## CITY OF DENTON SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES October 24, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Session Room at 215 E. McKinney St, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Edward Soph, Vice Chair Brand Richter, Member Dave Helms, Member Adam Briggle, and Member Camelia Maier.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Christopher Mullins

ABSENT: None

## **REGULAR MEETING**

## 1. <u>ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION</u>

**A. SFAC25-036** Consider approval of the September 26, 2025, minutes.

Chair Soph requested consideration of the previous meeting minutes for September 26, 2025. Vice Chair Richter moved to approve the minutes. Member Maier seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggle, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

**B. SFAC25-030** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding City Council request to review two-minute pitch for rooftop solar and rooftop garden/wall garden retrofits for existing City facilities.

The item was presented by Tom Gramer with the Facilities & Fleet Services Department. Tom discussed the two-minute pitch that was submitted to the City Council regarding the installation of rooftop and wall gardens and solar panels with batteries on City buildings. Tom discussed the background, City facilities, and considerations for new and existing buildings regarding engineering surveys, equipment, and costs. He further discussed the next steps and staff recommendations.

Members asked questions and held a discussion.

Chair Soph requested consideration to move forward with staff recommendations for the inclusion of rooftop and/or wall gardens on new construction and solar panels with or without battery storage on new construction. Vice Chair Richter moved for adoption. Member Briggle seconded.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggle, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

**C. SFAC25-037** Receive a report and consider a recommendation to City Council for adoption on the final draft of the Simply Sustainable Framework.

The item was presented by Julissa Amador with the Environmental Services & Sustainability Department. Julissa discussed the Simply Sustainable Framework update, background, and previous feedback provided by the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee, as well as the Committee on the Environment. She further discussed the next steps, including requests for additional changes and consideration for the adoption of the Simply Sustainable Framework to the City Council.

Chair Soph requested feedback from members for direction on the agenda item.

- Vice Chair Richter requested a clean headliner or mission statement within the
  document of the guiding principles, such as the justification as to why the Simply
  Sustainable Framework document exists, its purpose, and what it is seeking to
  achieve.
- Member Maier requested a line to be added regarding encouraging businesses to incorporate green infrastructure in their activities.

Members asked questions and held a discussion.

Chair Soph requested consideration of the current Simply Sustainable Framework document. Vice Chair Richter moved to reject the agenda item. Member Maier seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, and Member Maier

NAYS (1): Member Briggle

- **D. SFAC25-038** Staff Reports
  - 1. Moseley Road Landfill Memo Solid Waste & Recycling
  - 2. Matrix

Chair Soph asked for information about the size of the Moseley Road Landfill.

Chair Soph would like to initiate future discussions on having a new value of solar study done regarding the Simply Sustainable Framework Plan.

## 2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

With no further business, Chair Soph requested a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Richter moved to adjourn. Member Helms seconded. Chair Soph closed the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggle, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

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