CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 24, 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 24, 2024, at 2:00 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

ABSENT: Council Member Jill Jester

Also present were Assistant City Manager Frank Dixon and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

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WORK SESSION

1. **Citizen Comments on Consent Agenda Items**

   Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

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

   • Clarification:
   o Council Member Byrd: Item 4.B
   o Council Member Byrd: Item 4.AI
   o Council Member Beck: Item 4.I

   • Pulled For Individual Consideration:
   o Mayor Hudspeth: Item 4.A - Nominee Lilyan Prado-Carillo
   o Council Member Beck: Item 4.A - Nominee Debi Scaggs
   o Council Member Holland: Item 4.H

The work session started at 2:00 p.m. and recessed at 2:09 p.m. for City Council to enter into closed session.

CLOSED MEETING

1. **Closed Meeting:**

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 2:09 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 24-1377 Deliberations regarding the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices in City facilities - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.076; Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Receive a presentation from staff regarding active shooter training in City facilities; discuss, deliberate, and provide direction to staff regarding the same. Consultation with the City's attorneys regarding legal issues associated with the above matters where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any administrative proceeding or potential litigation.
DELIBERATED

The closed meeting started at 2:09 p.m. and ended at 2:44 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the closed meeting.

WORK SESSION

The Work Session reconvened at 2:44 p.m.

3. Work Session Reports

A. ID 24-252 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Audit Project 041 - Development Planning: Application Processing. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was for staff to follow up and finalize the audit via an Informal Staff Report.

B. ID 24-1537 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City of Denton Public Safety Flock Safety License Plate Recognition Program. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to approve staff recommendations.

C. ID 24-1737 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on pending City Council requests for: 1. Request to create a new quarterly program for staff to engage with residents at their homes to increase resident engagement. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was as follows:
o Consensus for an Informal Staff Report (ISR)

Following the completion of the Work Session, the City Council convened into a Closed Meeting in the Council Work Session Room to consider the item listed below under the Closed Meeting section of this agenda. The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting on any item on its Open Meeting agenda consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law.

The Work Session ended at 3:28 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

1. **Closed Meeting:**

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 3:40 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 24-1903 Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consult with the City's attorneys on the legal status, expenses, strategy and options for resolution of litigation in Cause No. DC-22-17013, styled "City of Denton, Texas, acting by and through its Electric Utility Department, Denton Municipal Electric v. Delilah Solar Energy, LLC and Samson Solar Energy, LLC," pending in the 192nd District Court, Dallas County, Texas; where public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or otherwise compromise the City's legal position in pending litigation.
DELIBERATED

The closed meeting started at 3:40 p.m. and ended at 4:22 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 24, 2024, at 4:26 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, Jill Jester, and Brandon Chase McGee

ABSENT: Council Member Jill Jester

Also present were Assistant City Manager Frank Dixon and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 4. A-AI. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, Item 4.A was pulled for Individual Consideration by Mayor Hudspeth and Council Member Beck and Item 4.H was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Holland.

Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, now consisting of Items 4.B-G, I-AI. Motion seconded by Council Member Beck.

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jill Jester

A. ID 24-502 Consider nominations/appointments to the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees: Board of Ethics, Health & Building Standards Commission, Historic Landmark Commission, Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Art Committee, Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.
THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

B. ID 24-1902 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton confirming the appointment of Jessica Robledo as Chief of Police of the City of Denton; and declaring an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 24-1902

C. ID 24-1904 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a First Amendment to the 2022-2026 Meet and Confer Agreement between the City of Denton and the Denton Police Officers Association, amending Article 4 - Hiring (eligibility age); and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1904

D. ID 24-1947 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton approving a small business utility relief grant program for small businesses that have been impacted or disproportionately impacted by the pandemic; authorizing the expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 24-1947

E. ID 24-1646 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Denton and the Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas, providing for client and clinical services to victims of child abuse and non-offending family members; providing for the expenditure of funds in the amount of $233,280; and providing for an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1646

F. ID 24-1924 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the Interim Chief of Police to extend the permits for tow service companies and tow truck operators issued under the City Code of Ordinances, Article IV (Police Initiated Towing Services) and Article V (Non-Consent Towing), beyond September 30, 2024, allowing for the denial of new tow service company permit applications, waiving the application fee for new tow truck operators; and providing for an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1924

G. ID 24-1918 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving, and authorizing the execution of, an agreement between the City of Denton and Hearts for Homes for the expenditure of City Council contingency funds in the amount of one thousand seven hundred dollars ($1,700) in support of the organization; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1918

H. ID 24-674 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton determining the public use, need and necessity for the acquisition of approximately 14.434 acres of land located along Ryan Road, in the T. Labor Survey, Abstract Number 779 and N. Britton Survey, Abstract Number 051, each in the City and County of Denton, Texas for the purpose of a future library facility and other public amenities; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract of sale between the City of Denton, as Buyer and the Evangelical Good Samaritan Society a North Dakota nonprofit corporation, as Seller; authorizing the City Manager to consummate and accept the purchase, grant and conveyance to the City of Denton from the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society; authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($2,750,000.00) plus associated closing costs; and providing for severability and an effective date.

