## CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES February 12, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Planning Session on Friday, February 12, 2021, at 12:12 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Davis and Council Members Birdia

Johnson, Connie Baker, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer

ABSENT: None

Also present was City Manager Todd Hileman.

Note: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Davis and Council Members Birdia Johnson, Connie Baker, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer participated in the planning session meeting via video/teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Hudspeth who was experiencing connectivity issues.

Mayor Hudspeth arrived at 12:16 p.m.

## 1. <u>ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION</u>

A. ID 21-234 Hold a retreat discussion and give staff direction and priorities concerning the following: City services and infrastructure; streets; parks; finances, budget; planning; zoning and development; environmental issues; human resources; technology; public utilities, taxes; engineering; economic development; code enforcement; city facilities; transportation; purchasing; management; intergovernmental relations; boards, commissions and committees; requests from boards, commissions, and committees requiring staff time; meetings; agenda development; City Council communication with staff and the public; specific goals for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and without limitation, any and all operations of the City of Denton city government.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Each member of the City Council provided an overview and detailed their individual priorities submitted for City Council discussion/consideration which would allow staff to finalize the proposed 2020-2021 Priorities for formal adoption at a future meeting.

Staff reported there was commonality on some of the items, so some were combined. City Council was asked to provide direction on the following:

- In Process: Submitted items in progress which have already received Council direction; showing items submitted by two or more Elected Officials.
  - o RESULT: City Council consensus affirmed the items continue as priority items.
- Change or Enhance: Submitted items requiring a change or enhancement to current policies, programs, or budget.
  - o RESULT: City Council consensus affirmed the items continue as priority items.
- New: Submitted items that would be new initiatives.
  - o RESULT: City Council consensus affirmed the items continue as priority items.

The planning session was recessed for a short break at 3:38 p.m. to allow staff time to compile the items that received consensus from City Council (support from 4 or more members) and return with the updated information for further discussion, and reconvened at 4:06 p.m.

Staff presented/outlined the updated list of items to Council Members as follows. No changes were requested. Formal adoption to be scheduled for the February 23 meeting.

## **PRIORITIES**

- Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Develop Loop 288 to Serve Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- Undergo a Comprehensive Plan Update
- Develop a Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Strategy
- Develop an Affordable Housing Strategy
- Respond to COVID-19
- Complete Mobility Plan
- Improve Capital Project Planning and Communication
- Develop Plan, Including Architectural Design, RFP Strategy, and Funding Options, For City Hall West

## **WORK PLAN**

Topic	Vehicle	Department
Road Maintenance Funding Strategies	Budget Presentation	• Finance
Understand Loop 288 property and potential future phases	Work Session	Community Services
Target the No New Tax Rate (Operations and Maintenance)	Budget Planning	• Finance

Торіс	Vehicle	Department
Provide technology training for residents (seniors/youth)	Informal Staff Report	<ul><li>Parks and Recreation</li><li>Library</li></ul>
Education and Review of Domestic Violence response and resources	Informal Staff Report	• Police
Additional electric vehicles on City streets	Work Session	<ul><li>Development Services</li><li>Police</li><li>Legal</li></ul>
Include Boards and Commissions into the one- minute pitch process	Resolution	City Manager's Office
Provide an update on the implementation of the Tree Ordinance	Work Session	Development Services
Fair Housing webinar/training for City Council	Work Session	City Manager's Office     Legal
Sports complex public/private partnership	Informal Staff Report	<ul><li>Parks and Recreation</li><li>Economic</li><li>Development</li></ul>
Electric line undergrounding strategy	Informal Staff Report	<ul><li> DME</li><li> Finance</li><li> Development Services</li></ul>
Study and strategy regarding performance venues	Work Session	<ul><li> Economic</li><li> Development</li><li> Parks and Recreation</li></ul>
Research on rental housing standards	Informal Staff Report	<ul><li>Community Services</li><li>Development Services</li></ul>

The planning session ended at 4:14 p.m.

GERARD HUDSPETH

**MAYOR** 

CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

**ROSA RIOS** 

**CITY SECRETARY** 

CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: February 23, 2021