

ORDINANCE NO. 23-721

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DENTON CREATING A SPECIAL CITIZENS BOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PROPOSED NOVEMBER 2023 BOND ELECTION; APPOINTING CHAIR, CHAIR PRO TEM, AND MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE; CREATING RULES FOR THE MEETINGS; ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR THE COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ask the citizens of Denton to consider authorizing General Obligation bonds in the November 2023 election for the purpose of funding public improvements in the community over the next six years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined it would be in the best interests of the citizens of Denton to create a Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on the specific projects that may be financed with the General Obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has asked staff to develop a prioritized list of projects that address the City Council's goals and strategies as a point of departure for committee evaluation and consideration which is a similar process used by the Citizen Bond Advisory Committee in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's intent is to focus on existing facilities and infrastructure, the committee will also need to evaluate new facilities and infrastructure that may have synergistic relationships to the facilities, infrastructure, and areas being evaluated; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the Committee focus on and develop a six-year capital program that addresses current and future needs for:

- Quality of Life (Parks & Recreation)
- City Facilities including evaluating new facilities, infrastructure and existing facilities
- Public Safety Facilities
- Roadways
- Drainage
- Economic Development; NOW THEREFORE,

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DENTON HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. The recitations which are set forth above in this Ordinance are expressly incorporated by reference herewith, as if made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. A Special Citizens Bond Advisory Committee ("Committee") is hereby created and shall be composed of no more than forty (40) persons who reside within the City of Denton. Committee members may have dual membership on any other Board or Commission of the City, except no member shall be a member of the Planning and Zoning Board. The City Secretary shall verify the residency of each appointee.

SECTION 3. City Council shall appoint all Committee members. Nominations and appointments to the Committee shall be as follows:

- Each City Council member shall individually nominate four (4) Committee members.
- City Council shall nominate four (4) Committee members while the District 4 Council seat remains vacant.
- The Bond Oversight Committee shall nominate twelve (12) Committee members.
- City Council shall appoint the Committee chair (1 position) and chair pro tem (1 position)

SECTION 4. Fifteen (15) Committee members shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Committee will be posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The Committee shall perform its functions in accordance with this ordinance.

SECTION 5. The Committee shall make recommendations to the City Council on the capital projects, and the dollar amounts, to be considered by the public in the November 2023 election.

SECTION 6. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of Parks, Recreation and Trails Master Plan improvements of an inclusive playground, trail development, aquatics improvements, and intergenerational facility / active adult center.

SECTION 7. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of affordable housing and construction of a new City Hall with a public-private partnership.

SECTION 8. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of the construction of South Branch Library, Animal Shelter expansion, and City Hall West renovation.

SECTION 9. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of reconstructing Fires Station #5 and Fire Station #6.

SECTION 10. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion roadway improvements for quiet zones on Ruddell Street and Mingo Road.

SECTION 11. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of drainage improvements for PEC 4 and the Oakland drainage and upstream detention improvements.

SECTION 12. The City Council requests the Committee consider inclusion of funding for public art as part of the recommended capital projects for the November 2023 election based on the City Council approved public art policy.

SECTION 13. The City Council requests the Committee recommend a 2023 bond program, not to exceed \$335 million in capital project costs. The City Council requests the Committee receive information from staff regarding the tax rate impact of a 6-year bond program.

SECTION 14. The Committee appointments will end, and the Committee shall be formally dissolved on August 21, 2023.

SECTION 15. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

The motion to approve this ordinance was made by Vicki Byrd and seconded by Gerard Hudspeth, the ordinance was passed and approved by the following vote [4 - 2]:

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vicki Byrd, District 1:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Beck, District 2:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jesse Davis, District 3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VACANT, District 4:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brandon Chase McGee, At Large Place 5:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Watts, At Large Place 6:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of April, 2023.


GERARD HUDSPETH, MAYOR

ATTEST:
ROSA RIOS, CITY SECRETARY

BY: 
Deputy City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
MACK REINWAND, CITY ATTORNEY


BY: _____