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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Auditor's Office

CITY AUDITOR: Madison Rorschach

DATE: October 7, 2024

SUBJECT

Ethics Complaint No. 24-002 filed on September 23, 2024, concerning alleged violations of Ethics Ordinance Section 2-273.

BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2024, the City Auditor's Office received an Ethics Complaint Form from Mayor Gerard Hudspeth alleging that City Council Member Brian Beck violated City of Denton Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 Article XI (Ethics) Section 2-273 regarding Improper Influence. The details of the Ethics Complaint can be seen in Exhibit 2.

Per Section 2-279 of the Ordinance, the City Auditor reviewed the received complaint and determined that it was administratively complete and timely on September 24. Notification that the complaint was accepted was then forwarded to the Board of Ethics Chairperson, the City Attorney, the Respondent, and the Complainant. Per Section 2-280, a panel meeting of the Board of Ethics was scheduled to review the Complaint on its face and determine whether it is either:

- (1) Actionable: the allegations and evidence contained in the Complaint, if true, would constitute a violation of the Ethics Ordinance; or
- (2) Baseless: the allegations and evidence contained in the Complaint, if true, would not constitute a violation of this article.

Actionable Complaints shall be returned to the Chairperson for listing on an agenda for a public hearing and Baseless Complaints shall be dismissed. Written notification of the Panel's determination should be filed with the City Auditor within two (2) business days.

Per the Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure Section D. Preliminary Assessments, a Panel's review is limited to the contents of the Complaint. No extraneous information may be considered, unless the Panel wishes to review information as part of a consideration of the accuracy of the statements made in the Complaint in conjunction with the making of a recommendation that a hearing be first held on an accepted Complaint to determine if it may be frivolous.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Received Ethics Complaint – Redacted
3. Ordinance 23-2251 – Ethics Ordinance

4. Ethics Complaint Process Packet

Respectfully submitted:
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City Auditor