THIS ITEM WAS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

I. ID 24-1376 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton providing for the abandonment of a 1.808-acre Avigation Easement, in all air space above an imaginary horizontal geometric plane at a constant height of six hundred and eighty feet (680) above mean sea level, being located in the Masch Branch Industrial Block A Lot 2, an addition to the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, in the William Bryan Survey No. 148, as shown

on the plat thereof recorded in Cabinet M, Page 131 and granted to the City of Denton by Bret Ellis Wier and Jacquita Lynn Wier, recorded by County Clerk File No. 96-R0041901 of the Real Property Records of Denton County, Texas; providing for the quitclaim thereof to HL Fund II Denton, L.P.; providing for the terms and conditions of the abandonment and quitclaim made herein; providing for the indemnification of the City of Denton against damages arising out of the abandonment herein; providing for consideration to be paid to the City of Denton; providing for severability and an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1376

J. ID 24-1905 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton amending Ordinance No. 24-795, approved by City Council May 21, 2024, by altering Section 3 thereof to remove the reverter provisions; providing a savings clause; providing for consideration to be paid to the City of Denton in the amount of ($15,751.00); and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1905

K. ID 24-1783 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute a solid waste disposal contract with Community Waste Disposal, L.P ("contractor"), providing for delivery of guaranteed tonnage at the landfill; and providing an effective date. The Public Utilities Board Recommends approval (7-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1783

L. ID 24-1784 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute a solid waste disposal contract with Frontier Texas Ventures I, LLC, a Delaware limited company doing business in Texas as "Frontier Waste Solutions" ("contractor"); providing for delivery of guaranteed tonnage at the landfill; providing an effective date. The Public Utilities Board Recommends approval (7-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1784

M. ID 24-1785 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute a solid waste disposal contract with Parker Waste Services, LLC ("contractor"); providing for delivery of guaranteed tonnage at the landfill; and providing an effective date. The Public Utilities Board Recommends approval (7-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1785

N. ID 24-1786 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute a solid waste disposal contract with Waste Connections Lone Star, Inc. ("contractor"), providing for delivery of guaranteed tonnage at the landfill; and providing an effective date. The Public Utilities Board Recommends approval (7-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1786

O. ID 24-1581 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas, Inc. to provide General Funds for the Direct Client Services Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1581

P. ID 24-1582 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Court Appointed Special Advocates of Denton County, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for the Court Advocacy Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1582

Q. ID 24-1583 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Communities in Schools of North Texas to provide General Fund Dollars for Case Management Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $25,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1583

R. ID 24-1584 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Cumberland Youth and Family Services to provide General Fund Dollars for the Community Counseling Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $15,000.00; and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1584

S. ID 24-1585 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Denton City County Day School, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for The Preschool Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1585

T. ID 24-1586 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc. to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds

in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00; and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1586

U. ID 24-1587 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Denton County MHMR Center to provide General Fund Dollars for the Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors (LOSS) program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $28,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1587

V. ID 24-1588 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Denton Christian Pre-school, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for The Preschool Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1588

W. ID 24-1589 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Grace Like Rain, Inc. DBA Giving Grace to provide General Fund Dollars for the housing focused case management program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1589

X. ID 24-1590 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Health Services of North Texas, Inc. to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Poverty Primary Care Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00; and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (7-0-1).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1590

Y. ID 24-1594 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and North Texas Solutions for Recovery, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for Clinical Services and the Residential Treatment program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $45,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1594

Z. ID 24-1597 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Our Daily Bread, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for Security services in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $39,134.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1597

AA. ID 24-1598 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Opening Doors International Services, Inc. to provide General Fund Dollars for Immigration Services in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $15,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (7-0-1).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1598

AB. ID 24-1599 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and PediPlace to provide General Fund Dollars for the Child Healthcare Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1599

