CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 17, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 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 Suzi Rumohr, and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, Brandon Chase McGee, and Brian Beck

ABSENT: Council Member Jill Jester

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

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation (virtual and in-person) at this meeting. There were no online eComments received for any items on the agenda.

Council Member Jester arrived at 2:09pm

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 25-2151 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding Audit Project 047-Employee Performance Management. [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.

B. ID 25-2296 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City's utility billing process for electric service. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council consensus was to move forward with staff recommendations.

C. ID 25-2291 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the update to the Mosquito Surveillance and Response Plan. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was for Option # 1, to update the Plan as discussed.

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

CLOSED MEETING

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 3:42 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

A. ID 25-1581 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 two business prospects code-named Project Nook and Project Chocolate 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 Nook and Project Chocolate.
DELIBERATED

B. ID 26-0227 Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 Consult with the City's attorneys on the legal status, strategy, and options for responding to Public Information Requests, reference number(s) R002227-100125, R002226-100125, and D050272-112525, related to Police Department records. Consultation with City's attorney regarding issues associated with the aforementioned matter where public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton under Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any administrative or potential litigation.
DELIBERATED

The closed meeting started at 3:31 p.m. and ended at 5:00 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, February 17th, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Rumohr, and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, Brandon Chase McGee, Jill Jester, and Brian Beck

ABSENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth

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

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. U.S. Flag
B. Texas Flag

2. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1) Scheduled Citizen Reports from Members of the Public

A. ID 26-0186 Ms. Tracy Duckworth regarding homelessness.
PRESENTED

B. ID 26-0223 Mr. London Golding regarding ICE and Police.
NOT PRESENTED

2) Additional Citizen Reports (Open Microphone)

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 3.A – Q. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, no items were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Council Member Jester moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Holland.

Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

A. ID 26-0031 Consider approval of the minutes of the February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.
APPROVED

B. ID 25-2381 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton, Texas, ratifying an amendment of the bylaws for Denton City Public Facility Corporation; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-2381

C. ID 26-0013 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ratifying the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the 2027 General Traffic Safety Grant Program in the amount of $115,000 which would require City's matching funds in an amount not to exceed $28,750 and a total project cost of $143,750 to provide blood draw services at the City of Denton Jail; and providing for an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0013

D. ID 26-0080 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving and authorizing the execution of City Council Contingency Fund donation agreements between the City of Denton and Denton Black Film Festival ($567), Project Hope Denton ($567), Greater Denton Arts Council ($566), and authorizing the transfer of $900 from the Council Contingency Fund to the Parks and Recreation Department to build and install a sign at the Girl Scout Troop 2302 Pollinator Garden in Avondale Park, all of which benefit nonprofit organizations located within the City of Denton and designated for donations by individual council members; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. The Community Partnership Committee recommends approval (2-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0080

E. ID 26-0109 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 between the City of Denton and WSP USA Inc., for program management services for the Denton Municipal Electric Capital Improvement Plan projects; and declaring an effective date (RFQ 6862 - extending a contract with WSP USA Inc., until project completion). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0109

F. ID 26-0110 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 between the City of Denton and CJA Enterprises LLP through January 25, 2027, to continue the purchase of construction materials for the City of Denton Streets, Water, Wastewater, and various other departments; and declaring an effective date (IFB 7841 - extending a contract

with CJA Enterprises LLP, to January 25, 2027). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0110

G. ID 26-0111 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 Freese and Nichols, Inc., for planning services for the Water Utilities Financial Planning and Support Project for the Water Utilities Department as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 8213-012 - Professional Services Agreement for planning services awarded to Freese and Nichols, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,049,620.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0111

H. ID 26-0112 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, rejecting any and all competitive proposals under IFB 8903 for Heat Exchanger Replacement for the Pecan Creek Water Reclamation Plant for the Water Utilities Department; and providing an effective date (IFB 8903). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0112

I. ID 26-0114 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 Gage & Cade Construction, LLC, for the Public Disposal Facility Repairs for the Solid Waste and Recycling Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (CSP 8915 - awarded to Gage & Cade Construction, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of $579,952.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0114

J. ID 26-0115 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 AMS Group LLC, for power transformer disposal (scrap) services for Denton Municipal Electric; providing for the sale of obsolete assets; and providing an effective date (IFB 8971 - awarded to AMS Group LLC, in the revenue amount of $401,777.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0115

K. ID 26-0116 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the approval of a first amendment to a Construction Manager at Risk Preconstruction Agreement between the City of Denton and Archer Western Construction, LLC, amending the contract approved by City Council on September 30, 2025 in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,500,000.00; said first amendment to acquire and assemble

the equipment for the required pilot study for the Ray Roberts Water Treatment Plant Expansion Project; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8590 - providing for an additional first amendment expenditure amount not-to-exceed $1,315,293.00, with the total contract amount not-to-exceed $2,815,293.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6-0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0116

L. ID 26-0117 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 Northstar Construction, LLC, for the Bowling Green Park Construction for the Parks and Recreation Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (CSP 8635 - awarded to Northstar Construction, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of $1,847,984.25).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0117

M. ID 26-0118 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 Longhorn Incorporated, for the purchase of irrigation systems, supplies, parts, and accessories to be stocked in the City of Denton Warehouse; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8950 - awarded to Longhorn Incorporated, for one (1) year, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total three (3) year not-to-exceed amount of $500,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0118

N. ID 26-0119 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 Ennis-Flint, Inc. dba Ennis Traffic Safety Solutions, for the purchase of pavement markings for the Traffic Department to be stocked in the City of Denton Warehouse; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (IFB 8952 - awarded to Ennis-Flint, Inc. dba Ennis Traffic Safety Solutions, 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 $475,000.00).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0119

