



City of Denton

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Denton, Texas 76201
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Meeting Agenda

City Council

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

SPECIAL CALLED - CANVASSING RUNOFF ELECTION

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After determining that a quorum is present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. U.S. Flag
- B. Texas Flag

“Honor the Texas Flag – I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.”

2. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. [ID 26-0770](#) Proclamation: Brandon Chase McGee Appreciation

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. [ID 26-0792](#) Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the municipal runoff election held on Saturday, June 13, 2026; and providing an effective date.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - Ordinance & Exhibit A](#)
 [Exhibit 3 - Presentation](#)

- B. [ID 26-0793](#) Issue the following to newly Elected Council Members:
 - Certificate of Election
 - Statement of Officer
 - Oaths of Office

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)

- C. [ID 26-0791](#) Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Attachments: [Exhibit 1 - Agenda Information Sheet](#)
 [Exhibit 2 - Election of Mayor Pro Tem Process](#)

4. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. [ID 26-0797](#) Proclamation: Gerard Hudspeth Appreciation

5. CONCLUDING ITEMS

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B. Possible Continuation of Closed Meeting topics, above posted.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM: Cassey Ogden, Interim

DATE: June 23, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the municipal runoff election held on Saturday, June 13, 2026; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

Adoption of this ordinance will formally canvass the election returns and declare the results of the Special Called Runoff Municipal Election held on June 13, 2026, for City Council Places 5 and 7 (Mayor).

The Unofficial Results are attached as Exhibit A to the ordinance. Upon receipt from Denton County Elections, the Official Results will be updated.

Upon adoption, this ordinance will serve as the City Council's official canvass of the June 13, 2026 elections.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance & Exhibits

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Kristi Fogle
Interim City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 26-0792

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and declares the June 13, 2026 municipal runoff election was duly ordered for the purpose of electing Council Members to Place 5 and Place 7 (Mayor); proper notice of said election was duly given and election officials appointed; said election was duly held and the returns of the election officials have been delivered to the Council, all in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Denton.

WHEREAS, the official returns of the municipal runoff election have been opened, examined and canvassed; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The official returns of the election officials having been opened, examined, and canvassed and the City Council officially finds and determines X,XXX votes were cast at this municipal runoff election and the votes cast for said election were as follows:

EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING:

FOR PLACE 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXX votes

Erica Garland XXX votes

ELECTION DAY VOTING:

FOR PLACE 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXX votes

Erica Garland XXX votes

TOTAL VOTES CAST:

FOR PLACE 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXX votes

Erica Garland XXX votes

SECTION 2. The official returns of the municipal runoff election, herein incorporated by reference and attached as “Exhibit A”, having been opened, examined, and canvassed, and the

Council hereby finds and declares the following candidate received a majority of the votes cast at the municipal runoff election for Place 5 and is declared to be elected to the City Council of the City of Denton as follows:

FOR PLACE 5: Winning Candidate's Name

and the candidate shall assume the duties of office on the date they take the official oath of office.

SECTION 3. The official returns of the election officials having been opened, examined, and canvassed and the City Council officially finds and determines X,XXX votes were cast at this municipal runoff election and the votes cast for said election were as follows:

EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING:

FOR PLACE 7 (MAYOR):

Chris Watts XXX votes

Brian Beck XXX votes

ELECTION DAY VOTING:

FOR PLACE 7 (MAYOR):

Chris Watts XXX votes

Brian Beck XXX votes

TOTAL VOTES CAST:

FOR PLACE 7 (MAYOR):

Chris Watts XXX votes

Brian Beck XXX votes

SECTION 4. The official returns of the municipal runoff election, herein incorporated by reference and attached as "Exhibit A", having been opened, examined, and canvassed, and the Council hereby finds and declares the following candidate received a majority of the votes cast at the municipal runoff election for Place 7 (Mayor) and is declared to be elected to the City Council of the City of Denton as follows:

FOR PLACE 7 (MAYOR): Winning Candidate's Name

and the candidate shall assume the duties of office on the date they take the official oath of office.

