



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: June 2, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on pending City Council requests for:

- 1) AI Data Facility Application Process
 - 2) Denton Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund
- [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

BACKGROUND

The following items will be discussed during this work session:

1) AI Data Facility Application Process

- a. **Requestor:** Council Member Stevens
- b. **Council Member Request:** I am proposing a work session for the purpose of having a discussion and providing council direction on the possibility of creating a policy on how the City of Denton approaches AI data facility applications moving forward.

This would include, but is not limited to, a discussion on a temporary moratorium on future applications for the purpose of evaluating whether the projected infrastructure demand, environmental impact, and financial return associated with the two currently approved AI data facilities align with their projections once operational. Medium Priority.

- c. **Date Requested:** May 14, 2026
- d. **Format for Response:** Informal Staff Report

2) Denton Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund

- a. **Requestor:** Council Member Villarreal
- b. **Council Member Request:** I'd like to request a work session to discuss two related items concerning the Denton Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund — a Cost of Living Adjustment for retired firefighters, and the transfer of our 911 dispatchers from the Fire Pension Plan into TMRS.

On the first item: our retired firefighters gave decades of service protecting this community. The City of Denton's general fund balance currently sits at nearly \$42.8 million — 23.6% of expenditures — well above the GFOA-recommended 16.67% floor, and our total governmental fund balance has increased over 47% since FY23. The city is in a strong fiscal position. Meanwhile, our retired firefighters have seen inflation steadily erode their fixed pension benefits. A Cost of Living Adjustment is not just a financial question — it is a moral one. These retirees made career-long commitments to this city. We should honor that commitment with a work session to explore what a COLA would look like and what the city can responsibly support.

On the second item: right now, dispatchers under the age of 36 are required to enroll in the Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund and contribute 12% of their gross pay. Every other city employee pays 7% through TMRS. That's a 5-point penalty on every paycheck for dispatchers at the start of their careers — at a time when we are struggling to recruit and retain qualified 911 staff. Moving dispatchers to TMRS aligns them with the rest of our workforce, reduces the financial burden on new hires, and strengthens our ability to staff the Communications Center.

Both of these issues directly affect our ability to keep promises to those who've served and to recruit the next generation of public safety professionals. I'd like to ask my colleagues to support scheduling a work session so staff can bring us full actuarial and fiscal analysis on both items.

c. **Date Requested:** May 25, 2026

d. **Format for Response:** Informal Staff Report

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance No. 24-1725

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

Respectfully Submitted:
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