CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 14, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:01 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: None

Also present were Assistant City Manager Christine Taylor 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. Citizen Comments on Consent Agenda Items

None

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

• Clarification:
o None

• Pulled For Individual Consideration:
o Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer: Items 4.H, 4.I
o Council Member Beck: Items 4.X, 4.AB
o Council Member Holland: Item 4.G

3. Work Session Reports

A. ID 24-2392 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Denton Enterprise Airport rates and fees. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 45 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to proceed with staff recommendations.

B. ID 24-2099 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding proposed amendments to the Cole Ranch Improvement District's Operating and Project Agreements. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 45 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council direction was to proceed with staff recommendations except for the gas well component, for which there was no consensus for direction.

C. ID 24-2535 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Standardization of Police Department-Issued Firearms. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to proceed with staff recommendations.

The work session ended at 3:31 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

1. **Closed Meeting:**

The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 3:31 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 25-050 Deliberations regarding Economic Development – Under Texas Government Code Section 551.087. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the potential offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect code-named Project Red Dirt which the City seeks to have locate, stay, renovate, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. This discussion shall include commercial and financial information, including an economic development incentive request the City has received from Project Red Dirt.
DELIBERATED

B. ID 25-111 Consultation with Attorneys – Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consult with the City's attorneys on the legal status, strategy and options for resolution of litigation in Cause No. 24-1005-481, styled "State of Texas v. City of Denton; Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor of Denton; Brian Beck, Mayor Pro Tem of Denton; Vicki Byrd, Paul Meltzer, Joe Holland, Brandon Chase McGee, and Chris Watts, Members of the City Council of Denton; Sara Hensley, City Manager of Denton; and Doug Shoemaker, Chief of Police of Denton; in their official capacities" pending in the 481st District Court, Denton 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

C. ID 25-125 Deliberations regarding Real Property -Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.072; Receive information from staff, discuss, deliberate, and provide staff with direction about the potential purchase or lease of real property situated in The Arts Council Abstract SD0533A, both in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, located off Bell Avenue, where a public deliberation of such potential purchase would have a detrimental effect on the City's position in negotiations with a third party.
DELIBERATED

The closed meeting started at 3:31 p.m. and ended at 5:24 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, January 14, 2025, at 5:24 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: None

Also present were Assistant City Manager Christine Taylor and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for in-person, call-in, and public participation at this meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process was not read, each member for the City Council received each online commentary as it was submitted. In-person, call-in, and online comments received are reflected on the exhibit to the minutes of this meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 4. A-AD. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, Items 4. H and 4. I were pulled for Individual Consideration by Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer. Items 4.X and 4. AB were pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Beck. Item 4. G was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Holland.

Council Member Beck moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, now consisting of Items 4. A-F, J-W, Y-AA, AC-AD. Motion seconded by Council Member McGee.

Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

A. ID 24-2592 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving an Assignment of Airport Lease from Wayne and Maribeth Yarbrough to DSR-

Cherokee 180, LLC covering property at 918 Aeronca Lane, Denton, Texas at the Denton Enterprise Airport; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Assignment of Airport Lease; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2592

B. ID 24-2528 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas approving the Denton Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2528

C. ID 24-2598 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Contract in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Denton and the Denton Independent School District (DISD), for reimbursement to the City in the estimated amount of $309,703 for compensation and benefits of nine Student Resource Officers (SROs) assigned at DISD for the period of February 3, 2025 through June 30, 2025, replacing the current MOU with DISD for SROs that was effective on July 1, 2024; Reassigning the Police Lieutenant assigned to the SRO Program back to the Police Department; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2598

D. ID 24-2431 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 Denton Bach Society for the payment and use of Program Year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the Young Musicians Competition and Spring Showcase; and providing an effective date. ($1,000 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2431

E. ID 24-2432 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 Denton Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Blues Festival; and providing an effective date. ($60,100 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2432

F. ID 24-2433 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 Denton Black Film Festival Institute, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Black Film Festival; and providing an effective date. ($54,500 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2433

J. ID 24-2437 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 Denton's Day of the Dead Festival, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Day of the Dead Festival; and providing an effective date. ($65,100- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2437

K. ID 24-2438 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 Denton Festival Foundation, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Arts and Jazz Festival; and providing an effective date. ($135,000 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2438

L. ID 24-2439 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 Denton Holiday Festival Association, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Holiday Lighting Festival; and providing an effective date. ($50,000 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval (2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2439

M. ID 24-2440 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 Denton Central Business District, Inc., dba Denton Mainstreet Association for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Twilight Tunes, Arts and Autos, and Wassail Fest events; and providing an effective date. ($80,200 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2440

