City of Denton

Meeting Agenda

City Council

City Hall
215 E. McKinney St.
Denton, Texas 76201
www.cityofdenton.com

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 | **8:30 AM** | **Council Chambers**

SPECIAL CALLED

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Individuals may speak during a Council meeting under one of the following categories:

Open Microphone:

At regular meetings only, individuals can speak on any topic that is not on the agenda for no longer than four (4) minutes per individual. This portion of the meeting occurs immediately after the start of the regular meeting session. Please note, Council members cannot engage in a discussion on topics presented during this portion and there are limited slots available for this portion of the meeting.

Comments on Agenda Items:

Public comments can be given for any item considered by the Council, EXCEPT work session reports or closed meetings. Individuals are only able to comment one time per agenda item and cannot use more than one method to comment on a single agenda item. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.

Individuals may participate by using one of the following methods:

1. **In Person for Regular or Consent Agenda Items:**

   To provide in-person comments on consent agenda items, individuals must be present at the Work Session portion of the meeting. To provide in-person comments on individual consideration items, individuals must be present at the Regular or Special Session portion of the meeting. In both instances, individuals must also submit a speaker card (available at the meeting location) to the City Secretary prior to the item being called.

2. **In Person for Public Hearing Items:**

   For public hearing items, speaker cards are encouraged but not required.

3. **eComment:**

The agenda is posted online at www.cityofdenton.com/publicmeetings. Once the agenda is posted, a link to make virtual comments using the eComment module will be made available next to the meeting listing on the Upcoming Events Calendar. Using eComment, Individuals may indicate support or opposition and submit a brief comment about a specific agenda item. eComments may be submitted up until the start of the meeting at which time the ability to make an eComment will be closed. eComments will be sent directly to members of the City Council immediately upon submission and recorded by the City Secretary into the Minutes of the Meeting.

AFTER DETERMINING THAT A QUORUM IS PRESENT, THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE AT 8:30 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CITY HALL, 215 E. MCKINNEY STREET, DENTON, TEXAS AT WHICH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED:

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. ID 26-1261 Consider approval of a resolution to formally accept Council Member Villarreal's resignation from City Council District 1; and providing an effective date.

Attachments: Exhibit 1 - Resolution
Exhibit 2 - Resignation

B. ID 26-1262 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ordering a special election for filling a vacancy in District 1 for the unexpired term ending in May 2027, to be held on November 3, 2026 and if required, a runoff election to be held on December 12, 2026; prescribing the time, manner, and conduct of the election in accordance with a joint election agreement and contract for election services with the Elections Administrator of Denton County; and providing an effective date.

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2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the City Council or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

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

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the official website (https://tx-denton.civicplus.com/242/Public-Meetings-Agendas) and bulletin board at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas, on Thursday, July 30, 2026, in advance of the three (3) business day posting deadline, as applicable, and in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY SECRETARY

NOTE: THE CITY OF DENTON'S DESIGNATED PUBLIC MEETING FACILITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THE CITY WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION, SUCH AS SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, IF REQUESTED AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING. PLEASE CALL THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 940-349-8309 OR USE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF (TDD) BY CALLING 1-800-RELAY-TX SO THAT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION CAN BE ARRANGED.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-1261

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON FORMALLY ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JORDAN VILLARREAL FROM CITY COUNCIL PLACE 1; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Jordan Villarreal served the City of Denton as the Place 1 Council Member beginning May 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Villarreal submitted a letter of resignation on July 30, 2026; NOW THEREFORE**,**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The recitals and findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are incorporated into the body of Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council accepts the resignation of Jordan Villarreal from his service as Council Member, District 1 effective August 5, 2026. Per Article 16, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution, he shall continue as Council Member for District 1 until his successor is elected and sworn in.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

The motion to approve this resolution was made by _____ and seconded by _____, the resolution was passed and approved by the following vote [____-____]:

	Aye	**Nay**	**Abstain**	**Absent**
Mayor Chris Watts:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan E. Villarreal, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Ferrie, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

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CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KRISTI FOGLE, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____

Jordan
VILLARREAL
Denton City Council
DISTRICT 1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

****DENTON, TX****

Dear Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, City Secretary, and Members of the Denton City Council,

I am writing to formally announce my intention to resign from my position as City Councilman for the City of Denton. I plan to step down September 1st, 2026, and providing due notice to allow for the city to hold a special election coinciding with the regular November election.

