

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 4, 2016

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Briggs, Mayor Pro Tem Gregory, Council Member Wazny and Mayor Watts

ABSENT: Council Member Roden and Council Member Hawkins.

1. Work Session Reports

A. ID 16-002 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding an Aging Texas Well survey.

Alison Ream, Administrative Services Manager, stated that the results of a needs assessment were going to be presented by Julia Wolfe with the North Texas Area Agency on Aging. She noted that the results had been delivered to Council in a prior communication.

Ms. Wolfe stated that this was a needs assessment for residents over the age of 60. The point of her presentation was to think about the coordination of services and not necessarily services that had to be provided by the city of Denton. Information concerning the background of survey was presented. There were five focus groups which took the survey with 500 people responding. The top three concerns across all ages included the need for better communication about the available services, better coordination among services and increased transportation options that were more easily accessible. She reviewed the top housing needs, top transportation needs, health care concerns across all ages, recreational needs, recommendations of the committee, and next steps.

Council discussed whether CDBG funds were available for retrofitting homes for aging in place. Moving forward the staff contact for the city would be Ms. Ream for short term and long term goals. A suggestion was made to review the Development Code for any conditions that might discourage development of elder friendly housing.

B. ID 16-001 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction on the existing Transmission Cost of Service (TCOS) recovery structure in the ERCOT region and its relation to DME's Capital Improvement Plan.

Phil Williams, General Manager-DME, stated that the purpose of his presentation was to present information concerning transmission cost of services. He reviewed the history of DME, TCOS, the wholesale rate costs and total transmission costs. The challenges associated with the TCOS process were presented.

Council discussed determining the costs per entity congestion in the lines.

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Gregory requested time for a presentation on the quarterly financial report, possible changes in the upcoming budget, and an update on performance measures.

Mayor Watts requested an Informal Staff Report on contingencies on water needs in terms of an emergency.

Mayor Watts questioned if there would be any cost to the city of Denton for repairs of the Lake Lewisville dam if needed.

Mayor Watts requested a report on the growing need for water in the community.

Mayor Watts suggested scheduling one or two town hall meetings to be able to respond to direct questions from citizens or information that could be given out on the Denton Renewable Plan before the actual public hearing. This could be a question/answer kind of environment.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourn 12:50 p.m.

CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

JENNIFER WALTERS
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