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Agenda Information Sheet

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SUBJECT

Consider nominations/appointments to the City’s Economic Development Partnership Board.

BACKGROUND

The City Council appointed a Nominating Committee at the July 19, 2016, meeting that was charged with recommending nominees to the Economic Development Partnership Board. Nominating Committee members are Councilmembers Dalton Gregory and Joey Hawkins and Chamber member Larry Parker.

Economic Development Partnership Board (EDPB) members serve two-year terms and may serve as many as three terms. The ordinance creating the Board provides that EDPB members must fall into specific categories when they are originally appointed to the Board (see table below). City Council members and Chamber of Commerce Board members may be reappointed to two additional consecutive terms even if they no longer serve on the City Council or Chamber Board.

Current EDPB members are:

Name	Category	Term Expires
Cleve Breedlove, Chair	Aviation	2017
Marty Rivers, Vice Chair	Chamber of Commerce	2016 (eligible)
Larry Parker	Chamber of Commerce	2017
Chris Watts	City Council	2016 (eligible)
Greg Johnson	City Council	2017
Jim Fykes	Top 20 Taxpayer	2017
John Gilmer	Top 20 Taxpayer	2016 (eligible)
Neal Smatresk	President of the Univ. of North Texas	2016 (eligible)
Carrell Ann Simmons	At Large	2016 (eligible)
John Baines	Denton Black Chamber of Commerce	2017
Dianne Costa	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	2016 (eligible)

Chris Watts is eligible to be re-nominated, but chose to not serve again. Joey Hawkins is nominated as the new City Council representative.

Dianne Costa's term was for only one year, and she is ineligible to be re-nominated. Jimmy Mejia is the new nominee on behalf of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

During its July 2016 meeting, the Economic Development Partnership Board voted unanimously to recommend to the Council the addition of a seat to the Board for the Texas Woman's University President and Chancellor under the same terms of service as the President of the University of North Texas. With the adoption of an amendment to Ordinance No. 2015-074 prior to approving the slate of nominees, the Council is able to include Carine Feyten, PhD, TWU's President and Chancellor, on the slate.

The Nominating Committee offers the following full slate of nominees to the City Council:

- Carine Feyten, TWU
- John Gilmer, Top 20 Taxpayer
- Joey Hawkins, City Council
- Jimmy Mejia, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Marty Rivers, Chamber of Commerce
- Carrell Ann Simmons, At Large
- Neal Smatresk, UNT

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

August 16, 2016 - A work session on the EDP Board ordinance was presented to Council.

August 3, 2016 - Nominating Committee met to discuss slate of nominees.

July 19, 2016 - Council selected the Nominating Committee.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Economic Development

Related Goal: 3.4 Encourage development, redevelopment, recruitment, and retention

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance No. 2015-074

Exhibit 2 - Draft amendment to Ordinance No. 2015-074

Exhibit 3 - Presentation

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