This decision has not come lightly. Serving the residents of Denton has been a profound honor, and I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me and the opportunity to contribute to the growth and well-being of our community. I remain proud of the work we have accomplished together, including leading the effort to provide retired firefighters with a cost-of-living adjustment—a fight that I sincerely hope my colleagues will continue in the months ahead. I have also fought to ensure that our neighborhoods felt included and heard, and worked to push back against gentrification and overdevelopment in order to preserve the character and accessibility of our community.

At this time, I must step away from my duties to focus on my personal health. After careful consideration, I believe it is in the best interest of both my well-being and the continued effective representation of my constituents that I transition out of this role in an orderly manner.

I extend my sincere appreciation to my colleagues on the Council, city staff, and the residents of Denton for their support, collaboration, and dedication to our community. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you. It has additionally been an honor to serve as the City of Denton's youngest ever and first gay City Councilman, and the first Latino in nearly two decades.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I ask for privacy for me and my family at this present time.

Respectfully,

Jordan E. Villarreal
Denton City Councilman
District 1

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office

ICM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: August 5, 2026

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton ordering a special election for filling a vacancy in District 1 for the unexpired term ending in May 2027, to be held on November 3, 2026 and if required, a runoff election to be held on December 12, 2026; prescribing the time, manner, and conduct of the election in accordance with a joint election agreement and contract for election services with the Elections Administrator of Denton County; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

On July 30, 2026, Council Member Jordan Villarreal submitted his resignation as a member of the Council District 1.

Section 201.051(a) of the Texas Election Code requires that a vacancy in office be filled by special election, which shall be ordered as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs. Approval of this ordinance would formally order a Special Election to be held in conjunction with the November 3, 2026 General Election to fill the unexpired term for District 1. It also provides that the City will be entering into a joint election agreement and contract for election services (the "Agreement") with the Denton County Elections Administrator to perform various election functions. The Agreement will be scheduled for formal adoption at a later date.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
Exhibit 2 – Ordinance
Exhibit 3 – Presentation

Respectfully submitted:

Kristi Fogle
Interim City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 26-1262

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR FILLING A VACANCY IN DISTRICT 1 FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING IN MAY 2027, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026, AND IF REQUIRED, A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2026; PRESCRIBING THE TIME, MANNER, AND CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH THE ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR OF DENTON COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.01(a) of the Denton City Charter provides that the city council shall have seven (7) members, six (6) councilpersons and a mayor. Each councilperson shall be elected to and occupy a place on the council, such places being numbered one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6). The mayor's position on the council shall be place seven (7); and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2026, Council Member Jordan Villarreal submitted his resignation as a member of the Council District 1 to become effective on September 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received the resignation of Council Member Jordan Villarreal on the day it was submitted; and

WHEREAS, Section 201.023 of the Texas Election Code states that if a Council Member submits a resignation, whether to be effective immediately or at a future date, a vacancy occurs on the date the resignation is accepted by the appropriate authority or on the eighth day after the date of its receipt by the authority, whichever is earlier; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepted the resignation on August 5, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Section 201.051(a) of the Texas Election Code requires a special election to fill a vacancy in office be ordered as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs; and

WHEREAS, District 1 is vacated and due for a special election to fill the unexpired term ending in May 2027 of said District 1 to be held in accordance with the Denton City Charter on a uniform election date as defined in the Texas Election Code. NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations contained in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2. A special municipal election is ordered to be held in the City of Denton, Texas on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, such date being a uniform election date as defined in Texas Election Code §41.001 for the purpose of electing a Council Member for Districts 1 for the unexpired term ending in May 2027. In the event a runoff is required, the runoff election shall be held on Saturday, December 12, 2026.

SECTION 3. District 1 is declared vacant. The first day to file for a Place on the special election ballot is August 5, 2026. The deadline to file for a Place on the special election ballot is August 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

SECTION 4. The polling places shall be designated by the Denton County Elections Administrator (the "Elections Administrator") in accordance with the provisions of a joint election agreement and contract for election services (the "Agreement") with the Elections Administrator.

SECTION 5. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appearance at the locations, dates and times designated by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement with the Elections Administrator, and during the early voting period as required or permitted by law.

