

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2026

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Rumohr and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, Jill Jester and Brian Beck. Council Member Brandon Chase McGee arrived at 2:15 p.m.

ABSENT: None

Also present were Interim City Manager Cassey Ogden and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation (virtual and in-person) at this meeting.

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.

A. ID 26-0062 Meeting Questions, Responses & Handouts

- Clarification:

- o None

- Pulled For Individual Consideration:

- o None

3. Work Session Reports

A. ID 26-0057 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding online card processing fees and cost recovery options. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 45 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council consensus was for option 3 - to implement a percentage service fee for all online payments, excluding eChecks.

B. ID 26-0269 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the update to the Simply Sustainable Framework. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council consensus was for option 1 - to update the Simply Sustainable Framework as proposed.

- C. ID 26-0386 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding updates to the Linda McNatt Animal Care and Adoption Center project. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 45 minutes]

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 3:12 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 3:13 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows:

- A. ID 26-0464 Deliberations regarding Real Property - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.072; Consulting with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Receive information from staff, discuss, deliberate, and provide staff with direction pertaining to certain real property interests located at 610 Oakland Street in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas where a public deliberation would have a detrimental effect on the City's position in negotiations with third parties. Consultation with City's attorney regarding issues associated with the above matter 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 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 3:13 p.m. and ended at 4:03 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, April 7, 2026, 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 Suzi Rumohr and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, Jill Jester, and Brandon Chase McGee

ABSENT: None

Also present were Interim City Manager Cassey Ogden and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this meeting.

There were no online eComments received for any items on the agenda.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. U.S. Flag
- B. Texas Flag

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. ID 26-0334 Presentation: APWA Water Award
PRESENTED

3. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- 1) Scheduled Citizen Reports from Members of the Public
 - A. ID 26-0473 Dr. Abraham Benavides regarding Opening Prayer.
PRESENTED
 - B. ID 26-0474 Ms. Kathleen Davis regarding Hercules Park Project.
PRESENTED
 - C. ID 26-0476 Mr. Brand Richter regarding Hercules Park Project.
NOT PRESENTED
Ms. Jaime Baxter-Slye spoke in place of Mr. Richter.
 - D. ID 26-0475 Ms. Sheli Petersen regarding Hercules Park Project.
PRESENTED
- 2) Additional Citizen Reports (Open Microphone)
Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

Motion passed unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

- A. ID 26-0035 Consider approval of the minutes of February 17, 2026 and March 3, 2026 Regular Meetings.

APPROVED

- B. ID 26-0393 Consider adoption of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the Standard Utility Agreement ("Agreement") by and between the City of Denton and the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT"), for the reimbursement of design, property acquisition and related services, construction, inspection, project management, and other direct costs associated with the adjustment, removal, and/or relocation of wastewater utilities along I-35E from Mayhill to Loop 288 more specifically called the I-35E/Mayhill Utility Relocations Project (Utility ID No. U00011546) for wastewater relocation efforts, within the County and City of Denton, Texas; providing for the expenditure of funds not to exceed an increase of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen and 90/100 dollars (\$162,815.90) therefore; and providing an effective date. The Public Utility Board approves (5-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0393

- C. ID 26-0229 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton adopting and approving a pole attachment license agreement with Spectrum Gulf Coast, LLC ("Charter") for all pole attachments involving poles and conduits owned by the City of Denton ("City"); authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreements; authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date. The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (5-0).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0229

- D. ID 26-0424 Consider adoption of an ordinance providing for acceptance of eligible 212.172 non-annexation agreement(s) for properties that do not have an agricultural, wildlife management or timberland ad valorem tax exemption within an area of land adjacent to and abutting the existing city limits of the City of Denton, Texas, generally identified as DH-12, consisting 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; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (ID 26-0424, Lopez)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0424

- E. ID 26-0439 Consider adoption of an ordinance providing for acceptance of additional eligible 212.172 non-annexation agreement(s) for properties that do not have an agricultural, wildlife management or timberland ad valorem tax exemption within an area of land adjacent to and abutting the existing city limits of the City of Denton, Texas, generally identified as DH-12,

consisting 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; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (26-0439, Victor and Leticia Lopez)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0439

- F. ID 26-0369 Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, approving the 2024/2025 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two (Westpark TIRZ) annual report; and declaring an effective date. The TIRZ Number Two Board recommends approval (13 - 0).

