CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 20, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 2:30 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 Jill Jester (arrived at 2:38 p.m.)

ABSENT: Brandon Chase McGee

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. **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 None

3. **Work Session Reports**

A. ID 25-339 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Audit Project 031 – Recreation Facility Operations: Follow-Up Review. [Estimated Presentation/ Discussion Time: 15 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

B. ID 25-893 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the proposed Animal Services Responsible Euthanasia Policy and the proposed Animal Services rates and fees. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 1 hour]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

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

C. ID 25-241 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the current fiscal year budget and preliminary FY 2025-26 impacts. [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.

The work session ended at 3:58 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, and Jill Jester

ABSENT: Brandon Chase McGee

1. Closed Meeting:

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 4:00 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 25-964 Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. This agenda item is related to Individual Consideration Item ID 25-965 and will be a placeholder if Council members have questions requiring confidential discussion as allowed by law. 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

The item related to Item for Individual Consideration ID-25-965 scheduled for consideration at the Regular Meeting to follow.

The closed meeting started at 4:00 p.m. and ended at 5:01 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the closed meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 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, Jill Jester, and Brandon Chase McGee

ABSENT: None

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. U.S. Flag
B. Texas

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. ID 25-678 Proclamation: Water Safety Awareness Month
PRESENTED

B. ID 25-681 Proclamation: Denton County National Day of Prayer
PRESENTED

C. ID 25-846 Proclamation: National Public Works Week
PRESENTED

D. ID 25-847 Proclamation: Bike Month
PRESENTED

E. ID 25-927 Proclamation: Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month
PRESENTED

3. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A. Review of procedures for addressing the City Council.

B. Reports from members of the public shall be received through the following two (2) methods. A total of up to seven (7) speakers are permitted to provide public comment and may include any combination of prior registration and open microphone speakers.

1) Pre-registration. This section of the agenda permits any person who has registered in advance to make a citizen report regarding a public business item he or she wishes to be considered by the City Council. Each speaker is allowed a maximum of four (4) minutes to present their report. At the conclusion of each report, the City Council may pose questions to the speaker or may engage in discussion. If the City Council believes that a speaker's report requires a more detailed review, the City Council will give the City Manager or City Staff direction to place the item on a future work session or regular meeting agenda and advise staff as to the background materials to be desired at such meeting.

2) Open Microphone. This section of the agenda permits any person who has not registered in advance for a citizen report to make comments about public business items not listed on the agenda. Such person(s) shall have registered using the "Virtual White Card" or "By Phone" process outlined by the City on its website or meeting notice.

(2) Additional Citizen Reports (Open Microphone)
No citizen comments were received.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 4. A-L. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, no items were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Council Member Holland moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, consisting of Items 4.A-L. Motion seconded by Council Member Jester.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

A. ID 25-059 Consider approval of the minutes of the May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting and May 13, 2025 Special Called Canvassing Meeting.
APPROVED

B. ID 25-699 Consider approval of a resolution reappointing Stephen D. Gay to serve as the City's representative on the board of directors of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-699

C. ID 25-754 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Park Development Agreement between the City of Denton and Jefferson North Elm, LLC for the acceptance of park dedication and park development fees pursuant to the Park Land Dedication and Development Fees Requirements of Article III, Chapter 22 of the City's Code of Ordinances; authorizing acceptance of fees; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-754

D. ID 25-878 Consider adoption of an ordinance by the City of Denton granting Landmark Phase 1, LLC AND HR, JV, LP a noise exception pursuant to Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances, with respect to sound levels and hours of operation for concrete street and alley pours, saw cutting, delivery of construction materials, and utility installation related to construction of a new residential community and commercial development, located at 8209 Autumn Sage Trail; granting an increase in sound levels and a variance in the hours of operation which may be affected by weather, from 8:30 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. with sound not to exceed 91 decibels; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE 25-878

E. ID 25-872 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, ratifying a road access agreement with UISC, an Illinois Professional Limited Liability Company, to facilitate the construction of facilities for US Cold Storage; and declaring an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-872

F. ID 25-729 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, A Texas Home-Rule Municipal Corporation, authorizing the City Manager or Designee To execute and deliver an Advance Funding Agreement for a Highway Safety Improvement On-System project, between the City of Denton and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), regarding the construction of traffic signals on US 380 at Thomas J. Egan Road, US 77 at State Loop 288, and State Loop 288 at FM 2164 North Locust Street, and install traffic signal and add left turn lane at North Western Boulevard at Jim Christal Road; confirming expenses; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-729

