

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

October 21, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Joint Meeting with the Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 12:01 p.m. at the Development Service Center, Training Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, at 401 N. Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth

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

Board of Trustees representing the Denton Independent School District (DISD) were Barbara Burns, Board President; Sheryl English, Board Vice-President; Tanya Wright, Vice President Operations; and Board Members Dr. Buddy Dunworth and Charles Stafford. Board Members who were absent were Patricia Sosa-Sanchez and Lori Tays, Board Secretary.

DISD President Burns also called their Special Called Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

A. ID 25-1864 Hold a public hearing 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 9.4 acres of City park land, located within South Lakes Park in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, from a park to a public school for the construction of Denton Independent School District recreation facilities and (2) finding that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to the land as a park; and providing an effective date. (The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board recommends approval with a vote of (5-0)).

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

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr opened the Public Hearing and with no callers in the queue, the public hearing was closed.

2. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. ID 25-1964 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 9.4 acres of City park land, located within South Lakes Park in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas, from a park to a public school for the construction of Denton Independent School District recreation facilities and (2) finding that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to the land as a park; and providing an effective date. (The Parks, Recreation and Beautification Board recommends approval with a vote of (5-0)).

Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr explained that only the Denton City Council Members would be voting on the item and that the Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees would vote at a separate date.

Council Member Beck moved to adopt the item as presented by staff. 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

3. WORK SESSION

Work Session Reports

A. ID 25-1593 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding City of Denton construction projects surrounding Denton ISD campuses.

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

B. ID 25-1594 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Denton ISD's upcoming tax election.

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

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and DISD President Burns adjourned the Special Called Joint Meeting at 1:03 p.m.

MAYOR GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____