

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
May 17, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Beck and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Jesse Davis, Alison Maguire, Brandon Chase McGee, and Chris Watts

ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

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**WORK SESSION**

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

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

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

- Clarification was requested on the following items:
  - Council Member Maguire: Item 3.P (22-988)
  - Mayor Pro Tem Beck: Item 3.O (22-1064)
  - Council Member Watts: Item 3.X (22-1051)
- The following item was pulled for Individual Consideration:
  - Council Member Davis: Item 3.X (22-1051)
- The following item was corrected to reflect the date of the event was Wednesday, June 1, 2022 and not Thursday, May 26, 2022.
  - Mayor Hudspeth: Item 3.E (22-885)

**3. Work Session Reports**

- A. ID 22-936 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the development of an updated Municipal Utility District (MUD) Policy for evaluating MUDs seeking consent from the City for development within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). [Council Priority; Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 60 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The work session was recessed for a short break at 4:49 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

Following additional discussion, City Council consensus was to follow staff recommendations as presented.

- B. ID 22-679 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Vision Zero traffic safety Plan for the City of Denton. [Council Priority; Estimated Presentation/Discussion Time: 45 minutes]

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to follow staff recommendations as presented.

The work session ended at 6:25 p.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Mayor Gerard Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Vicki Byrd, Jesse Davis, Alison Maguire, Brandon Chase McGee, and Chris Watts

ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Sara Hensley and City Attorney Mack Reinwand.

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#### **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. U.S. Flag and B. Texas Flag

#### **2. PRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

- A. Review of procedures for addressing the City Council.

B. Reports from members of the public

1) Receive Scheduled Citizen Reports from Members of the Public

- a. ID 22-1062 Mr. Max Folmar regarding transportation services and Go Zone.  
**NOT PRESENTED**
- b. ID 22-1085 Ms. Debbie Sims regarding continual issues with water line breaks/leaks at her hair salon business (1801 N. Elm Street).  
**CANCELLED**
- c. ID 22-1086 Ms. Kathy Woods regarding the financial impact of water main issues at Debi Do & Company Salon.  
**CANCELLED**
- d. ID 22-1098 Ms. Amanda Thomson regarding a violation of civil rights per the Texas Constitution, Article 7.  
**PRESENTED**
- e. ID 22-1102 Mr. Stephen Dillenburg regarding follow-up to comments made on Emergency Resolution of Public Corruption.  
**PRESENTED**

NOTE: Commentary provided was not related to the registered subject matter. Therefore, Mayor Hudspeth was unable to reply to inquiries from the presenter.

2) Additional Citizen Reports (Open Microphone)

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 3.A-X. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, Item 3.X (22-1051) was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Davis.

Council Member Maguire moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, now consisting of Items 3.A-W. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beck. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Davis, Maguire, McGee, and Watts

NAYS (0): None

A. ID 22-810 Consider approval of the minutes of May 3, 2022.

**APPROVED**

- B. ID 22-503 Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton, approving the 2020/2021 Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number Two (Westpark TIRZ) annual report; and declaring an effective date. The TIRZ Number Two Board recommends approval (11-0).

**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-503**

- C. ID 22-0503 Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton nominating Mayday Manufacturing, to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an Enterprise Project; and providing an effective date. The Economic Development Partnership Board recommends approval (10-0).

**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-0503**

- D. ID 22-884 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a City co-sponsorship in an amount not to exceed \$738.00 of in-kind services and resources for the Party with Friends event hosted by the Denton Parks Foundation, which will be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the North Lakes Driving Range, 2009 W. Windsor Drive; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-884**

- E. ID 22-885 Consider recommending approval of a resolution of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Denton County Brewing Company allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Party with Friends event, on ~~Thursday, May 26~~ Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at the North Lakes Driving Range, upon satisfying certain conditions; and providing for an effective date.

**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-885**

The item was corrected as noted above in advance of its consideration.

