



City of Denton

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Meeting Agenda Agenda Committee

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:00 AM

Council Work Session Room

After determining that a quorum is present, the Agenda Committee of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be discussed:

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. [AGC25-021](#) Consider approval of the minutes of May 1, 2025
Attachments: [May 1, 2025 Agenda Committee Minutes](#)
- B. [AGC25-022](#) Questions regarding City Council’s Future Work Session Matrix items.
- C. [AGC25-023](#) Questions regarding the following City Council agendas:
 - August 9, 2025 Budget Workshop
 - August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting
- D. [AGC25-024](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a resolution for recognition of June as Pride Month in the City of Denton.
Attachments: [Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet](#)
[Exhibit 2: Informal Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit 3: Process Flow Chart](#)
- E. [AGC25-025](#) Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding installation of rooftop and wall gardens and solar panels with batteries on City buildings.
Attachments: [Exhibit 1: Agenda Information Sheet](#)
[Exhibit 2: Informal Staff Report](#)
[Exhibit 3: Process Flow Chart](#)

NOTE: The Agenda Committee reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting on any item on its Regular Meeting agenda consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, including without limitation, Sections 551.071-551.086 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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 August 1, 2025, in advance of the 72-hour posting deadline, as applicable, and in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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File #: AGC25-021, **Version:** 1

AGENDA CAPTION

Consider approval of the minutes of May 1, 2025

CITY OF DENTON AGENDA COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 1, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Agenda Committee of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer, and City Manager Sara Hensley

ABSENT: None

Also present were Deputy City Attorney Benjamin Samples, Assistant City Managers Frank Dixon and Christine Taylor, Chief of Staff Kristi Fogle, and City Secretary Lauren Thoden.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. AGC25-013 Consider approval of the minutes of February 6, 2025.

The item was called, and no discussion followed.

Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by City Manager Hensley.

Motion carried.

AYES (3): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer, and City Manager Hensley

NAYS (0): None

- B. AGC25-014 Questions regarding the City Council's Future Work Session Matrix Items.

The item was called, and no discussion followed.

- C. AGC25-003 Questions regarding the following City Council agenda(s).
- May 6, 2025 Regular Meeting
 - May 13, 2025 Special Called Meeting – Canvassing
 - May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

The above-noted draft agendas were reviewed, and discussion followed.

Due to content on the above-noted agenda being subject to change as the applicable meeting date gets closer, no final changes were determined at this time.

D. AGC25-015 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Council’s direction to move forward with a two-minute pitch to consider amending master plans to include renovating the Civic Center Pool.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Committee consensus was unanimous to move forward with staff’s recommendation to route the necessary studies relevant to consideration of the renovation through the budget process.

E. AGC25-016 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Council’s direction to move forward with a two-minute pitch to consider updating the City’s adopted building codes requiring new single-family housing to be built to be EV-Ready and Solar-Ready.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Committee consensus was unanimous to move forward with staff recommendation of routing this item to the Health and Building Standards Commission.

F. AGC25-020 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Council’s direction to move forward with a two-minute pitch to investigate the cost of returning East Hickory Street to traditional right-side head-in parking.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Committee consensus was to move forward with staff recommendation of routing this item to the Mobility Committee.

G. AGC25-018 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City Council’s direction to move forward with a two-minute pitch to hold a Work Session to discuss the prevention of inquiries of an applicant’s criminal history prior to making conditional offers of employment unless a law requires an earlier inquiry.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Committee consensus was unanimous to move forward with staff recommendation of holding a Work Session Report on this item on July 22, 2025.

With no further business and no changes to the agendas, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

LAUREN THODEN
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: _____



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AGENDA CAPTION

Questions regarding City Council's Future Work Session Matrix items.



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Questions regarding the following City Council agendas:

- August 9, 2025 Budget Workshop
- August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting



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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a resolution for recognition of June as Pride Month in the City of Denton.



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/DCM/ACM: Sara Hensley

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a resolution for recognition of June as Pride Month in the City of Denton.

BACKGROUND

On June 17, Council Member Beck presented a two-minute pitch to consider a resolution recognizing the month of June as "Denton LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month" in the City of Denton. The Council did not reach the necessary consensus of six Council Members to place the proposal on a future agenda as a resolution; however, a consensus of four Council Members provided support for moving the pitch forward. On July 18, an ISR was published in the Friday Report, and the presenting Council Member requested that it be considered by the Agenda Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The Agenda Committee should consider the following options for next steps:

- Send the pitch through the City's boards and commissions process.
- Send the pitch through the City's annual budget process.
- Schedule the pitch for a Council Work Session.

Staff recommend placing this item on September 30, 2025 Work Session Agenda for Council consideration and direction.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Informal Staff Report
3. Process Flow Chart

Respectfully submitted:
Kristi Fogle
Chief of Staff

**INFORMAL STAFF REPORT
TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT:

Resolution recognizing the month of June as “Denton LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month” in the City of Denton.