SECTION 6. The most accurate information on election day and early voting locations and voting times can be found or obtained by visiting the Denton County webpage noted below or contacting said County as noted:

Denton County Elections Administrator
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208
(940) 349-3200
https://www.votedenton.com/upcoming-election-information/

SECTION 7. The Elections Administrator shall serve as the early voting clerk in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. The main early voting location for the election shall be at the following address:

Denton County Elections Administrator
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208

SECTION 8. Applications for early voting by mail must be received no later than the close of regular business on October 23, 2026. Applications for early voting by mail must be submitted to the following address:

Early Voting Clerk
Denton County Elections Administrator
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208

SECTION 9. The manner of holding such election and all questions pertaining thereto shall be governed by the election laws of the State of Texas.

SECTION 10. 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 Chris Watts:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan E. Villarreal, District 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, District 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, District 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, District 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Ferrie, At Large Place 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, At Large Place 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

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

_____
CHRIS WATTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:
KRISTI FOGLE, INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

BY: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY

BY: _____

ORDENANZA NÚM. 26-1262

ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE DENTON QUE ORDENA UNAS ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA OCUPAR UNA VACANTE EN EL DISTRITO 1 POR EL PERÍODO INCONCLUSO QUE FINALIZA EN MAYO DE 2027, QUE SE CELEBRARÁN EL 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026, Y EN CASO DE SER NECESARIO, UNA ELECCION DE SEGUNDA VUELTA QUE SE CELEBRARÁ EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2026; QUE PRESCRIBE EL HORARIO, LA MODALIDAD Y LA EJECUCIÓN DE LA ELECCION, DE CONFORMIDAD CON UN ACUERDO PARA ELECCIONES CONJUNTAS Y UN CONTRATO DE SERVICIOS ELECTORALES CON EL ADMINISTRADOR ELECTORAL DEL CONDADO DE DENTON; Y QUE FACILITA UNA FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGOR.

POR CUANTO, el artículo II de la sección 2.01(a) de los Estatutos de la Ciudad de Denton dispone que el Concejo Municipal contará con siete (7) miembros, seis (6) concejales y un alcalde. Cada concejal se elegirá y ocupará un lugar en el Concejo, siendo dichos lugares numerados como uno (1), dos (2), tres (3), cuatro (4), cinco (5) y seis (6). La posición del alcalde en el Concejo será el lugar siete (7); y

POR CUANTO, el 30 de julio de 2026, el concejal Jordan Villareal presentó su renuncia como miembro del Distrito 1 del Concejo para que entrara en vigor el 1 de septiembre de 2026; y

POR CUANTO, el Concejo Municipal recibió la renuncia de concejale Jordan Villareal en la fecha en se presentó; y

POR CUANTO, la sección 201.023 del Código Electoral de Texas establece que si un concejal presenta una renuncia, ya sea para que entre en vigor de inmediato o en una fecha posterior, se produce una vacante en la fecha en que se acepta la renuncia por parte de la autoridad correspondiente o en el octavo día después de la fecha de su recepción por la autoridad, lo que suceda primero; y

POR CUANTO, el Concejo Municipal aceptó la renuncia de concejale Jordan Villareal el 5 de agosto de 2026; y

POR CUANTO, la sección 201.051(a) del Código Electoral de Texas exige que se ordenen unas elecciones especiales para ocupar una vacante en el cargo tan pronto como sea posible después de que produzca la vacante; y

POR CUANTO, el Distrito 1 está vacante y se prevé una eleccion especial para ocupar el periodo inconcluso que finaliza en mayo de 2027 de dicho Distrito 1 , que se celebrará de conformidad con los Estatutos de la Ciudad de Denton en una fecha de elecciones uniformes, según se define en el Código Electoral de Texas. POR CONSIGUIENTE,

EL CONCEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE DENTON DECRETA LO SIGUIENTE:

SECCIÓN 1. Las constataciones y declaraciones que se incluyen en el preámbulo de la presente Ordenanza son veraces y correctas, y se incorporan de esta manera al cuerpo de la presente Ordenanza a modo de referencia.

