



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM: Sara Hensley

DATE: June 17, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction on two-minute pitch requests for:

1) 2025 Pride Month Resolution

2) Historic City Hall Building

[Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 30 minutes]

The following items will be discussed during this work session:

1.) Resolution to be brought before the Council

a. Requestor: Council Member Beck

b. Council Member Request: June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising and, with it, the annual celebration of LGBTQIA2S+ Pride. Across the country—and right here in Denton—Pride Month is an opportunity to honor courage, affirm equality, and recommit to an inclusive future.

Denton's record shows we walk that talk. Our first Core Value is ***Inclusion***—creating a city where every resident is valued and respected. We strengthened that commitment in 2022 with our non-discrimination ordinance, and again in 2025 when voters overwhelmingly replaced gendered language in our Charter. Those actions helped Denton earn top-tier marks on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, making us a community where LGBTQIA2S+ families truly want to live, work, and contribute.

Yet progress is never self-executing. Across Texas, rhetoric and policy continue to target transgender youth and LGBTQIA2S+ neighbors. A formal resolution of support from this council sends an unambiguous message: Denton stands for dignity, safety, and opportunity for everyone.

The resolution before you is straightforward. It recognizes June as "Denton LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month," invites our residents to celebrate the contributions of LGBTQIA2S+ friends, and encourages all of us to build on the culture of acceptance we've cultivated here.

Because Pride Month is already underway, I'm asking for your consensus tonight to direct staff to bring this resolution forward on our very next agenda for an expedited vote. A timely, unified statement will amplify our community events, support local businesses, and remind every resident, especially our youth, that Denton's welcome is real and lasting.

I respectfully urge your support. Let's affirm our shared values, adopt this resolution promptly, and continue to move Denton toward the inclusive future we all envision.

c. Date Requested: June 9, 2025

d. Format for Response: Resolution

2. Historic City Hall Building

a. Requestor: Council Member Holland

b. Council Member Request: The cornerstone was laid May 14, 1927 so we're coming up on the 100th anniversary of the Historic Denton City Hall. The Historic City Hall building, please don't call it City Hall West, with its unique Spanish Colonial architecture, served as the Denton City Hall until 1966 when we moved into this building.

The Historic City Hall building housed not only City offices but also the Denton Fire Department and more recently, the Firehouse Theater, the Denton Police Department, and the City Buildings Department.

About 18 months ago, I took a tour of the building. All the windows have been replaced, but the roof leaks badly and sheetrock has gotten wet and has fallen off the studs. It's several floors present a challenge to say nothing of the old heating, air conditioning and plumbing. The building gets worse with every rain.

We don't know what to do with the Historic City Hall building. I am proposing that each Council member pick a citizen volunteer to meet over a 90 day period, take suggestions from the community and decide what to do with this old building. Council members would be ad hoc members of this committee.

One of the options should be to sell the building to a private developer. But you say, "We can't sell it. It's a public Building." Yes it's a public building and the public can't use it.

My own dream for the building is to house the newly created Texas Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, patterned after the National Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio, and the worldwide Hard Rock Cafe. Imagine the acts we could bring to Denton as rock and roll musicians are inducted into the Texas Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Denton, Texas.

Whatever is decided, time is not on our side. The building falls into greater disrepair each year. I hope we can take steps to do something great with this unique and historic building.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance No. 24-1725

Exhibit 3 – Presentation

Exhibit 4 – Drafted Resolution

Respectfully Submitted:

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