

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2017

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Hudspeth, Council Member Briggs, Council Member Wazny, Council Member Ryan, Council Member Gregory, and Mayor Watts.

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Bagheri

Mayor Watts noted that when public hearings were scheduled for second Tuesday meetings, Council typically went right into open session after the completion of the Work Session. However, in the case of the public hearings at this meeting, they were publicized to be held at 6:30. He questioned if the Council wanted to not consider the public hearings at this meeting or stay late and hold the public hearings at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Briggs questioned if not considering them at this meeting would affect the timing of the projects.

Ron Menguita, Long Range Planning Administrator, stated correct.

Council Member Wazny felt that staff could do better coordinating notices according to the Council calendar.

Menguita noted that there was no action on the public hearings at this meeting; it was just for public comments.

Consensus of the Council was to proceed with the public hearings at 6:30 p.m.

1. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 17-677 Receive a report; hold a discussion, and receive departmental presentations in preparation for the FY 2017-18 Proposed Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and Five Year Financial Forecast.

Police Department- Chief Lee Howell presented information on the police department's budget in terms of FTEs by function area; staffing needs, length of time from start of hire to release to duty; accomplishments and goals; and performance measures.

Council Member Bagheri arrived at the meeting.

Howell continued with cost containment strategies; budget highlights and responded to questions Council had raised last week.

Council discussed the training requirements of new recruits and categories of officers along with budget implications.

Animal Services – Chief Lee Howell presented the Animal Services budget in terms of FTEs in the department, goals and accomplishments, and budget highlights.

Council discussed the vet services in the budget and whether the animal shelter should be a cash free facility.

Fire – Chief Robin Paulsgrove presented the information on the Fire Department budget. Those areas included FTEs by functional area; accomplishments; goals; performance measures; focus on response time; process improvements; returns on investment; and budget highlights.

Council discussed response time, funding for Medic 4, and the goals for recruitment of new firefighters.

Community Improvement Services - Laura Behrens, Fire Marshal, presented information on the CIS budget. Information included FTEs, goals and accomplishments; performance measures; cost containment strategies; process improvements; and expenditure budget highlights.

Council discussed the costs of mailing notices to citizens and the process of notifying citizens for violations.

Environmental Services - Ken Banks, General Manager of Utilities, presented the Environmental Services budget information. The information included FTEs, goals and accomplishments, performance measures; cost containment strategies; and process improvements.

Council discussed continuing with current performance as well as adding the proposed measures; follow-up with the energy audits to determine effectiveness; grease/grit traps inspection reports; reports on vehicle emissions; and LED lighting system in terms of environmental concerns.

Municipal Court - Chuck Springer, Director of Finance, presented the budget information including organizational chart, major accomplishments; goals; performance measures; cost containment strategies; process improvements; and budget highlights.

Municipal Judge's Office - Robin Ramsay presented accomplishments and goals; performance measures; cost containment strategies; process improvements and budget highlights.

- B. ID 17-720 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding Denton Municipal Court policies and procedures related to indigent defendants.

Robin Ramsay, Municipal Court Judge, presented information concerning Municipal Court policies and procedures related to indigent defendants. Internal and external pressures dealing with indigent defendants were presented as well as legislation passed this year. The traditional court process along with solutions to the processes currently being used were noted. He asked for Council concurrence with these procedures.

Council discussed what was involved with community service and how defendants considered community service; and effects of reducing warrants on the Police Department.

Consensus of the Council was that this was an innovative approach and would offset the cost of incarceration.

- C. ID 17-704 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding formation, responsibilities, composition, and member terms of the Economic Development Partnership Board.

Caroline Booth, Director of Economic Development, presented information regarding formation, responsibilities, and composition of the Economic Development Partnership Board. She reviewed the role of the Board and the background of the development of the Board. The current composition of the Board was noted along with the terms of service. The nominating process for board members was reviewed.

Council Member Briggs recommended a change in the terms of service regarding former council members serving on the Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Bagheri felt there was a conflict with the Board recommending the Chamber budget when there were Chamber members on the Board. She suggested possibly reducing the number of Chamber members.

Council Member Wazny stated that this was an unusual setup with this Board as former council members were able to remain on the Board after their terms on Council ended. She felt there should be current council members serving on this Board.

Council Member Hudspeth questioned why TWU and UNT were on the Board and not the DISD.

Mayor Watts stated that the rationale was that the universities brought in economic benefits to the community.

Council Member Gregory stated it was an attempt to get the biggest employers on the Board in terms of economic development. He suggested bringing back language that a member no longer in the position when first appointed would relinquish that position.

Council Member Ryan suggested allowing the presidents of universities to appoint someone else in their place if needed.

Booth replied that the ordinance currently had that provision.

