

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
December 7, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Interim Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Davis, Council Members Birdia Johnson, Keely Briggs, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer

**ABSENT:** Mayor Chris Watts

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and City Attorney Aaron Leal.

Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis served as Presiding Officer in the absence of Mayor Watts.

**Note: Mayor Chris Watts, Interim Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Davis and Council Members Birdia Johnson, Keely Briggs, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer participated in the work session and special called meeting via video/teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.**

The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this virtual meeting. However, there were no online registrations or call ins on any items on the agenda.

**WORK SESSION**

**1. Citizen Comments on Consent Agenda Items**

None

**2. Requests for clarification of agenda items listed on this agenda.**

- Clarification was requested on the following items:
  - Council Member Armintor: Item 1.G (ID 20-2390)
  - Council Member Briggs: Items 1.B (ID 20-2258), 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), 1.F (ID 20-2389), 1.G (ID 20-2390)
- The following item(s) were pulled for Individual Consideration:
  - Council Member Armintor: Items 1.B (ID 20-2258), 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389)

### **3. Work Session Reports**

- A. ID 20-2301 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an audit follow-up of the Utility Street Cuts Audit.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the presentation was for reporting purposes only.

- B. ID 20-2321 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding a Wildflower Planting Program for the City of Denton open spaces and right-of-ways.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the presentation was for reporting purposes only.

The work session ended at 3:03 p.m.

### **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 3:03 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Interim Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Davis, Council Members Birdia Johnson, Keely Briggs, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer

**ABSENT:** Mayor Chris Watts

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and City Attorney Aaron Leal.

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The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this virtual meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process was not read, each member of the City Council received each registration as it was submitted.

**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 1.A-I. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, Items 1.B (ID 20-2258), 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389) were pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.

Council Member Ryan moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, now consisting of Items 1.A and 1.G-I. Motion seconded by Council Member Meltzer. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- A. ID 20-2102 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving the Consent to Collateral Assignment of Lease for the collateral assignment by Samsev, LLC to Guaranty Bank & Trust, N.A., of the Airport Lease Agreement covering property at 4665 Spartan Drive; authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Consent to Collateral Assignment of Lease; and providing for an effective date. Council Airport Committee recommends approval (2-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2102**

- G. ID 20-2390 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Clasp Companies, LLC dba Valley Quest Design, for consulting services and to develop a master plan and design for the Villages of Carmel Property for City of Denton as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7410 - Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services awarded to Clasp Companies, LLC dba Valley Quest Design, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$85,900).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2390**

- H. ID 20-2391 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., for consulting services and to complete the Parks, Recreation, and Trails System Master Plan for the City of Denton as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7418 - Professional Services Agreement for Consulting Services awarded to Halff Associates, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$186,651).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2391**

- I. ID 20-2392 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Celina, under the Texas Government Code, Section 791.001, to authorize City of Denton contracts for the purchase of various goods and services; authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; and declaring an effective date (File 7531 - award an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Celina).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2392**

**ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- B. ID 20-2258 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Homeland Security Investigations for the participation of the Denton Police Department in the Homeland Security Investigations Child Exploitation Group for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal 2021; for the Investigating Crimes Against Children Including Internet Crimes; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2258**

*Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.*

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was not presented or discussed.

Council Member Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Ryan. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- C. ID 20-2259 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), for the purpose of the reimbursement of certain costs incurred by the Denton Police Department in providing resources to the HSI Child Exploitation Group (Task Force) for the Investigating of Crimes Against Children including Internet Crimes for Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal 2021; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2259**

*Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.*

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was not presented or discussed.

Council Member Ryan moved to collectively adopt items 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389). Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- D. ID 20-2269 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for the participation of the Denton Police Department in the Dallas Field Division Enforcement Group 1 (Dallas) task force for Fiscal Year 2021; for the purpose of curtailing illicit drug trafficking and conducting investigations to immobilize drug trafficking violators; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2269**

*Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.*

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was not presented or discussed.

Council Member Ryan moved to collectively adopt items 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389). Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- E. ID 20-2270 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Department of Justice, DOJ, for participation in the Federal Equitable Sharing Program for Fiscal Year 2021; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2270**

*Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.*

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was not presented or discussed.

Council Member Ryan moved to collectively adopt items 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389). Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- F. ID 20-2389 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract through the Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract Number DIR-TSO-3890 for technology-based conferencing products and services, and DIR-TSO-3922 for law enforcement products, and DIR-TSO-4247 for data storage, data communication products, and networking equipment for building maintenance and repair supplies; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 7363 - awarded to Anixter, Inc., in the five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2389**

*Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Armintor.*

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was not presented or discussed.

Council Member Ryan moved to collectively adopt items 1.C (ID 20-2259), 1.D (ID 20-2269), 1.E (ID 20-2270), and 1.F (ID 20-2389). Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

The special called meeting was recessed for a short break at 3:07 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m.

**2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 20-2383 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Dina L. Fisher for art design and production services for the Public Art sculpture installation to be located at Industrial Street Park, 108 Industrial Street; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7265-001 - awarded to Dina L. Fisher, in the not-to exceed amount of \$80,000).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2383**



There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council Member Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

- B. ID 20-2384 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City Of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Ray King Studio, Ltd., for art design and production services for the public art sculpture installation to be located in North Lakes Park at the G. Roland Vela Athletic Complex located at 3801 N. Elm Street; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7265-002 - awarded to Ray King Studio, Ltd., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$95,000).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-2384**

There were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council Member Ryan moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Interim Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Council Members Johnson, Briggs, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer

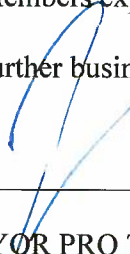
NAYS (0): None


ABSENT (1): Mayor Watts

**3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

  
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INTERIM MAYOR PRO TEM  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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CATHY WELBORN  
ASSISTANT CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: January 12, 2021