BACKGROUND:

On June 17, Council Member Beck presented a two-minute pitch to consider a resolution recognizing the month of June as “Denton LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month” in the City of Denton. The Council did not reach the necessary consensus of six Council Members to place the proposal on a future agenda as a resolution; however, a consensus of four Council Members provided support for moving the pitch forward.

DISCUSSION:

The Council’s Two-Minute Pitch Policy (24-1725) directs staff to respond to all requests where a consensus of at least four Council Members is established with an Informal Staff Report (ISR) and/or Legal Status Report (LSR) that outlines the estimated cost and timeline of implementation, and a determination of the strategic alignment of the request.

The pitch, as presented, would not have a significant financial impact on the City. Should the requesting Council Member forward the pitch to the Agenda Committee, the Committee is scheduled to meet on August 7. Given that the pitch does not have any budgetary implications, and staff has not identified an appropriate committee to consider the pitch, staff would likely recommend to the Agenda Committee to schedule the pitch for a Work Session.

For scheduling purposes, the earliest the pitch could be scheduled for a Work Session would be September 16. Following the Work Session, and with Council direction, a resolution could be placed on a Council agenda in late September or early October.

CONCLUSION:

Upon receipt of the Informal Staff Report, Council Member Beck may indicate if the information provided satisfies his request. Should the request not be satisfied, the item will be considered by the Agenda Committee for placement on a future Work Session agenda or routing through an appropriate board, commission, or committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Resolution (drafted by the requesting Council Member)

STAFF CONTACT:

Kristi Fogle
Chief of Staff
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(940) 349-8565

REQUESTOR: Council Member Beck

STAFF TIME TO COMPLETE REPORT: 2 hours

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS: City Manager's Office

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING JUNE AS DENTON LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE MONTH, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, June is the recognized anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York, the beginning of the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit plus (LGBTQIA2S+) liberation movement celebrating their tireless efforts of pursuing equality for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton has historically celebrated and recognized Pride Month and sought to continue fostering and improving its Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index Rating, making Denton a city where LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and families will continue to want to live, love, work, play, and grow in happiness and equality;

WHEREAS, the first of Denton's 5 Core Values is "Inclusion," for "creating an environment where individuals and groups are valued, respected, and supported;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Denton passed a non-discrimination ordinance in March 2022 prohibiting discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations based on protected classes including sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, Denton residents voted in a Special Charter Amendment Election to replace all instances of gendered language with non-gendered language in the City Charter, demonstrating our commitment as a community to gender diversity and equality; and

WHEREAS, undesirable and on-going public behavior in Texas continues to threaten the health, safety, and rights of Denton's transgender community and run counter to Denton's values as an inclusive and LGBTQIA2S+ welcoming city; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQIA2S+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY RESOLVES:

SECTION 1. The recitals in the preamble of this Resolution are incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

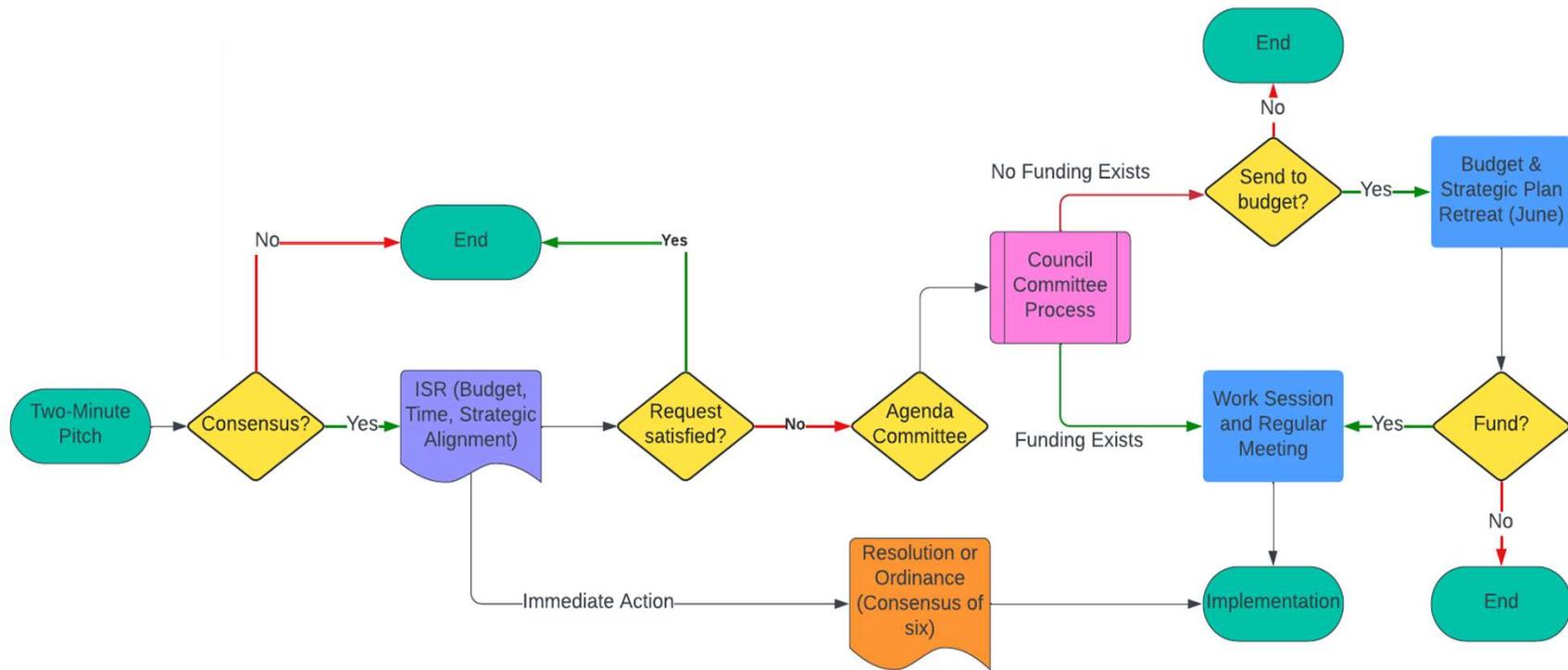
SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Denton find it in the best interest of the City of Denton, city employees, and city residents, to recognize the month of June as "Denton LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month" in the City of Denton and encourage all city residents to celebrate the work and contributions of the LGBTQIA2S+ members of our community and re-commit to