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-0369

- G. ID 26-0287 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the submission of an application to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Urban Area Security Initiative Federal Fiscal Year 2026 - Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) projects (UASI-L) grant program funded through the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$120,000 for equipment and supplies for mobile field forces; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0287

- H. ID 26-0289 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the submission of an application to the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Urban Area Security Initiative Federal Fiscal Year 2026 - Regular Projects (UASI-R) grant program funded through the US Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$20,000 for hazmat equipment; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0289

- I. ID 26-0412 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the submission of an application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Technology Project Identification (TPI) Framework 2026 grant program in the amount of \$800,000 for a Vision Zero Intelligent Safety Corridor project; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0412

- J. ID 26-2470 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton amending policy no. 104.03 "Performance Reviews" to outline the intention behind Performance Reviews, including creating the opportunity for collaboration within the City, encouraging open communication, reinforcing strengths, identifying opportunities for improvement, and connecting individual contributions to broader organizational goals; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-2470

- K. ID 26-0462 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 Compass Group USA, Inc., for vending machine services for the City; providing for the expenditure

of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8959 - awarded to Compass Group USA, 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 \$100,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0462

- L. ID 26-0444 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton allowing Union Bear Brewing Company to sell alcoholic beverages at the Amplify Denton event on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Greater Denton Arts Council in Denton, Texas, upon satisfying certain conditions; authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement in conformity with this resolution; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 26-0444

- M. ID 26-0449 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting Greater Denton Arts Council a noise exception for the Amplify Denton event on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Greater Denton Arts Council; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0449

- N. ID 26-0450 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting Ashes Smoke Shop Denton a noise exception for the Ashes 420 Festival event on Monday, April 20, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Ashes Smoke Shop Denton; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0450

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. DCA26-0001a Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, amending the Denton Development Code Subchapter 2 Section 2.12 Affordability Incentive Procedures; amendments include but are not limited to Subsection 2.12.4, Procedure, removing the Right of First Refusal requirement; Subsection 2.12.6, Affordability Incentive Qualifications, clarifying application to developments with 19 or fewer units; Table 2.12-B, adjusting qualifications to reflect prevailing market rates and make incentives easier to access; providing for a penalty in the maximum amount of \$2,000.00 for violations thereof; and providing a severability clause and an effective date. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted [5-0] to recommend approval of the amendment. Motion for approval by Commissioner Ketchersid and second by Commissioner Riggs. (DCA26-0001, Affordability Incentives, Leia Atkinson).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. DCA26-0001a

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

In-person citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

No online eComments were received on this item.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

- B. Z25-0025b 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 Rural Residential (RR) District to General Office (GO) District on approximately 5.36 acres of land generally located on the north side of Barthold Road, approximately 2,580 feet west of North Interstate 35 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 (6-0) to recommend approval of the request. Motion for approval by Commissioner Ketchersid and second by Commissioner Garland. (Z25-0025b, Arkamima, Matt Bodine)

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. Z25-0025b

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

No online eComments were received on this item.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

- C. ID 26-0288 Hold a public hearing and consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton adopting Standards of Care for recreational care programs administered by Denton's

Parks and Recreation department pursuant to Texas Human Resources Code Section 42.041(b)(14). The Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Board recommends approval (5-0)
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0288

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

No online eComments were received on this item.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 26-0446 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 Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., for roadway surface treatments for the Streets Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8902 - awarded to Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in a total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0446

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

No online eComments were received on this item.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

NAYS (0): None

- B. ID 26-0418 Consider an ordinance of the City Council of Denton, Texas, approving an Acquisition Agreement with the Denton Destination Management and Marketing Organization for the transfer of equipment and other assets of Discover Denton, the assumption of certain contracts by the Denton Destination Management and Marketing Organization, and the grant of an Intellectual Property License to the Denton Destination Management and Marketing Organization; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 26-0418

The item was presented, and no discussion followed.

There were no in-person citizen comments.

No online eComments were received on this item.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr 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 7:55 p.m.



GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



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CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: 21 APRIL 2026

EXHIBIT A - April 7, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

Speaker Commentaries/Registrations Online, Email, Phone

Name	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Jaime Baxter-Slye	921 Warbler Ln	Aubrey	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments regarding Hercules park
Greg Fuess	1704 Westchester	Denton	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments regarding North Lakes Park Trail paving
Danna Zoltner	610 Emery	Denton	Open Mic	n/a	In-Person	Comments regarding Animal Shelter
George Ferrie	4708 Conley Ln	Denton	5.A	Support	In-Person	Spoke in support
Aimee Bissett, McAdams	109 N Elm	Denton	5.B	Support	In-Person	Applicant