

**WHEREAS**, Chapter III, Section 4(e) of the Dallas City Charter provides in part, "If any city council member, including the mayor, misses more than 10 percent of the total number of regular meetings held by the city council during any compensation year, then the city council member's compensation... for that year will be reduced proportionately by the percentage of meetings missed.... Meetings missed by a city council member while he or she is on the official business of the city council and at the direction of the city council will not be counted towards the percentage of missed meetings for which compensation reduction is required... but will be counted as though the member had attended the meetings that are missed while so engaged in city business"; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.11(b) of the City Council Rules of Procedure provides that an absence by a council member for (1) attending a meeting or conference of a professional organization or association of municipalities or municipal officers, (2) testifying at a legislative hearing at the request of the mayor, the city council, the chair of the council's legislative affairs committee or the city manager, or (3) attending a meeting of a board, commission, or committee to which the council member has been appointed by the mayor or the city council, will automatically be deemed to be for "official city business at the direction of the city council" and will not be counted against a city council member for purposes of determining the council member's annual compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 4.11(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure provides that, in addition to those absences automatically considered to be on "official city business at the direction of the city council" under Section 4.11(b) above, the city council may by resolution designate whenever a council member's absence is for official city business and not counted as a missed meeting for purposes of determining the council member's annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway participated in events and/or meetings, as described in **Exhibit A** attached, which required them to miss all or part of one or more city council meetings or committee meetings on the date(s) noted in Exhibit A; **Now, Therefore,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That, in accordance with Chapter III, Section 4(e) of the Dallas City Charter and Section 4.11(c) of the City Council Rules of Procedure, the events and/or meetings described in **Exhibit A**, attached, are hereby deemed to be for "official city business," and any absences from city council meetings and/or city council committee meetings, on the dates noted in Exhibit A, by Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway because of their participation in any of these events and/or meetings will not be counted against them in determining their annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter.

**SECTION 2.** That, in accordance with Section 4.11(a) of the City Council Rules of Procedure, the City Secretary shall maintain a record of these absences on official city business so that such absences will not count against Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway in determining their annual compensation under Chapter III, Section 4 of the Dallas City Charter.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Secretary is authorized and directed to amend the minutes of each city council meeting held on the dates specified in Exhibit A to reflect that the absences by Mayor Michael S. Rawlings, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tennell Atkins and Councilmember Dwaine R. Caraway, as described in Exhibit A, were for "official city business," and no further city council action or approval of those minutes is required.

**SECTION 4.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY  
CITY COUNCIL

JUN 12 2013

  
City Secretary

**EXHIBIT A**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEMBER(S)**  
**REQUEST ABSENT AS OFFICIAL CITY BUSINESS**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>TRIP/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>MEETING(S) MISSED</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>Dwaine R. Caraway</b>	Press Conference "Special Announcement" to update citizens on community accomplishments	Dallas, TX	8/6/2012	Representing the City of Dallas	Housing Committee Meeting	Complete
<b>Dwaine R. Caraway</b>	Conference regarding Lancaster Corridor	Dallas, TX	10/22/2012	Representing the City of Dallas	Quality of Life Committee Meeting	Complete
<b>Dwaine R. Caraway</b>	Office Meeting with a constituent in relation to a domestic violence case	Dallas, TX	2/25/2013	Representing District 4	Quality of Life Committee Meeting	Complete
<b>Dwaine R. Caraway</b>	Meeting assisting District 4 constituents that had business burglarized	Dallas, TX	5/20/2013	Representing District 4	Housing Committee Meeting	Complete
<b>Tennell Atkins</b>	Attended a trade mission and its economic development foreign trade relations	Taiwan (Republic of China)	5/22/2013	Representing the City of Dallas	City Council Voting Agenda Meeting	Complete
<b>Michael S. Rawlings</b>	Attended a 12 day trade mission to promote business opportunities in North Texas	South America	6/5/2013	Representing the City of Dallas	City Council Briefing Meeting	Complete
<b>Michael S. Rawlings</b>	Attended a 12 day trade mission to promote business opportunities in North Texas	South America	6/12/2013 (if applicable)	Representing the City of Dallas	City Council Voting Agenda Meeting	Complete



**Note:** Not applicable as only a late arrival

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