advocating for and building a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month..

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

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

Process Flow Chart





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AGENDA CAPTION

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding installation of rooftop and wall gardens and solar panels with batteries on City buildings.



AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

CM/DCM/ACM: Sara Hensley

DATE: August 7, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding installation of rooftop and wall gardens and solar panels with batteries on City buildings.

BACKGROUND

On November 25, 2024, Council Member Beck submitted a two-minute pitch to explore implementing rooftop and wall gardens as well as solar/battery installations on existing and future City buildings. On January 24, an ISR was published in the Friday Report. On July 21, the submitting Council Member requested that the pitch be forwarded to the Agenda Committee for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

The Agenda Committee should consider the following options for next steps:

- Send the pitch through the City's boards and commissions process.
- Send the pitch through the City's annual budget process.
- Schedule the pitch for a Council Work Session.

Staff recommend routing this item through the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee for consideration prior to Council consideration.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Informal Staff Report
3. Process Flow Chart

Respectfully submitted:
Kristi Fogle
Chief of Staff

**INFORMAL STAFF REPORT
TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT:

On October 25, 2024, Council Member Beck submitted a two-minute pitch to explore implementing rooftop and wall gardens as well as solar/battery installations on existing and future City buildings. increase Denton's tree canopy by 5% by 2040 and use the Tree Mitigation Fund for additional staff. On December 3, 2024, the Council provided consensus to require an Informal Staff Report to address feasibility of the pitch.

DISCUSSION:**Rooftop and Wall Gardens**

Installation of roof or façade improvements require engineering work, feasibility studies, and retrofitting. Currently, 28 of the City's 206 facilities have roof structures potentially suitable for roof gardens. These facilities would require structural modifications and engineering surveys to support the additional weight and systems, with an estimated cost between \$50,000 to \$200,000 to assess each building. When considering new construction, the addition of rooftop or wall gardens adds an estimated \$143 to \$250 per square foot.

Solar/Battery Installation

In addition to the structural requirements, solar panels with battery storage require additional considerations. Most facilities lack the necessary electrical infrastructure to support renewable energy, which requires upgrades to distribution systems, panels, wiring, circuit breakers, dedicated space for battery storage, ventilation, and fire safety measures. The cost of these improvements is estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$1,800,000 depending on facility size and energy use.

The estimated annual energy cost savings from solar panels is variable, but estimates range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 for each facility based on energy consumption. The City would expect to see a return on investment from energy cost savings in approximately 20 to 30+ years.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that the existing facilities are not the best option for prioritizing the addition of roof or wall gardens along with solar panels due to the significant structural and electrical modifications required. However, these options will be considered for inclusion in the design and planning of new construction projects, where such features can be integrated more cost-effectively and efficiently from the outset. With this recommendation, the pitch does not require additional board vetting or a work session at this time.

If the Council would like to proceed with exploring retrofitting existing facilities, the request can be considered as part of the FY 2025-26 Budget process.

STAFF CONTACT:

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REQUESTOR:

Council Member Beck

STAFF TIME TO COMPLETE REPORT:

Total of 31 hours between four departments. A breakdown is listed below.

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS:

Facilities Management – 22hrs.

Environmental Services – 1hr.

Capital Projects – 4hrs.

Denton Municipal Electric – 4hrs.

Process Flow Chart