SECTION 5. The official returns of the election officials having been opened, examined, and canvassed and the City Council officially finds and determines X,XXX votes were cast at this municipal runoff election and the votes cast for said election were as follows:

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by _____ and seconded by _____; the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [___ - ___]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Gerard Hudspeth:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan Villarreal, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PASSED AND APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KRISTI FOGLE, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY


BY: _____

ORDENANZA N.º 26-0792

UNA ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE DENTON QUE RECOPILA LOS RESULTADOS Y DECLARA LOS RESULTADOS DE LAS ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES DE SEGUNDA VUELTA CELEBRADAS EL SÁBADO 13 DE JUNIO DE 2026; Y QUE DISPONE UNA FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGOR.

POR CUANTO, el Concejo Municipal reconoce y declara que l las elecciones municipales de segunda vuelta del 13 de junio de 2026 se decretaron debidamente con la finalidad de elegir un concejal para el Lugar 5 y el Lugar 7 (alcalde); dichas elecciones se celebraron debidamente y se entregaron al Consejo los resultados de los funcionarios electorales, todo de conformidad con las leyes del estado de Texas y con los Estatutos y las ordenanzas de la Ciudad de Denton.

POR CUANTO, los resultados oficiales de las elecciones municipales de segunda vuelta se han abierto, revisado y escrutado; POR LO TANTO,

EL CONCEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE DENTON DECRETA LO SIGUIENTE:

SECCIÓN 1. Habiéndose abierto, revisado y escrutado los resultados oficiales de los funcionarios electorales, el Concejo Municipal reconoce y determina de manera oficial que se emitieron X,XXX votos en estas elecciones municipales de segunda vuelta y que los votos emitidos para dichas elecciones fueron los siguientes:

VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA Y A DISTANCIA:

PARA EL LUGAR 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXXX votos

Erica Garland XXXX votos

PARA EL LUGAR 7 (ALCALDE):

Chris Watts XXXX votos

Brian Beck XXXX votos

VOTACIÓN EN EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES:

PARA EL LUGAR 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXXX votos

Erica Garland XXXX votos

PARA EL LUGAR 7 (ALCALDE):

Chris Watts XXXX votos

Brian Beck XXXX votos

TOTAL DE VOTOS EMITIDOS:

PARA EL LUGAR 5:

George Michael Ferrie Jr. XXXX votos

Erica Garland XXXX votos

PARA EL LUGAR 7 (ALCALDE):

Chris Watts XXXX votos

Brian Beck XXXX votos

SECCIÓN 2. Los resultados oficiales de las elecciones municipales de segunda vuelta, que se incluyen en el presente documento como referencia y se adjuntan como “Anexo A”, se han abierto, revisado y escrutado. Por el presente documento, el Consejo reconoce y declara que los siguientes candidatos recibió la mayoría de los votos emitidos en las elecciones municipales de segunda vuelta para el Lugar 5 y el Lugar 7 (Alcalde) y se declara elegida para el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Denton de la siguiente manera:

PARA EL LUGAR 5: Name

PARA EL LUGAR 7 (ALCALDE): Name

Asimismo, la candidata asumirá las obligaciones del cargo en la fecha en que preste juramento oficial del cargo.

SECCIÓN 3. Esta ordenanza entrará en vigor inmediatamente después de su promulgación y aprobación.

La moción para aprobar la presente ordenanza fue formulada por _____ y secundada por _____; la ordenanza se promulgó y aprobó por la siguiente votación [___ - ___]:

	Si	No	Abstención	Ausente
Gerard Hudspeth, alcalde:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan Villarreal, Distrito 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, Distrito 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, Distrito 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, Distrito 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Chase McGee, Lugar en general 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, Lugar en general 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PROMULGADA Y APROBADA el día _____ de _____ 2026.

GERARD HUDSPETH, ALCALDE

DOY FE:
KRISTI FOGLE, SECRETARIA INTERMEDIA DE LA CIUDAD

POR: _____

APROBADO EN CUANTO A LA FORMA JURÍDICA:
MACK REINWAND, ABOGADO DE LA CIUDAD



POR: _____

Unofficial Results

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RESULTS

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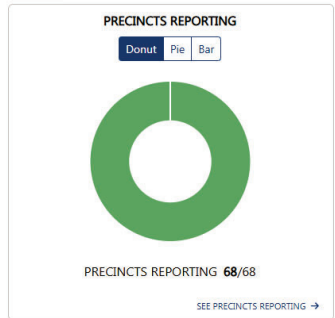
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★ City of Denton Councilmember, Place 5 (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting 100%	Percentage	Votes
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #28a745; margin-right: 5px;"></div> George Michael Ferrie Jr.</div>	50.43%	7,769
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #17a2b8; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Erica Garland</div>	49.57%	7,636
Vote Cast		15,405

