses, and personnel. MCC will retain a budget manager to support central administration budget needs. All other responsibilities will belong to the Council District staff.

**Who will approve timesheets in WorkDay for City Councilmembers and district staff?**

Additional information will be provided.

**What will the district office budget expenses cover?**

Council District budgets will cover salary and related benefits of both the officeholder and the staff reporting to each district (including an average 3% merit pay for employees), which were previously combined in a central office administrative budget. The Council District budgets will continue to include office supplies, cell phones, mileage, officeholder travel, district events, ceremonial items, all expenses associated with community district offices, and other expenses typical of officeholder purchases. If appointed as an officer of the City Council, City Councilmembers will receive an additional one-time stipend of \$5,000 at the time of initial appointment. As a reminder, all expenses must meet the requirements of [Dallas City Code, Chapter 15A](#). Any expenses above the approved officeholder budget are the responsibility of the individual officeholder.

**Will you be arranging for the district staff to learn and gain access to AMS?**

MCC will retain a budget manager to respond and support any expense-related questions. As district staff, you should have access to the City's expense system, [AMS](#), today using **cityscan** as both the username and login. Your designated budget liaison can show appropriate staff how to check your balance and expenses. We will also schedule a dedicated time to talk to you about 15A reports, prorated budgets during an election year and learn other ways we can support your budget questions.

**Who will conduct performance reviews?**

The City Councilmember will complete performance reviews for Council District staff. Your designated human resources liaison will support this process.

**What training opportunities will be available?**

We will hold a "How to Be a MCC Rockstar" training on Friday, August 16. From there – and prior to then – we expect to hear where there may be interests in training on certain topics.

**How will department-wide events, such as inauguration, City Council lunches and City Council work sessions, be funded and managed?**

Department-wide initiatives will be funded and managed from the central MCC administration budget unless otherwise noted. The Office of Government Affairs is not responsible for and will not manage City Council weekly lunches. A liaison from the City Manager's Office will support the City Council lunch process and delivery.