N. ID 24-2441 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 Denton Music and Art Collaborative for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Molten Plains Festival; and providing an effective date. ($2,000 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2441

O. ID 24-2442 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 Denton Parks Foundation, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Cinco de Mayo, Juneteenth, and Dog Days events; and providing an effective date. ($134,300 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2442

P. ID 24-2443 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Denton and Mount Zion Praise Church for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 African Festival event; and providing an effective date. ($3,000 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2443

Q. ID 24-2444 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 North Texas State Fair Association, Inc., for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 North Texas Fair and Rodeo; and providing an effective date. ($327,400 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2444

R. ID 24-2445 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 Real Waves Radio Network, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 KUZU Presents

event; and providing an effective date. ($13,400- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2445

S. ID 24-2446 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 Tejas Storytelling Association, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Texas Storytelling Festival; and providing an effective date. ($59,055- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2446

T. ID 24-2447 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 Texas Filmmakers Corporation, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Thin Line Fest; and providing an effective date. ($50,700- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2447

U. ID 24-2448 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 Texas Veterans Hall of Fame, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of programming and ceremonies; and providing an effective date. ($55,100 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2448

V. ID 24-2449 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Denton and Denton Community Theatre, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Performance Season; and providing an effective date. ($30,100- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2449

W. ID 24-2539 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Recreational Trails Grant Program 2025 for a

reimbursement grant in the amount of $300,000 for the construction of a trail located along south Bonnie Brae Street; and providing for an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2539

Y. ID 24-2571 Consider adoption an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, rejecting any and all competitive proposals under CSP 8506 for the Ray Roberts Water Treatment Plant Chemical Systems Improvements Project for the Water Utilities Department; and providing an effective date (CSP 8506).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2571

Z. ID 24-2574 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Solutient GeoSciences, Inc., for landfill hydrogeological consulting and analytical services regarding the City's Landfill monitoring and reporting requirements for the Environmental Services and Sustainability Department as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 8525-006 – Professional Services Agreement for analytical services awarded to Solutient GeoSciences, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $490,010.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2574

AA. ID 24-2577 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 Aerosimple LLC, for Airport Management Software for the Denton Enterprise Airport; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8583 – awarded to Aerosimple LLC, for three (3) years, with the option for one (1) additional two (2) year extension, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of $64,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2577

AC. ID 24-2580 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 Hardin & Associates Holdings, LLC, to perform cross-connection testing and training services for the Water Utilities Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8657 – awarded to Hardin & Associates Holdings, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of $62,675.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2580

AD. ID 24-2581 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 Flock Group Inc, for the purchase of a fixed License Plate Recognition (LPR) System for the Police Department, which is the sole provider of this software, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 252.022, which provides that procurement of commodities and services that are available from one source are exempt from competitive bidding, and if over $50,000, shall be awarded by the governing body; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8701 – awarded to Flock Group Inc, for three (3) years, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of $311,600.00). **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2581**

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

G. ID 24-2434 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 Kiwanis Club of Denton, Breakfast, Denton, Texas, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Turkey Roll Bicycle Rally and providing an effective date. ($7,000-Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0) **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2434**

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Council Member Joe Holland recused himself.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6):	Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0):	None
RECUSED (1):	Council Member Joe Holland

H. ID 24-2435 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 Denton Community Market, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the 2025 Denton Community Market; and providing an effective date. ($68,600- Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2435

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Jester.

Motion carried.

AYES (4):	Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (3):	Mayor Hudspeth and Council Members Byrd and Holland

I. ID 24-2436 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Denton and Denton County through the Office of History and Culture, for the payment and use of program year 2025 hotel tax revenue in support of the Denton County Museums; and providing an effective date. ($296,200 – Community Partnership Committee recommends approval 2-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2436

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to postpone the item to an event certain. Motion seconded by Council Member Beck.

Motion failed.

AYES (3):	Mayor Pro Tem Melzer and Council Members Beck and McGee

NAYS (4): Mayor Hudspeth, Council Members Byrd, Holland, and Jester

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester and McGee

NAYS (1): Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer

X. ID 24-2569 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract extension with Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC, dba Sunmount Paving Company, as the primary vendor, and Jagoe-Public Company, as the secondary vendor, through January 5, 2026, to continue the supply and installation of hot mix asphalt concrete for the Streets Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 7486 – extending the contracts with Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC, dba Sunmount Paving Company and Jagoe-Public Company, to January 5, 2026).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2569

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mayor Hudspeth moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member McGee.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (1): Council Member Beck

AB. ID 24-2578 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 Argent Associates, Inc., for the supply of communications

inventory for the Communications Department to be stocked in the City of Denton Warehouse; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (IFB 8634 – awarded to Argent Associates, Inc., for two (2) years, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total four (4) year not-to-exceed amount of $875,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2578