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★ City of Denton Mayor, Place 7 (Vote For 1)		
Precincts Reporting 100%	Percentage	Votes
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #28a745; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Chris Watts</div>	50.15%	7,738
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"><div style="width: 15px; height: 15px; background-color: #17a2b8; margin-right: 5px;"></div> Brian Beck</div>	49.85%	7,691
Vote Cast		15,429

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VOTER TURNOUT

TOTAL	18.77%
Ballots Cast	31,776
Registered Voters	169,318

REPORTS

Summary view



Canvassing Results of the June 13, 2026 Runoff Election

Kristi Fogle

Interim City Secretary

June 23, 2026



Order of June 13, 2026 Council Place 3 Runoff Election

- May 2, 2026 General Election Ordered January 13, 2026 (Ordinance No. 25-2298)
 - No candidate received majority of votes in Places 5 and 7
- June 13, 2026 Runoff Election Ordered May 12, 2026 (Ordinance No. 26-0580)





Canvass of June 13, 2026 Runoff Election Results

- Final Runoff Election Results provide the vote count as follows:
 - Place 5 – Candidate George Michael Ferrie Jr. received 50.43% of votes cast
 - Place 7 (Mayor) – Candidate Chris Watts received 50.15% of votes cast
- City Council needs to accept final results to officiate the outcome





Canvass Runoff Election held June 13, 2026 – Place 5 Cumulative Results



★ City of Denton Councilmember, Place 5 (Vote For 1)			
Precincts Reporting 100%		Percentage	Votes
	George Michael Ferrie Jr.	50.43%	7,769
	Erica Garland	49.57%	7,636
Vote Cast			15,405



Canvass Runoff Election held June 13, 2026 – Place 7 (Mayor) Cumulative Results

★ City of Denton Mayor, Place 7 (Vote For 1)  

Precincts Reporting **100%**

	Percentage	Votes
 Chris Watts	50.15%	7,738
 Brian Beck	49.85%	7,691
Vote Cast		15,429



Recommendations

- Consider adoption of the draft ordinance:
 - NO. 26-0792
 - An ordinance of the City of Denton canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Municipal Runoff Election held on Saturday, June 13, 2025; and providing an effective date.

Questions?





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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office

CM: Cassey Ogden, Interim

DATE: June 23, 2026

SUBJECT

Issue the following to newly Elected Council Members:

- Certificate of Election
- Statement of Officer
- Oaths of Office

BACKGROUND

The Secretary of State sets forth certain relevant events that must occur after a general election is held for the purpose of electing members of a governing body. Those requirements apply to the City of Denton's June 13, 2026 Special Called Runoff Election. Following acceptance of the ordinance canvassing the results of said Election, individuals declared duly elected must be issued the following in the noted order:

1. Certificate of Election
2. Statement of Officer
3. Oaths of Office

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

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SUBJECT

Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

BACKGROUND

Article II, Section 2.03, of the Denton City Charter states, in part "...*The council shall, as soon as possible after the annual election, elect from its membership a mayor pro tem. The mayor pro tem shall act as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor.*"

The election of the Mayor Pro Tem at this meeting will meet the requirement set forth above.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Election of Mayor Pro Tem Process

Respectfully submitted:

Kristi Fogle
Interim City Secretary

Election of a Mayor Pro Tem

Process

The following outlines the nomination/election process for the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem.

- Mayor opens the floor to nominations for a Mayor Pro Tem.
 - Only after the Mayor announces, “*Nominations are now open*”, can members of the City Council make nominations.
 - Council members must be acknowledged by the Mayor before voicing their nomination.
 - A council member may only make one nomination at a time.
- Mayor shall accept as many nominations as members of the City Council may wish to submit.
 - The nominating council member may make comments to describe the reasoning for their nomination.
 - The Mayor will inquire of each nominee whether they accept the nomination.
- Mayor shall close the nomination process after verifying there are no more nominations received.
 - At this time, the floor shall be opened for commentary from any member of the City Council.
 - The item is opened for public comment, if any.
- Mayor shall put nominees to a voice vote in the order nomination(s) were submitted.
 - Once a nominee receives a simple majority vote of those members present, no other nominations will be considered.
 - In the event of a tie vote for any/all nominations received, the nominees previously submitted shall again be presented for election.