

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Rumohr and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland, and Jill Jester

ABSENT: Council Member Brandon Chase McGee

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this meeting. However, there were no online registrations or call ins on any items on the agenda.

WORK SESSION

1. Citizen Comments on Consent Agenda Items

- None

2. Requests for clarification of agenda items listed on this agenda for public hearing and individual consideration.

- Clarification:

- Council Member Holland asked for clarification on Consent Agenda Item U. Clarification was provided by Dustin Sternbeck.
- Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr asked for clarification on Individual Consent Item 3.A. Clarification was provided by Brenda Haney.

- A. ID 25-1378 Meeting Questions, Responses & Handouts

3. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 25-1536 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Internal Audit Plan. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Following discussion, council consensus was to prioritize completion of catch-up items, and new audits for 1) Financial Planning Audit; followed by equal emphasis on 2) Vehicle Management, and 3) Climate Resiliency, specifically Weather Preparedness. City Auditor to come back with recommendations as to the division of hours to be allocated to the three priorities. Regarding FY 25-26 City Council Directed Consultation Projects, consensus was to complete Council Travel Expense Compliance Reviews on an as needed basis or when a concern arises.

- B. ID 25-1366 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on an update to the City's Inclement Weather Policy. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 1 hour]

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Following discussion, City Council consensus was to move forward with staff recommendations.

- C. ID 25-1566 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Manager's Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 1 hour]

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Following discussion, City Council consensus was to move forward with staff recommendations. On the hotel occupancy allocations, consensus was to bring the item back at a later Work Session with funding options for Council to consider.

- D. ID 25-033 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on pending City Council requests for: 1) Uniformity of board and commission member terms. [Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

Following discussion, City Council consensus was for an Informal Staff Report (ISR).

The work session ended at 4:31pm.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 5:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Rumohr and Council Members Brian Beck, Vicki Byrd, Joe Holland and Jill Jester

ABSENT: Council Member Brandon Chase McGee

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 4.A - Y. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, no items were pulled for Individual Consideration.

Council Member Holland moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Beck. Motion carried unanimously.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland, and Jester

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member McGee

- A. ID 25-1591 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton confirming the appointment of Ingrid Rex as the Interim City Secretary; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-1591
- B. ID 25-066 Consider approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2025, Budget Workshop Meeting and the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting.
APPROVED
- C. ID 25-1575 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the Denton Police Department Chief of Police Advisory Board.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- D. ID 25-1571 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the Denton Police Department Chief of Police Advisory Board.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- E. ID 25-1569 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Library Board.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- F. ID 25-1572 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Planning and Zoning Commission.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- G. ID 25-1576 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Planning and Zoning Commission.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- H. ID 25-1568 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Public Utilities Board.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- I. ID 25-1570 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Zoning Board of Adjustment.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- J. ID 25-1635 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Planning and Zoning Commission.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A

- K. ID 25-1636 Consider a nomination/appointment to the City of Denton Historic Landmark Commission.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- L. ID 25-1574 Consider a nomination/reappointment to the City of Denton Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee.
APPROVED
APPOINTMENT LISTED ON EXHIBIT A
- M. ID 25-1486 Consider approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Arlington, City of Fort Worth, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, Perot Field, and the City of Mineral Wells regarding the development of an airport coalition of take-off and landing locations for electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) vehicles; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).
ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 25-1486
- N. ID 25-1499 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Mountain Cascade of Texas, LLC, for the construction and movement of public water/wastewater utilities in support of TxDOT's FM 1515 widening from I-35 Frontage Road to Westcourt Road for the Capital Projects Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (IFB 7968-007 - awarded to Mountain Cascade of Texas, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$4,987,742.55). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (5 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1499
- O. ID 25-1500 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Enverus, Inc., for load and renewable forecasting services for Denton Municipal Electric; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date. (RFP 8800 - awarded to Enverus, Inc., in the three (3) year not-to-exceed amount of \$255,000.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (5 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1500
- P. ID 25-1501 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Enverus, Inc., for Market Fundamentals and Analytics Services for Denton Municipal Electric; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8843 - awarded to Enverus, Inc., in the three (3) year not-to-exceed amount of \$247,500.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (5 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1501
- Q. ID 25-1502 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, rejecting any and all competitive proposals under RFP 8716 for the

DME Compensation Study for the Human Resources Department; and providing an effective date (RFP 8716).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1502

- R. ID 25-1503 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Safe Software Inc., for the purchase of the Feature Manipulation Engine (FME) for the Technology Services Department, which is the sole provider of this software, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 252.022, which provides that procurement of commodities and services that are available from one source are exempt from competitive bidding, and if over \$50,000, shall be awarded by the governing body; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8756 - awarded to Safe Software Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for three (3) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total four (4) year not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1503

- S. ID 25-1504 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Boot Barn, Inc., for the citywide full service boot program for various city departments; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8769 - awarded to Boot Barn Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$750,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1504

- T. ID 25-1505 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with SHI Government Solutions, Inc., through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Program Contract No. 230105, for the procurement of the NEOGOV Suite for the Human Resources Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8893 - awarded to SHI Government Solutions, Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$1,136,407.66).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1505

