



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: July 14, 2026

SUBJECT

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

- 1) City Council Member disclosure of private meetings with developers
- 2) Structural changes to Section 2-279 of the City's Ethics Ordinance
- 3) Temporary moratorium on new permit applications for multifamily development

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 25 minutes]

BACKGROUND

The following items will be discussed during this work session:

1) City Council Member disclosure of private meetings with developers

- a. **Requestor:** Mayor Pro Tem Stevens
- b. **Council Member Request:** I am requesting a two minute pitch to have a work session on developing a policy that would require city councilors to disclose private meetings with developers that have pending matters before Council. This new policy is intended to promote greater transparency for our community. Priority Level: Medium.
- c. **Date Requested:** June 24, 2026
- d. **Format for Response:** Informal Staff Report

2) Structural changes to Section 2-279 of the City's Ethics Ordinance

- a. **Requestor:** Council Member Ferrie
- b. **Council Member Request:** To keep things as streamlined as possible ahead of the work session discussions, my first 2-minute pitch will focus squarely on asking Council to direct staff to execute three core structural changes to Section 2-279 of the Ethics Ordinance:
 - **Authorize Anonymous Complaints:** Amend Section 2-279 to explicitly allow for anonymous reporting, closing the legal gap that currently leaves staff vulnerable to retaliation under the Texas Whistleblower Act.
 - **Shift the Burden of Proof:** Eliminate the requirement for employees to personally prosecute their own complaints at public hearings. Instead, establish an independent investigatory role (such as the City Auditor) to evaluate evidence behind closed doors and handle prosecution before the ethics commission.
 - **Implement a Secure Hotline:** Contract with a neutral, third-party vendor to launch a secure, 24/7 confidential reporting hotline that scrubs digital footprints to guarantee anonymity.

Priority Level: High

c. **Date Requested:** July 1, 2026

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

3) Temporary moratorium on new permit applications for multifamily development

a. **Requestor:** Mayor Watts

b. **Council Member Request:** I would like to submit a two minute pick to discuss temporary moratorium on new permit applications for multifamily development.

c. **Date Requested:** July 2, 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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Chief of Staff, Interim City Secretary