

**CITY OF DENTON SUSTAINABILITY
FRAMEWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 26, 2025**

After determining that a quorum was present, the Sustainability Framework Advisory Committee of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Work Session Room at 215 E. McKinney St, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Chair Edward Soph, Vice Chair Brand Richter, Member Dave Helms, Member Adam Briggie, and Member Camelia Maier.

LEGAL REPRESENTATION: Christopher Mullins

ABSENT: None

REGULAR MEETING

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

A. SFAC25-029 Consider approval of the August 22, 2025, minutes.

Chair Soph requested consideration of the previous meeting minutes for August 22, 2025. Member Helms moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Richter seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggie, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

B. SFAC25-031 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding Water Conservation Incentives.

The item was presented by Haley Salazar with the Denton Water Utilities Department. Haley discussed the Lawn and Landscape Ordinance, Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan, as well as irrigation compliance for the City of Denton. She also discussed the collaboration with the Environmental Services & Sustainability Department to create water rebates and water incentive programs. Incentive programs are irrigation-focused and include controller rebates, irrigation evaluations, sprinkler tune-ups, and turf buy-back. She further discussed the next steps for the increased violation communication with AMI (Automated Metering Infrastructure) and AMR (Automated Mobile Robots) technology, yard sign program, commercial and institutional turf buy-back program, and future development engagement.

Members asked questions and held a discussion.

C. SFAC25-033 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and consider approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sustainability Framework Fund Workplan.

The item was presented by Katherine Barnett with the Environmental Services & Sustainability Department. Katherine discussed the City of Denton's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sustainability Framework Fund Workplan as well as the 2025-2026 Programs.

Members asked questions and held a discussion.

Chair Soph requested consideration of the adoption of the City of Denton's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Sustainability Framework Fund Workplan. Vice Chair Richter moved for adoption. Member Maier seconded. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggles, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

D. SFAC25-025 Staff Reports

1. Styrofoam Memo
 2. 2025 Fan Giveaway Staff Report
 3. Matrix
- Member Maier requested an update from Tony Puente, Jr. with the Denton Municipal Electric Department regarding what the pollution costs would be if an acquisition of dispatchable generation occurs, particularly in reference to gas. She also requested that Tony provide details on Texas legislation regarding the acquisition of dispatchable generation and his recommendations for it.
 - Member Maier also requested an update on the Wildlife Corridor Survey in reference to how the survey relates to ecosystem protection.
 - Vice Chair Richter requested that Tony Puente, Jr. provide further updates on the development process for the Renewable Energy Policy and Integrated Resource Plan in a manner that SFAC members may provide DME direct feedback on the policy, plan, and development process.
 - Chair Soph requested that the Renewable Gas Landfill Plant presentation, which was presented at the City Council meeting, be presented at an SFAC meeting.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

With no further business, Chair Soph requested a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Richter moved to adjourn. Member Helms seconded. Chair Soph closed the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

AYES (5): Chair Soph, Vice Chair Richter, Member Helms, Member Briggie, and Member Maier

NAYS (0): None

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