

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2018

The City Council convened in the Work Session Room on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to attend a reception honoring City Council.

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Special Called meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Bagheri.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. and Texas flags.

2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

Ordinance No. 18-795

- A. ID 18-795 Consider adoption of an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the Regular Municipal Election to elect two Council Members to Places 5 and 6 and a Mayor to Place 7 held in the city of Denton on May 5, 2018; declaring that no candidate received the majority of votes cast for Place 5 and that a runoff election is ordered to be held on Saturday, June 16, 2018; authorizing Runoff Election Day polling locations; and providing an effective date.

Jennifer Walters, City Secretary, presented the final voting results for Places 5, 6 and 7. She noted that Paul Meltzer and Chris Watts had received the required amount of votes to be elected to Place 6 and 7 respectively. She also noted that no one had received a majority of votes in Place 5 and that a runoff election would be needed. The ordinance under consideration also included calling that runoff election and noting the polling locations.

Council Member Gregory motioned, Council Member Ryan seconded to adopt the ordinance canvassing the May 5, 2018 election for Places 6 and 7; ordering a runoff election for June 16, 2018 for Place 5; and approving the same polling locations for the runoff that were used for the May general election. On roll call vote, Council Member Hudspeth "aye", Council Member Briggs "aye", Council Member Duff "aye", Council Member Ryan "aye", Council Member Gregory "aye", and Mayor Watts "aye". Motion carried unanimously.

- B. ID 18-796 Oath of Office administered to newly elected Council Members.

Before the administration of the oath of office, Mayor Watts presented the newly elected members with a Certificate of Election.

Jennifer Walters, City Secretary, administered the Oath of Office to Paul Meltzer, Place 6 and Chris Watts, Mayor-Place 7.

C. ID 18-797 Election of Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Briggs suggested postponing this item until there was a full Council.

Council Member Duff motioned to nominated John Ryan as Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Ryan motioned to elect Dalton Gregory as temporary Mayor Pro Tem until the Council canvassed the runoff election.

Council Member Hudspeth seconded Council Member Duff's motion.

Council discussed the pros and cons of not having a Mayor Pro Tem until the canvassing of the runoff election and the procedures that were done in past meetings regarding the election of a Mayor Pro Tem without a full council.

Council Member Meltzer motioned, Council Member Briggs seconded to postpone the consideration of a Mayor Pro Tem until the date certain of the canvass of the runoff election. On roll call vote, Council Member Hudspeth "nay", Council Member Briggs "aye", Council Member Duff "nay", Council Member Meltzer "aye", Council Member Ryan "nay", Council Member Gregory "aye", and Mayor Watts "aye". Motion carried with a 4-3 vote.

D. ID 18-798 Resolution of Appreciation for Dalton Gregory and Sara Bagheri.

Mayor Watts read the Resolution of Appreciation for Sara Bagheri.

Council Member Briggs motioned, Council Member Gregory seconded to approve the Resolution. On roll call vote, Council Member Hudspeth "aye", Council Member Briggs "aye", Council Member Duff "aye", Council Member Meltzer "aye", Council Member Ryan "aye", Council Member Gregory "aye", and Mayor Watts "aye". Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watts noted that the Resolution of Appreciation for Council Member Gregory would be considered at the canvassing meeting for the runoff election.

3. 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 Meltzer requested a Work Session on a plan to deal with road repairs and to manage certain standards plus include best practices from other area cities.

Council Member Meltzer requested a Work Session on the Pec 4 drainage project and other projects to reduce the flood plain area around the Downtown area. Include the feasibility of adding bike/walk paths in the drainage easements.

Council Member Meltzer requested a review of options to address the shortfall in emergency housing before the cold weather returned with numerical goals and timing targets.

Council Member Meltzer requested a Work Session on the proposed permitting processes for businesses under the new DDC.

Council Member Briggs requested an Informal Staff Report on the training School Resource Officers received.

Council Member Hudspeth suggested reaching out to UNT regarding the dorm to be named after Joe Green and consider partnering it as a visitor's destination.

Mayor Watts requested a Work Session on the updating of the zoning maps including the processes and procedures for consistency with the developing districts.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

JENNIFER WALTERS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS