

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 2, 2021

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Monday, August 2, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Paul Meltzer and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Brian Beck, Alison Maguire, and Deb Armintor

ABSENT: Council Member Jesse Davis

Also present were Interim City Manager Sara Hensley and Interim City Attorney Catherine Clifton

Mayor Pro Tem Meltzer served as Presiding Officer until the arrival of Mayor Hudspeth at 9:16 a.m.

There was no public registration process as this was a work session only.

WORK SESSION

1. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 21-854 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Streets Fund and long-term funding strategies.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was as follows regarding long term strategies:

- Include bike lanes into the infrastructure for road improvements;
- Provide information on caps for increase of franchise fees and their use;
- Look at how the 1.5 sales tax rate the City gets and how those funds can be allocation (opportunities);
- Focus more on the Low OCI versus the Middle;
- Maintain flexibility on use of general fund for road improvements (utilities not affecting use of roadways);
- Look at inter-city roadways and not non-city to determine lane miles;
- Review possible adjustment of property tax rate, doubling homestead exemptions.
- Look at options for increasing revenue in the City
 - Consultant approach on this - survey to City Council to set base level on what the policy direction is (fees, long term analysis, street reduction to reduce lane miles, if any)
- Continue with the proposed five-year plan

Specific to any changes affecting the FY 2021-2022 budget:

- Increase franchise fee allocations (other non-city)
- Roadway construction changes

- B. ID 21-1595 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding Fire Station 9.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to continue as presented.

The work session was recessed for a short break at 11:28 a.m. and reconvened at 11:57 a.m.


- C. ID 21-1087 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the FY 2021-22 City Manager's Proposed Budget, Capital Improvement Program, and Five-Year Financial Forecast.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

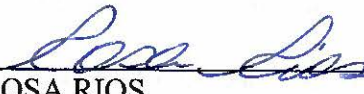
Following discussion, City Council consensus was as follows:

- Provide scenarios on the effect of raising property taxes for this upcoming budget;
- Look at effect of doubling the homestead exceptions for FY 2022-23.

With no further business, the work session ended at 1:43 p.m.



GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



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CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 10, 2021