O. ID 26-2460 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting a noise exception for the 2026 Run Different special event run series: Western Invasion, Rubiks Cube, Rose Run, Instant Classic, Run 4 Babies, Haunting Experience, and Black Friday Turkey Trot which will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 5, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 30, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to

9:00 p.m., Friday, November 27, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at North Lakes Park (2001 W. Windsor Dr.); and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-2460

P. ID 26-2461 Consider the adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting The Greater Denton Arts Council, a noise exception for the Video Art Night event on Friday, March 6, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Quakertown Park; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-2461

Q. ID 26-0181 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton, Texas authorizing the filing of a Certificate of Formation for the creation of Denton Destination Management and Marketing Organization as a Texas nonprofit corporation; approving the initial bylaws of the corporation; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-0181

4. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. A25-0005 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, regarding a Municipal Services Agreement, pursuant to Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Sec. 43.0672, between the City of Denton and Victor and Leticia Lopez for the provision of city services to approximately 2.00 acres of land, approximately located 300.77 feet north of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road; approving a schedule of annexation; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; and providing an effective date. (A25-0005, 5811 Mills Rd Annexation, Angie Manglaris)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0005

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

B. A25-0003 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, regarding a Municipal Services Agreement, pursuant to Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Sec. 43.0672, between the

City of Denton and Victor Lopez for the provision of city services to approximately 1.03 acres of land, generally located on the north side of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road; approving a schedule of annexation; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; and providing an effective date. (A25-0003, Mills Rd Annexation, Ashley Ekstedt)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0003

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed. There were no in-person citizen comments.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

C. A25-0004 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, regarding a Municipal Services Agreement, pursuant to Tex. Loc. Govt. Code Sec. 43.0672, between the City of Denton and J. Doss Phillips for the provision of city services to approximately 1.09 acres of land, generally located 740 feet south of Edwards Road and 290 feet west of Swisher Road; approving a schedule of annexation; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; and providing an effective date. (A25-0004, Swisher Road Annexation, Bryce Van Arsdale)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0004

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

Council Member Beck moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Holland.

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. A25-0005a Hold a public hearing and consider a petition for voluntary annexation of approximately 2.00 acres of land, approximately located 300.77 feet north of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road, into the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; providing for a correction to the City map to include the annexed land; and providing for a savings clause and an effective date. (A25-0005a, 5811 Mills Rd Annexation, Angie Manglaris)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0005a

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

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

B. A25-0003a Hold a public hearing and consider a petition for voluntary annexation of approximately 1.03 acres of land, generally located on the north side of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road, into the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas. (A25-0003a, Mills Rd Annexation, Ashley Ekstedt)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0003a

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

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

C. A25-0004a Hold a public hearing and consider a petition for voluntary annexation of approximately 1.09 acres of land, generally located 290 feet west of Swisher Road, approximately 740 feet south of Edwards Road, into the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas. (A25-0004a, Swisher Road, Bryce Van Arsdale)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. A25-0004a

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

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

D. CA25-0005a Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, regarding a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from the Agriculture and Low Residential Future Land Use Designations to the regional mixed use future land use designation on approximately 24.941 acres generally located at the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection of West University Drive (US 380) and Golden Hoof Drive, in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; adopting an amendment to the City's Official Future Land Use 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 (5-1) to recommend approval of the request. Motion for approval by Commissioner Ketchersid and second by Commissioner Dyer. (CA25-0005a, Hickory Grove Commercial, Mia Hines)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. CA25-0005a

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

E. Z25-0022a Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, regarding a change in the zoning district and use classification from Residential 2 (R2) District to Suburban Corridor (SC) District on approximately 24.941 acres

of land generally located at the northwest and northeast corner of the intersection of West University Drive (US 380) and Golden Hoof Drive, in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; adopting an amendment to the City's Official Zoning 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 (5-1) to recommend approval of the request. Motion for approval by Commissioner Ketchersid and second by Commissioner Riggs. (Z25-0022a, Hickory Grove Commercial, Mia Hines)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. Z25-0022a

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

The Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

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

Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, Jester, and McGee
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT (1): Mayor Hudspeth

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION (continued)

A. A25-0005b Conduct the first of two readings of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas annexing approximately 2.00 acres of land located approximately 300.77 feet north of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road; approving a schedule of annexation; authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement; and providing an effective date. (A25-0005b, 5811 Mills Rd Annexation, Angie Manglaris)

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

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

B. A25-0003b Conduct the first of two readings of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas annexing approximately 1.03 acres of land, generally located on the north side of Mills Road, approximately 1,453 feet west of South Trinity Road, into the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; providing for a correction to the City map to include the annexed land; and providing for a savings clause and an effective date. (A25-0003b, Mills Rd Annexation, Ashley Ekstedt)

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

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

C. A25-0004b Conduct the first of two readings of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas annexing approximately 1.09 acres of land, generally located 290 feet west of Swisher Road, approximately 740 feet south of Edwards Road, into the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas; providing for a correction to the City map to include the annexed land; and providing for a savings clause and an effective date. (A25-0004b, Swisher Road, Bryce Van Arsdale)

There were no online eComments received on this item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

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

7. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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CITY SECRETARY
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MINUTES APPROVED ON: 7 APRIL 2026

EXHIBIT A - February 17, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

Speaker Commentaries/Registrations
Online, Email, Phone

Name	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Danna Zoltner	610 Emery	Denton	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments related to ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) Ordinance
Chris Watts	419 S. Carroll Blvd, Ste 1B	Denton	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments related to Evers Farm
Chance Herrington	1501 Carrigan Ln	Denton	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments related to proposed RTIC (Real Time Information Center)