

**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) referenced 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 Rawlings participated in event(s) and/or meeting(s), as described in **Exhibit A** attached, which required him to miss all or part of one or more city council meeting(s) or committee meeting(s) on the date(s) noted;

**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 event(s) and/or meeting(s) described in **Exhibit A**, attached, are hereby deemed to be for "official city business," and any absences from city council meeting(s) and/or city council committee meeting(s), on the date(s) noted in **Exhibit A**, by Mayor Michael Rawlings because of his participation in any event(s) and/or meeting(s) 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 the absence on official city business so that such absence will not count against Mayor Michael Rawlings in determining his 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 date(s) specified in Exhibit A, if applicable, to reflect that the absence by Mayor Michael Rawlings as described in Exhibit A, was 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 provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.

APPROVED BY  
CITY COUNCIL  
  
MAR 23 2016  
  
*Lucas C. Price*  
City Secretary

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

COUNCIL MEMBER	MEETING DATE	MEETING EXEMPTION	PURPOSE/LOCATION	ABSENCE TYPE
Michael Rawlings	2/17/2016	City Council Briefing	Traveled to El Paso and Ciudad Juarez to represent the City of Dallas at the Pope's mass El Paso and Ciudad Juarez	Absent

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