Council Member Ryan agreed with the proposal that a member should not serve as a Council nominee if no longer on Council.

Council discussed various scenarios for the Board including a 6 year term limit (total service), a 6 year term limit with a lapse in service and then serve again; not applying the term limits to the university presidents, not putting the function of the Economic Development Office of the Chamber budget as a role of the Board, residency requirements of the members, before adding DISD as a voting member discuss it with them and consider a member of School Board as a voting representative.

Consensus of the Council was to have 6 year increment terms and to remove the function of reviewing the City's and Chamber's Economic Development department budgets from the duties of the Board.

- D. ID 17-789 Receive a report, hold a discussion and provide direction regarding the procedure to assess the need and make minor updates to the Mobility Plan and associated Roadway Component Map.

Chad Allen, Interim City Engineer, presented information on the Mobility Plan including the roadway component of the map and the use at the local level and regional level. He detailed the roadway component map general characteristics. Minor updates may be needed from time to time on the map and a mechanism to do so was needed. He reviewed information on the current process for major updates and recommendations for minor update procedures.

Council discussed whether a minor change needed to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission instead of just coming to Council for the change. It was noted that the ordinance required the change to come to both entities.

Consensus of the Council was to move forward with both processes.

Mayor Watts questioned if the Closed Meeting item would be necessary.

Interim City Attorney Leal stated that the City had an option for first right of refusal for property. Staff was needing direction on whether or not to proceed with the option to purchase or decline it.

Mayor Watts questioned what triggered the action.

Interim City Attorney Leal stated that the event was another offer for the property. The City needed to decide whether to match the offer or decline the offer and let the sale go through with the original offer.

Council Member Wazny left the meeting.

Following the completion of the Work Session, the City Council convened in a Closed Meeting at 5:52 p.m. to consider the specific item listed below under the Closed Meeting section of this agenda

1. Closed Meeting:

- A. ID 17-774 Deliberations regarding Real Property - Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.072; and Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071.

Discuss, deliberate and receive information from staff and provide staff with direction pertaining to the potential purchase of certain 18.969 acre tract out of the David Hough Survey, Abstract No. 646, in Denton County, Texas, and generally located in the 2600 block of South Mayhill Road, Denton, Texas. Consultation with the City's attorneys regarding legal issues associated with the potential acquisition or release of

real property interests in the tract described above where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any administrative proceeding or potential litigation. (Option to acquire 18.969 acre Donnelly remainder tract - Ordinance 1997-276 & Ordinance 1997-292)

Following the completion of the Closed Meeting, the City Council convened in a Special Called Meeting at 6:30 p.m. to consider the following items:

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. A17-0001a Hold the first of two public hearings for a voluntary annexation of approximately 118.041 acres of land, generally located north of McKinney Street and west of Trinity Road by the City of Denton, Texas.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Ron Menguita, Long Range Planning Administrator, reviewed the request for the voluntary annexation, proposed development of the property, and the annexation schedule.

Council Member Gregory asked if Council was to take any action at this meeting.

Interim City Attorney Leal stated that there was no action, just public comments, at this time.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

No action was needed at this time.

- B. A17-0004a Hold the first of two public hearings for an involuntary annexation of approximately 6.71 acres of land, generally located north of Brush Creek Road and east of Fort Worth Drive by the City of Denton, Texas.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Ron Menguita, Long Range Planning Administrator, presented the request and the location of property, along with annexation schedule.

Kathy Duncan-Symula questioned the development of the property.

The Mayor closed public hearing

No action was needed at this time.

2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

- A. Under Section 551.042 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, respond to inquiries from the City Council or the public with specific factual information or recitation of policy, or accept a proposal to place the matter on the agenda for an upcoming meeting AND Under Section 551.0415 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, provide reports about items of community interest regarding which no action will be taken, to include: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition of a public official, public employee, or other citizen; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the governing body; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the governing body that was attended or is scheduled to be attended by a member of the governing body or an official or employee of the municipality; or an announcement involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of people in the municipality that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

Council Member Briggs requested an update on the sidewalks in the Downtown.

Council Member Briggs requested an update on red light camera contract.

Council Member Hudspeth requested information on the process to name the football field in Fred Moore Park.

Council Member Hudspeth requested information on whether certain benefits could be given to board/commission members and Council such as passes to the waterpark.

Council Member Hudspeth requested information on installing parking meters in the Downtown area.

Council Member Hudspeth requested an update on the installation of the mobile device restriction signs.

Council Member Hudspeth suggested a Council field trip to other downtown areas to get a feel for regional competition and how to enhance the Downtown.

- B. Possible Continuation of Closed Meeting topics, above posted.

There was no continuation of the Closed Meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR

JENNIFER WALTERS
CITY SECRETARY

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