AC. ID 24-1600 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and SPAN, Incorporated to provide Community Development Block Grant Funds and General Fund Dollars for the Senior Nutrition Program in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $25,500.00 and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1600

AD. ID 24-1601 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and The Salvation Army to provide General Fund Dollars for the Salvation Army KARE Kitchen and Food Pantry in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00; and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (8-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1601

AE. ID 24-1666 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and Grace Like Rain, Inc. dba Giving Grace to provide general fund dollars for Street Outreach program services in furtherance of the coordinated system of homelessness assistance programs in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $125,450.00; and providing an effective date. The Community Services Advisory Committee recommends approval (6-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1666

AF. ID 24-1667 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a funding agreement between the City and United Way of Denton County, Inc. to provide general fund dollars for a coordinated system of homeless assistance programs in Denton, Texas; authorizing the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed $80,000.00; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1667

AG. ID 24-1853 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc, through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Program Contract # 23010401, for welding, hot tap, line stop, and valve insertion services for the Water Utilities Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8633 - awarded to Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc, for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of $1,700,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1853

AH. ID 24-1855 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, ratifying the expenditure of funds by the City Manager for the purchase of a screener, including a maintenance and repair contract for the Beneficial Reuse Department; and providing an effective date (File 8655 - awarded to McCourt Equipment, Inc, in the not-to-exceed amount of $671,729.85).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1855

AI. ID 24-1856 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Recovery Systems, Inc. dba Pro Tow Wrecker Service, for towing services of City-owned and impounded Police vehicles for the Fleet Services Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8618 - awarded to Recovery Systems, Inc. dba Pro Tow Wrecker Service, for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of $400,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-1856

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. ID 24-502 Consider nominations/appointments to the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees: Board of Ethics, Health & Building Standards Commission, Historic Landmark Commission, Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Art Committee, Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY'S ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE, BOARD OF ETHICS, HEALTH & BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION, HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION, LIBRARY BOARD (KEROL HARROD), PARKS, RECREATION & BEAUTIFICATION BOARD, PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE, SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK ADVISORY

COMMITTEE, AND ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS LISTED ON EXHIBIT B

Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented except for Planning and Zoning Commission nominee Lilyan Prado-Carrillo and Library Board Nominee Debi Scaggs. Motion seconded by Council Member McGee.

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jester

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APPROVED APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AS LISTED ON EXHIBIT B

Council Member McGee moved to approve the appointment of Lilyan Prado-Carrillo to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer. Discussion followed.

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jester

A. ID 24-502 Consider nominations/appointments to the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees: Board of Ethics, Health & Building Standards Commission, Historic Landmark Commission, Parks, Recreation & Beautification Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Art Committee, Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Adjustment.

NOT APPROVED APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY'S LIBRARY BOARD (DEBI SCAGGS) AS LISTED ON EXHIBIT B

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

Mayor Hudspeth moved to adopt the appointment of Debi Scaggs to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Holland. Discussion followed. Council Member Beck called a Point of Order. Mayor Hudspeth denied the Point of Order. Council Member Beck moved to appeal to the Council to Call to Question. Council Member Byrd seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Council Member Beck called a Point of Order as to whether or not discussion is permitted on a Call to Question. City Attorney Reinwald advised no debate was permitted.

Vote held on motion to approve the Call to Question.

Motion carried.

AYES (4) Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Byrd, Beck and McGee

NAYS (2): Mayor Hudspeth and Council Member Holland

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jill Jester

Council Member Holland called a Point of Order stating he had discussion on the underlying motion but was precluded from speaking based on the prior motion.

The vote was called on the underlying motion to approve the nominations. Council Member McGee called a Point of Order. The Point of Order was declined by the Chair as the motion to Call to Question passed. The vote on the underlying motion proceeded.

Motion failed.

AYES (2): Mayor Hudspeth and Council Member Holland

NAYS (4): Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer, Council Members Byrd, Beck, and McGee

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jill Jester

H. ID 24-674 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton determining the public use, need and necessity for the acquisition of approximately 14.434 acres of land located along Ryan Road, in the T. Labor Survey, Abstract Number 779 and N. Britton Survey, Abstract Number 051, each in the City and County of Denton, Texas for the purpose of a future library facility and other public amenities; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract of sale between the City of Denton, as Buyer and the Evangelical Good Samaritan Society a North Dakota nonprofit corporation, as Seller; authorizing the City Manager to consummate and accept the purchase, grant and conveyance to the City of Denton from the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society; authorizing the expenditure of funds not to exceed Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars ($2,750,000.00) plus associated closing costs; and providing for severability and an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-674

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council Member Byrd moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Beck.

Motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer, and Council Members Byrd, Beck, and McGee

NAYS (1): Council Member Holland

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jill Jester

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. ID 24-1655 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton nominating members to the Board of Directors of the Denton Central Appraisal District; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 24-1655

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer nominated Council Members Byrd and Holland. Council Member McGee nominated Council Members Byrd and Holland, and Charlie Stafford. Council Member Holland declined the nomination. Council Member Byrd accepted the nomination. Mayor Hudspeth nominated David Tyree.

Following discussion, Council Member McGee moved to adopt the nominations of Council Member Byrd, Charlie Stafford and David Tyree. Motion seconded by Council Member Beck.

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member Jill Jester

The Special Called meeting recessed at 5:05 p.m. to reconvene at 6:30 p.m. for consideration of the Public Hearing.

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas reconvened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. DCA23-0002k Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas amending the Denton Development Code, regarding short-term rental use regulations and definitions, specifically amendments to Table 5.2-A- Table of Allowed Uses, Subsection 5.3.1 Use-Specific Standards - Generally, Subsection 5.3.5: Commercial Use-Specific Standards, Table 7.9-I Parking, and Section 9.2: Definitions; providing for a penalty in the maximum amount of $2,000.00 for violations thereof; providing a severability clause and an effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted [5-0] to recommend approval of the request. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Villareal and seconded by Commissioner Pruett. STAFF IS REQUESTING THIS PUBLIC HEARING BE CONTINUED TO THE OCTOBER 22, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (DCA23-0002k, Short-Term Rentals, Angie Manglaris)

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

The item was not presented. Staff provided Council with a timeline of events for this public hearing which was postponed to October 22, 2024.

The public hearing was not opened; however, citizen comments were permitted with the explanation that comments would be received as a courtesy to citizens who appeared, but the public hearing will officially proceed on October 22, 2024. Citizen comment is noted in Exhibit A.

Note: No action was taken as the item was postponed to October 22, 2024.

7. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

LAUREN THODEN
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: November 19, 2024