SECCIÓN 2. Se ordena la celebración de una eleccion municipal especial en la Ciudad de Denton (Texas) el día martes 3 de noviembre de 2026, siendo dicha fecha una de elecciones uniformes, como se define en la sección [§] 41.001 del Código Electoral de Texas, con el fin de elegir al concejale del distrito 1 para el periodo inconcluso que finaliza en mayo de 2027. En caso de que sea necesaria una segunda vuelta, la eleccion de segunda vuelta se celebrará el día sábado 12 de diciembre de 2026.

SECCIÓN 4. Se declara vacante el Distrito 1. El primer día para presentar la candidatura a un lugar en la boleta de votación de las elecciones generales o especiales es el 5 de agosto de 2026. La fecha límite para presentar la candidatura a un lugar en la boleta de votación de las eleccion especial es el 20 de agosto de 2026 a las 6:00 p. m.

SECCIÓN 5. Los lugares de votación serán designados por el Administrador Electoral del Condado de Denton (el "Administrador Electoral"), de conformidad con las disposiciones de un acuerdo de elecciones conjuntas y un contrato de servicios electorales (el "Acuerdo") con el Administrador Electoral.

SECCIÓN 6. La votación anticipada se llevará a cabo mediante comparecencia personal en las ubicaciones, fechas y horarios designados por el Administrador Electoral, de conformidad con las disposiciones del Acuerdo con el Administrador Electoral, y en el transcurso del período de votación anticipada según lo exija o permita la ley.

SECCIÓN 7. La información más exacta sobre el día de la eleccion, las ubicaciones de votación anticipada y los horarios de votación se puede encontrar u obtener visitando la página web del condado de Denton que se señala a continuación o comunicándose con dicho condado como se indica:

Administrador Electoral del Condado de Denton
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208
(940) 349-3200
https://www.votedenton.com/upcoming-election-information/

SECCIÓN 8. El Administrador Electoral actuará como secretario de votación anticipada, de conformidad con los términos del Acuerdo. La ubicación principal de votación anticipada para la eleccion se situará en la siguiente dirección:

Administrador Electoral del Condado de Denton
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208

SECCIÓN 9. Las solicitudes de votación anticipada por correspondencia deben recibirse a más tardar a la finalización del horario laboral habitual el día 23 de octubre de 2026. Las solicitudes de votación anticipada por correspondencia deben enviarse a la siguiente dirección:

Secretario de votación anticipada
Administrador Electoral del Condado de Denton
701 Kimberly Drive, Suite A101
Denton, Texas 76208

SECCIÓN 10. La modalidad de celebración de dicha eleccion y todas las cuestiones al respecto se regirán por las leyes electorales del estado de Texas.

SECCIÓN 11. La presente 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 [___ - ___]:

	Sí	No	Abstención	Ausentes
Chris Watts, alcalde:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jordan Villareal, Distrito 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nick Stevens, Distrito 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Suzi Rumohr, Distrito 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Joe Holland, Distrito 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____
George Ferrie, lugar en general núm. 5:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jill Jester, lugar en general núm. 6:	_____	_____	_____	_____

PROMULGADA Y APROBADA el día _____ de _____ de 2026.

_____
CHRIS WATTS, ALCALDE

DOY FE:
KRISTI FOGLE, SECRETARIA INTERINA MUNICIPAL

FIRMA: _____

APROBADO EN CUANTO A SU FORMA JURÍDICA:
MACK REINWAND, ABOGADO MUNICIPAL

FIRMA: _____

Special Called Election

November 3, 2026
City Council District 1

File ID 26-1262, August 5, 2026

Order of Special Election

- The resignation of Council Member Jordan Villarreal, received on Wednesday, July 30, 2026, necessitates the calling of a Special Election as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.
- The resignation falls within the applicable deadlines for the ordering of a Special Election that coincides with the November 3, 2026 General Election.
- Applications for placement on the ballot will be accepted at the City Secretary's Office until August 20, 2026.
- The contract and final polling locations determined by Denton County Elections Administration will be considered at a future Council meeting.

Expected Polling Locations

Final polling locations will be provided by Denton County Elections Administration.

The following polling locations in District 1 are expected, but not final:

Location	Room	Address	Early Voting (EV) Election Day (ED)
Denton County Elections Administration	A100	701 Kimberly Dr.	EV
MLK Recreation Center	Computer Lab	1300 Wilson St.	ED
Texas Woman's University	Hubbard Hall	301 Administration Dr.	EV
Quakertown Civic Center	Community Room	321 E. McKinney St.	EV, ED

QUESTIONS?