CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 9, 2025

After determining that a quorum is present the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Budget Workshop on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 8:32 a.m. in Training Rooms 1, 2, 3. 4, and 5 at the Development Services Center, 401 N Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Rumohr, Council Members Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland (arrived at 8:45 a.m.), Jill Jester and Brandon Chase McGee (arrived at 8:49 a.m.)

ABSENT: None

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

There was no public registration process as this was a work session only.

WORK SESSION

1. Work Session Reports

A. ID 24-261 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-26 City Manager's Proposed Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and Five-Year Financial Forecast. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 2.5 Hours]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, direction was provided as follows for the General Fund One-Time Funding Priorities:

Council Cumulative Ranking

Ranking	One-Time Consideration	Amount
1	Civic Center Pool Site Analysis and End of Lifecycle Plan	55,000
2	Expiring Incentive roll to Catalyst Fund	38,174
3	In-Kind Funding for special events	120,000
4	Campaign Finance Consultant	70,000
	Total	**$283,174**

Council requested follow up information on the following inquiries to be provided in the Friday Report:

- Provide an overview of the Managed Vacancy Program
- Provide an overview of the proposed 4.5 Day Work Week
- Is there an option to use available funding in a Special Revenue Fund to lower the Interest & Sinking (I&S) portion of the tax rate?
- Provide the effect of tax-exempt properties on the City
- Why did the expenses decrease from the current year to the proposed year for the Legends Municipal Utility District Fund?
- What is the sales tax generation from the proposed Ambassador Program boundary?
- Provide a list of the arrests within the Ambassador Program boundary.
- What do delays to Street Funds cost us?
- How do we determine when sidewalks should be replaced at the same time as a street?
- Can the proposed Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund distribution be redistributed by Council?

B. ID 25-1201 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding municipal finance bills of the 89th Legislature first-called special session. [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.

C. ID 25-1445 Receive training and hold a discussion regarding the City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics). [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

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MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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MINUTES APPROVED ON: SEPTEMBER 9, 2025