- U. ID 25-1538 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Zencity Technologies US, Inc., for a centralized community engagement and community sentiment software for the Marketing and Communications Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefore; and providing an effective date (RFP 8852 - awarded to Zencity Technologies US, Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1538

- V. ID 25-1540 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Techline, Inc., for the purchase of transmission hardware supplies to be stocked in the City of Denton Warehouse; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (IFB 8872 - awarded to Techline, Inc., for one (1) year, with the option for four (4)

additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$1,500,000.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1540

- W. ID 25-1541 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, LLC, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract Nos. 687-22 and 723-23, for purchases, maintenance, and repairs of medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks for the Fleet Services Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8873 - awarded to Doggett Freightliner of South Texas, LLC, for one (1) year, with the option for four (4) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$4,303,585.00).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1541

- X. ID 25-1547 Consider adoption of an ordinance by the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute a Gas Line Rearrangement and Abandonment Agreement with EnLink North Texas Gathering, LP ("EnLink"), for the relocation of a 6-inch gas pipeline (DC-320), ("EnLink Facilities"), for the City's Hickory Creek Road Phase 3 Widening and Realignment Project; providing for the expenditure of funds in the not-to-exceed amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Twenty-Three Dollars (\$325,023.00); authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1547

- Y. ID 25-1592 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the city council of the City of Denton, Texas, approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos cities steering committee ("ACSC") and Atmos Energy Corp., Mid-Tex division regarding the company's 2025 rate review mechanism filing; declaring existing rates to be unreasonable; adopting tariffs that reflect rate adjustments consistent with the negotiated settlement; finding the rates to be set by the attached settlement tariffs to be just and reasonable and in the public interest; approving an attachment establishing a benchmark for pensions and retiree medical benefits; requiring the company to reimburse ACSC's reasonable ratemaking expenses; determining that this ordinance was passed in accordance with the requirements of the Texas open meetings act; adopting a savings clause; declaring an effective date; and requiring delivery of this ordinance to the company and the ACSC's legal counsel.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1592

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 25-1498 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and lease agreement with Mayhill Renewables, LLC, to design, fabricate, construct, commission, and operate a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility to treat landfill and digester gas at the City of Denton Landfill for the Solid Waste and Water Utilities Departments; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8465 - awarded

to Mayhill Renewables, LLC, for a primary construction phase and twenty (20) year term).
The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (5 - 0).
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 25-1498

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. No citizen comments were received.

Following discussion, Council Member Jester moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr.

Motion carried unanimously.

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Rumohr and Council Members Beck, Byrd, Holland and Jester

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Council Member McGee

B. ID 25-1520 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton nominating members to the Board of Directors of the Denton Central Appraisal District; and providing an effective date.

POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented, and discussion followed. Following discussion, the item was postponed by unanimous consent to September 30, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m. and resumed at 6:30 p.m.

2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ID 24-2622 Hold a public hearing and receive citizen input on the FY 2025-26 Proposed Budget.

Taxpayer Impact Statement	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 No-New-Revenue	FY 2026 Proposed
Tax Rate Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.585420	\$0.554279	\$0.595420
Median homestead taxable value	\$379,836	\$386,698	\$386,698
Tax on average homestead	\$2,223.64	\$2,143.39	\$2,302.48
Difference to Current Year Tax Bill		(\$80.25)	\$78.84

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened. There were no citizen comments received. No action was taken as the item was only a public hearing.

The public hearing will continue at the next City Council meeting on September 16, 2025.

- B. ID 24-2623 Hold a public hearing on proposed property tax increase that will not exceed \$0.605420 per \$100 valuation. The proposed rate will exceed the no-new revenue tax rate (\$0.554279 per \$100) but will not exceed the voter-approval tax rate (\$0.610157 per \$100).

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The public hearing was opened. There were no citizen comments received. The public hearing will continue at the next City Council meeting on September 16, 2025.

No action was taken as the item was only a public hearing.

4. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

INGRID REX
INTERIM CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____

EXHIBIT A - BOARDS & COMMISSIONS - APPOINTEES
September 9, 2025

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	COUNCIL PLACE	NOMINATED BY CCM	APPOINTED	PRESENT TERM	NEW TERM	STATUS & QUALIFICATION OR PREFERENCE, IF ANY
Denton PD Chief of Police Advisory Board	1	Byrd	Daniel Clanton	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028	
Denton PD Chief of Police Advisory Board	4	Holland	Donna Smith	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028	
Library Board	1	Byrd	Jean Greenlaw	N/A	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027	
Planning and Zoning Commission	7	Hudspeth	Erica Garland	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027	
Planning and Zoning Commission	4	Holland	Lisa Dyer	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027	
Planning and Zoning Commission	5	McGee	Daniel Ketchersid	N/A	Unexpired Term: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026	
Public Utility Board	6	Jester	Robert Rayner	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2029	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1	Byrd	Liam Gaume-Wakefield	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027	
Historic Landmark Commission	1	Byrd	John Hoenig	N/A	Unexpired Term: September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2026	
Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee	1	Byrd	Camelia Maier	1	September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2027	