September 24, 2024 City Council Special Meeting - EXHIBIT A

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Alice	Brannen	824 Skylark	Denton	DCA23-0002k	Opposed	Public Hearing	White Comment Card
Leo	Miller	3091 Swisher Rd.	Denton	DCA23-0002k	Opposed	Public Hearing	White Comment Card
Brian	Morrison	305 Mounts Ave.	Denton	DCA23-0002k		Public Hearing	White Comment Card - Respectfuly I do not wish to see the STR's policy (limits) to be expanded in Denton. I wasn't sure how to check support/oppose boxes. I would like to see as much limits on STR's as possible due to the likelihood of having "party houses" in
Nellie	Sulley	930 Scott Drive	Denton	DCA23-0002k	Opposed	Public Hearing	Blue Card
Stephen	Souris	832 Skylark Dr.	Denton	DCA23-0002k	Opposed	Public Hearing	Blue Card
Charles	Lee		Denton	DCA23-0002k	Opposed	Public Hearing	Blue Card
Jahoh	Arnold			24-502		E-Comment	I strongly oppose the appointment of Debi Scaggs to our library board. Now more than ever, our community needs individuals who will bring us together. Open access to literature helps us learn to live alongside one another. Restricting its public access based on personal values only creates more division. We need someone on the board who will ethically and equitably serve our community. Debi Scaggs has proven through her public initiatives that she is not willing to be that person.
Stephanie	Vaughn			24-502		E-Comment	Unqualified censors with extremist ideological agendas have no place on the board of a PUBLIC LIBRARY. Scaggs challenged 90+ books while using hateful rhetoric and fake statistics against LGBT people. Public libraries already face harassment and threats of closure due to censorship groups like Moms for Liberty. This nomination insults the integrity of Denton's libraries and the library professionals dedicated to protecting our intellectual freedoms. Please do what's best for Denton and vote NO!
Oren	Bruton			24-502		E-Commet	I fervently oppose the appointment of Debi Scaggs to library board. Her extremist book banning values should uniquely disqualify her from such a position. She is does not represent the values of ordinary Dentonites.
Ed	Sonh			24-502		E-Comment	A person who has urged the banning of books in our schools has no business being on our city's PUBLIC library board.
Cain	Douglass			24-502		E-Comment	I strongly oppose the nomination of Debi Scaggs to the library board. She's made clear she holds an active hatred for her community outside of a comically narrow demographic and loudly holds concerning ideas about books and what should be done with the ones her ideology has decided are "dangerous." Book banners and book burners have NO place near a library, least of all a library board.
Daniel	Krutka			24-502		E-Comment	I oppose Gerard Hudspeth's nomination of Debi Scaggs to the Library Board. Debi has proven in word and action that she is hateful toward community members. She believes in forcing her narrow-minded beliefs on others. Denton should be a place where people can live with differences. Placing a book banner on the Library Board is an insult to librarians, flames hateful culture wars in Denton, and targets vulnerable queer and transgender populations in our community. She's also incompetent. Thank you
Clint	West			24-502		E-Comment	I strongly oppose the nomination of Debi Scaggs. She is a book burning zealot.
Chris	Lam			24-502		E-Comment	I oppose Debi Scaggs for library board. It is clear that she is a LOSER who lost by almost 30 points, which means the public DOES NOT SUPPORT her extremist views. But, Mayor Hudspeth likes to play partisan politics. He could nominate ANYONE and chooses someone who has WASTED tax payer dollars with over 100 book ban requests.
Shawn	Baker			24-502		E-Comment	Debi Scaggs has publicly and explicitly seeked the political power to ban books in Denton ISD for personal ideological reasons. This obviously disqualifies her from a position on the Library Board, regardless of which side of political divides she is on. Fear of books reveals a deeply fragile worldview that renders someone unqualified for leadership, most especially for libraries.
Jenn	Sansing			24-502		E-Comment	I oppose the nomination of Debi Scaggs to the Library Board. In 1998, I had the honor of working under Linda Hughes, a librarian who stood up against censorship so that LGBTQIA+ families could have representation in their public library reading material. She and her family faced death threats in order to protect the First Amendment. Whatever qualities Debi Scaggs may have, I do not trust that she will stand up for the First Amendment based on her past behavior and thus I oppose her nomination.
Eliezer	Dobrin			24-502		E-Comment	I strongly oppose Scagg's nomination. Someone who wants to ban books based upon their own religious views has no place anywhere near a library board. She does not hold the diverse community values that Denton embodies. Rather, she seeks to impose her own narrow worldview on my fellow citizens. Her bigoted beliefs have no place in a modern, diverse society. I'm proud to be from Denton, and want to do what I can to make sure this is a safe and secure place for all, not just one type of person.
Steven	Douglas			24-502		E-Comment	Oppose scaggs. She does not uphold the community character I stay here for. I'd be back home if I wanted anti queer activists in my govt
Chris	Corby			24-502		E-Comment	Debbi Scaggs ran for disd school board unsuccessfully on a platform of banning books. The idea that she would be a good candidate for the library board is ludicrous. The fact that she was nominated by Gerard Hudspeth is further proof that he does not act in the best interest of our town, and is just another partisan hack. NO to Debbi Scaggs!
Abbie	Beck			24-502		E-Comment	I strongly OPPOSE the nomination of Scaggs for the library board. Our libraries should be a place for free thought and expression for all citizens. Scaggs has asked for books to be pulled and removed from circulation based upon her personal and religious beliefs. She has also expressed negative and bigoted opinions about our LGBTQ citizens. Scaggs is not qualified to represent our community on the library board!

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - NOMINATIONS LIST
September 24, 2024

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	COUNCIL PLACE	NOMINATING CCM	NOMINEE	PRESENT TERM	NEW TERM	STATUS & QUALIFICATION OR PREFERENCE, IF ANY
Library Board	2	Beck	Harrod, Kerol	New	Unexpired Sept 1, 2023 through Aug 31, 2025	
Planning and Zoning Commission	3	Meltzer	Prado Carrillo, Lilyan	New	Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1	Byrd	Gaume-Wakefield , Liam		Unexpired Sept 1, 2023 through Aug 31, 2025	
Historic Landmark Commission	2	Beck	Treat, Shaun		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board	2	Beck	Lichtenberg, Elinor		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee	2	Beck	Soph, Edward		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Health and Building Standards Commission	1	Byrd	Dafoe, Eric C		Unexpired Term July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2025	
Animal Shelter Advisory Committee	1	Byrd	Hunter, Charles		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Board of Ethics	1	Byrd	Eberhard, Andrea		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Historic Landmark Commission	1	Byrd	Gillis, Ethan		Sept 1, 2024 – Aug 31, 2026	
Public Art Committee	1	Byrd	Gill, Jordan		Unexpired Term Sept 1, 2023-Aug 31, 2025	
Library Board	7	Hudspeth	Scaggs, Debbi		Failed - Not appointed	