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (7):	Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer, and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0):	None

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. HL24-0006b Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton approving an application for a partial tax exemption of designated historic sites, in accordance with Chapter 10, Article VI, Sections 10-126 through 10-129 of the Denton Municipal Code of Ordinances, for a Local Historic Landmark located at 1526 Willowwood Street, located on the north side of Willowwood Street, between Kendolph Drive and McCormick Street; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. The Historic Landmark Commission recommends a favorable determination (4-0). (HL24-0006b, 1526 Willowwood Street – Tax Exemption, Cameron Robertson)

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. HL24-0006b

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

The item was presented, and no discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

B. ID 24-2576 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 WEG Transformers USA LLC, for the purchase of substation power transformers for Denton Municipal Electric; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8582 – awarded to WEG Transformers USA LLC, for three (3) years, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of $24,890,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2576

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

C. ID 24-2665 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ordering an election for Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 to be held on May 3, 2025, and if required, a runoff election to be held on June 7, 2025; prescribing the time, manner, and conduct of the election in accordance with a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for election services with the Elections Administrator of Denton County; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 24-2665

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council Member Beck moved to postpone the item to the February 4, 2025 City Council agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Byrd.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (2): Mayor Hudspeth and Council Member Holland

D. ID 25-041 Consider adoption of an ordinance ordering a special election for the purpose of submitting proposed charter amendments to the registered voters of the City of Denton replacing all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language; resolving conflicts with state law and modifying vague or unclear language, and increasing the term of the Municipal Judge from two years to four years; to be held on May 3, 2025; prescribing the time, manner, and conduct of the special election in accordance with a Joint Election Agreement and contract for election services with the Election Administrator; prescribing the form of the ballot; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-041

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Byrd.

Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. AESA24-0004b Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, approving an Alternative Environmentally Sensitive Plan to offset the removal of 1.92 acres of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs). The subject site is on approximately 84.14 acres of land located west of Interstate-35 and 1,900 feet south of the intersection of State Highway 288 and Interstate-35 in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; adopting an amendment to the city's official environmentally sensitive areas map; 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 by Commissioner Pruett and second by Commissioner Padron. (AESA24-0004b, Harris Ranch Industrial, Christi Upton)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. AESA24-0004b

All members of the City Council received the comments as submitted and had the opportunity to review all submissions prior to the start of the meeting and consider such comments when voting on the item. The summary of public commentary/registrations are noted on Exhibit A.

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.

Following discussion, Council Member Jester moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Hudspeth.

Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee

NAYS (0): None

7. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

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

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

LAUREN THODEN
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: February 4, 2025

January 14, 2025 City Council Special Meeting - EXHIBIT A							
Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Aime	Bissett	109 N Elm		AESA24-0004b	Support	Public Hearing	Applicant

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

AFFIDAVIT ON ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

COUNTY OF DENTON §

I, JOE HOLLAND as a City Official of the City of Denton, Texas, make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following:

I have a Conflicting Interest that would be specially affected by a vote or decision of Item ID 24-2434, listed under the Consent Agenda section of the JAN 14, 2025 Agenda, as those terms are defined in Chapter 2 Article XI of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances.

Item No. 24-2434:

I have a Conflicting Interest for the following reason(s): (check all which are applicable)

___ Ownership of 5% or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity.

___ Ownership or receipt of $600.00 or more of the fair market value of the business entity.

___ Funds received from the business entity exceed $600.00 gross income for the previous year.

___ Ownership of an interest in real property with a fair market value of more than $600.00.

___ A relative of mine related in the third degree by either affinity or consanguinity has a Conflicting Interest in one or more of the four categories listed above that would be affected by a decision of the public body of which I am a member.

JH I have a Conflicting Interest because I serve on a Board of Directors or an Officer of the business entity or non-profit corporation that the above Agenda Item relates to.

___ Other: Per the City's Ethics Policy, I have an appearance of a conflict of interest that may be perceived as impairing my independence of judgment.

Comments: _____

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Upon the filing of this affidavit with the City Auditor, or Acting City Auditor, I, affirm that I will abstain from voting or deliberating on any decision involving this Conflicting Interest and from any further participation in this matter whatsoever.

Signed this 14 day of JANUARY, 2025.

Joseph Holland
Signature of Public Official

DENTON City Council Dist. 4
Title

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared JOSEPH HOLLAND and on oath stated that the facts hereinabove stated are true to the best of his knowledge or belief.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, on this the 14th day of JANUARY, 2025

Lauren Thoden
Notary Public, State of Texas
Commission Expires: JULY 9, 2028

LAUREN THODEN
My Notary ID # 134981750
Expires July 9, 2028


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Expires July 9, 2028