



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: April 13, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on the City's financial policies.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this item is to undertake an effort to formalize and centralize the City's financial governance structure by developing a comprehensive financial policy. The existing approach, while functional, relies on multiple independent practices, shorter-range forecasts, and fund-by-fund assessments without an overarching framework. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), along with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and American Public Power Association (APPA), strongly recommend that governments adopt written policies that define long-term financial planning assumptions, reserve requirements, capital reinvestment strategies, rate-setting principles, and links between revenues and expenses. A unified policy will ensure consistency, transparency, fiscal resilience, and compliance with financial standards.

The development and implementation of a comprehensive financial policy is estimated to take approximately 12 to 18 months. Periodic updates to the Public Utilities Board (PUB) and City Council will be provided at key milestones throughout the process for feedback and direction.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends moving forward with the development of a comprehensive financial policy.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Presentation

Respectfully submitted:
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Chief Financial Officer