CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2024

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, and Brandon Chase McGee (arrived 3:11 p.m.)

ABSENT: Council Member Jill Jester

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this meeting. However, there were no online registrations or call ins on any items on the agenda.

WORK SESSION

1. **Requests for clarification of agenda items listed on this agenda for public hearing and individual consideration.**

   None

2. **Work Session Reports**

A. ID 24-1679 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget, Tax Rate, Capital Improvement Program, and Five-Year Financial Forecast. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 1 hour]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the item was for presentation/discussion purposes.

CLOSED MEETING

1. **Closed Meeting:**

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 3:52 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 24-1749 Deliberations regarding Personnel Matters - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.074. Deliberate the employment and duties of Interim Police Chief Jessica Robledo.
DELIBERATED

B. ID 24-1837 Deliberations regarding Real Property - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.072; Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Receive information from staff, discuss, deliberate, and provide staff with direction pertaining to the potential purchase of real property situated in the J. White Survey, Abstract 1433, in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, located off of Colorado Boulevard, where a public deliberation of such potential purchase would have a detrimental effect on the City's position in negotiations with a third party. Consultation with City's attorney regarding issues associated with the above matter where public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton under Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any potential litigation.
DELIBERATED

The closed meeting started at 3:52 p.m. and ended at 5:13 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the closed meeting.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, and Brandon Chase McGee

ABSENT: Council Member Jill Jester

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this meeting. However, there were no online registrations or call ins on any items on the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ID 24-229 Hold a public hearing and receive citizen input on the FY 2024-25 Proposed Budget.

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened and citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

With no other callers on queue, the public hearing was closed.

Note: There was no action taken as the item was only a public hearing.

B. ID 24-230 Hold a public hearing on proposed property tax increase that will not exceed $0.595420 per $100 valuation. The proposed rate will exceed the no new revenue tax rate ($0.531785 per $100) but will not exceed the voter-approval tax rate ($0.604748 per $100).

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened and citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

With no other callers on queue, the public hearing was closed.

Note: There was no action taken as the item was only a public hearing.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

LAUREN THODEN
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: October 15, 2024

September 10, 2024 City Council Special Called Meeting - EXHIBIT A							
Name	**Last**	**Address**	**City**	**Agenda Item**	**Position**	**Method**	**Comments**
Neil	Durrance	1902 Williamsburg Row	Denton	24-229	Opposed	Public Hearing	
Jodi	Ismert	819 Anna St.	Denton	24-229		Public Hearing	
Charles	Lee	624 W. University Dr.	Denton	24-229	Opposed	Public Hearing	
Jennifer	Lane	1526 Willowwood St.	Denton	24-229		Public Hearing	
Jodi	Ismert	819 Anna St.	Denton	24-230	Opposed	Public Hearing	
Charles	Lee	624 W. University Dr.	Denton	24-230	Opposed	Public Hearing	
Erica	Garland	913 Euston St.	Denton	24-229		Public Hearing	
Priscilla	Brooks	920 Tallahassee Drive	Denton	24-229		Public Hearing	