



City Council Vote History

**City Council
Tuesday, May 7, 2024**



Background

- Previously, the City Secretary's Office maintained a City Council Vote Chart on the City of Denton's Council website.
- The discontinuation of this practice was done at the recommendation of a consultant review as of April 2023.
- 2 Minute Pitch March 19, 2024, to Consider Reinstating Individual Council Member Vote Tabulation.
- This is tabulation of data, not the official record of votes.



Consultant Evaluation/Findings

- Mary J. Kayser, TRMC, MMC (City Hall Essentials)
 - Five key areas analyzed: Meeting Management, Public Information, Records Management, Boards and Commissions, and Elections.
 - Votes were recorded in:
 - The minutes
 - Ordinances and resolutions
 - Vote history website
 - The Charter only requires that the vote be recorded in the minutes.
 - Consultant finding:

“Recording the vote in 1) the minutes and 2) on the ordinances and resolutions and 3) adding a chart on the Council page on how members vote both individually and as a group is in my opinion, overkill as the Charter only requires that the vote be recorded in the minutes.”



Vote History Website Metrics/Impact

- 2018 to Present: Google Analytics Identified 244 Clicks on Individual Council Member Vote History Tables.
 - Outlier Meeting April 4, 2023 Resulted in 95 clicks
 - 149 Clicks for the Remainder of the 6 Years
 - Resulting average is approximately 25 clicks per year
- Registers Clicks from Staff.
- Best estimate of staff time commitment to accomplish this task takes 2 staff members 4 hours each meeting.



Staff Recommendation

- It is the Staff recommendation to not move forward with reinstating the vote history tabulation of data.



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- However, should you decide to reinstate the vote history, I recommend a disclaimer be added and staff be given 6 months to tabulate data backlog



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