G. ID 25-730 Consider adoption of an ordinance amending chapter 18 "Motor Vehicles and Traffic", Article III "Speed of Vehicles", Section 18-73 "Speed Limits On Certain Roads And Highways", "School Zones", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Denton, to change the locations, extent, and speed limits of certain parts of N. Locust and N. Bonnie Brae Street in the Vicinity of Evers Park Elementary School and Immaculate Conception School; providing a repealer clause; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; providing a penalty clause; providing for publication; providing codification; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-730

H. ID 25-898 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 Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for engineering design services to eliminate the two at-grade crossings at Johnson Lane and Bonnie Brae Street and create a new at-grade crossing for the Brush Creek-Hickory Creek Phase 1 Project for the Traffic Department as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7292-020 - Professional Services Agreement for engineering services awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $225,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-898

I. ID 25-899 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 UKG Kronos Systems, LLC, through the Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract #18220, for software maintenance and continued vendor support of the automated timekeeping and attendance software, purchase of licenses, and timeclock hardware for the Technology Services Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8620 - awarded to UKG Kronos Systems, LLC, 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 $2,325,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-899

J. ID 25-900 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 UES Professional Solutions 64, LLC, to perform environmental remediation, disposal, and testing services at the Outdoor Gun Range located at 3820 Airport Road, Denton, Texas for the Environmental Services and Sustainability Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8726 - awarded to UES Professional Solutions 64, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,492,354.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-900

K. ID 25-903 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, rejecting any and all competitive bids under IFB 8759 for Graffiti Abatement for the Community Services Department; and providing an effective date (IFB 8759).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-903

L. ID 25-907 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 Professional Turf Products, Limited Partnership, through the Buy Board Cooperative Network Contract Nos. 705-23 and 706-23, for authorized repair services, purchases, and rentals of Toro Commercial Products and construction equipment for the Fleet Services Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8813 - awarded Professional Turf Products, Limited Partnership, 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 $966,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-907

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ID 25-753 Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton making a finding, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code, that (1) there are no feasible and prudent alternatives to the change in use of approximately 4.3689 acres of city park land for a public utility easement, located within a portion of Vintage Park and Tamarack Park in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, for the purpose of installing and maintaining an underground sanitary sewer line that serves the southwest side of Denton, and (2) finding that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to the land as a park, and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-753

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened and with no callers in the queue, the public hearing was closed.

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

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (1): Council Member Beck

B. DCA24-0011d Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas amending the Denton Development Code, specifically amendments to Table 5.2-A- Table of Allowed Uses, Section 5.3.5 Commercial Use-Specific Standards, Table 7.9-I: Minimum Required Off-Street Parking, and Section 9.2 Definitions related to Commercial Animal Service; providing for application requirements and process; providing for a penalty in the maximum amount of $2,000.00 for violations thereof; providing savings and severability clauses, and an effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted [4-0] to recommend approval of the request. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Riggs and seconded by Commissioner Padron. (DCA24-0011d, Commercial Animal Services, Bryce Van Arsdale).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. DCA24-0011d

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened and with no callers in the queue, the public hearing was closed.

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

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (1): Council Member Beck

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Items 6. A and 6. B were collectively read into the record, presented, and discussed, but voted on individually.

A. ID 25-454 Consider adoption of an ordinance directing the publication of Notice of Intention to issue $46,535,000 in principal amount of Certificates of Obligation of the City of Denton for General Government and Solid Waste projects; and providing an effective date. **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-454**

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

No citizen comments were received.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

B. ID 25-455 Consider adoption of an ordinance directing the publication of Notice of Intention to issue $207,515,000 in principal amount of Certificates of Obligation of the City of Denton for Waterworks and Wastewater System and Electric System projects; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-455

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

No citizen comments were received.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

C. ID 25-963 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton amending the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Internal Audit Plan; and providing an effective date. **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-963**

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

No citizen comments were received.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

D. ID 25-965 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton repealing an Initiative Ordinance Chapter 21, Article V - Marijuana Enforcement of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-965**

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

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

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

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (3): Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer and Council Members Beck and McGee

7. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

LAUREN THODEN
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: June 3, 2025

May 20, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting - EXHIBIT A							
Name	**Last**	**Address**	**City**	**Agenda Item**	**Position**	**Method**	**Comments**
Donald William	Poer		Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	No Speak
Nicholas	Stevens		Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Samuel Fraga	Escalante		Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Richard	Gladden	1822 W. Oak St	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Deb	Armintor	2003 Mistywood Lane	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	Not presented
Harly	Rose		Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	Not presented
Joan	Holt	2401 W. Prairie, #1	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	Did not speak
Sean	Byrne		Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Jodi	Ismert	819 Anna St	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Peter	Mungiguerra	1809 Buzzard Rd	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	
Madelaine	Clark	900 Londonderry Ln	Denton	6.D	Opposed	Individual Consent	