- F. ID 22-1071 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton granting The Village Church Denton a noise exception pursuant to Section 17-20 of the City of Denton Code of Ordinances for a celebration service, which will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., at North Lakes Park in Denton, Texas; granting an increase in sound levels on said date from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with sound not to exceed 75 decibels; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1071**

- G. ID 22-898 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., for regulatory permitting/approval support, process evaluation, design services, bidding assistance, construction phase services, and easement acquisition for the I-35 to Milam Creek Phase II Project for the Water Utilities

Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7574-010 - Professional Services Agreement for design and construction phase services awarded to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$751,100.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-898**

- H. ID 22-982 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc., for surveying and civil engineering services for Denton Municipal Electric as set forth in the contract; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7875 - Professional Services Agreement for surveying and civil engineering services awarded to Teague Nall and Perkins, Inc., for three (3) years, with the option for two (2) additional one (1) year extensions, in the total five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$2,400,000.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-982**

- I. ID 22-985 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Green Equipment Company, the authorized distributor for Envirosight, LLC, as designated by the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract # 593-19, for Envirosight video sewer inspection systems and parts for the Water Utilities Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8019 - awarded to Green Equipment Company as authorized distributor for Envirosight, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$461,058.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-985**

- J. ID 22-986 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with The John R McAdams Company, Incorporated, for professional design services for Briercliff Park for the Parks and Recreation Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7850-002 - Professional Services Agreement for professional design services awarded to The John R McAdams Company, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$85,150.00). [Council Priority]

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-986**

- K. ID 22-987 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Halff Associates, Inc., for professional design services for Pecan Creek Linear Trail for the Parks and Recreation Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFQ 7850-003 - Professional Services Agreement for professional design services awarded to Halff Associates, Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$145,000.00). [Council Priority]

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-987**

- L. ID 22-989 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to utilize a contract through the Lower Colorado River Authority Contract Number 5343, for the acquisition of electric maintenance, repair, and construction inventory for the Denton Municipal Electric Department to be stocked in the Warehouse; providing the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8010 - awarded to Techline, Inc., in the three (3) year not-to-exceed amount of \$4,000,000.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-989**

- M. ID 22-999 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Hilltop Securities, Inc., for investment advisory services for the Finance Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 7953 - awarded to Hilltop Securities, Inc., for two (2) years, with the option for one (1) additional two (2) year extension, in the total four (4) year not-to-exceed amount of \$335,000.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-999**

- N. ID 22-1063 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to authorize the spend for an insurance binder to Archer Contingent Energy Risk, LLC, for forced outage insurance of the Denton Energy Center for the Summer of 2022; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 8004 - authorizing the spend for Power Plant Forced Outage Insurance Coverage and awarding such insurance binder to Archer Contingent Energy Risk, LLC, in the Summer 2022 not-to-exceed amount of \$1,100,000.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1063**

- O. ID 22-1064 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to utilize a contract with Galls, LLC, through the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Purchasing Network Share Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract # 2021-073, for first responder uniforms, accessories, and alteration services for the Police and Fire Departments; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8011 - awarded to Galls, LLC, in the four (4) year not-to-exceed amount of \$2,080,000.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1064**

- P. ID 22-988 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, through the Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing Network Contract # 651-21, for various new fire apparatus to include engines, aerials, and trucks for the Fire Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 8002 - awarded to Siddons-Martin Emergency Group, LLC, in the five (5) year not-to-exceed amount of \$12,035,687.00).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-988**

- Q. ID 22-965 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Discretionary Services Agreement between City of Denton and Oncor Electric Delivery Services Company, LLC for relocation of Oncor Electric Facilities in conflict with the Hickory Creek Road Phase 3 Project, ranging from Riverpass Drive to FM-1830; providing for the payment of one million, nine hundred forty-two thousand, nine hundred seventy-five hundred dollars and 59/100 (1,942,975.59); authorizing the City Manager execute the agreement and to release funds granting for the Oncor relocation from the City of Denton; providing for severability and an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-965**

- R. ID 22-964 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving an Assignment of Airport Lease from Pedron Aircraft Works, LLC, to DSR-Cherokee 180, LLC, of an Airport Lease covering property located at 926 Aeronca Drive, Denton, Texas at the Denton Enterprise Airport; authorizing the City Manager to execute the Assignment of Airport Lease; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-964**

- S. ID 22-1007 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Consent to Assignment of Sublease between the City of Denton, a Texas home rule municipal corporation ("City" or "Landlord"), 4845 Lockheed Associates, Ltd. ("Tenant"), and Freedom Hangars, LLC ("Sublessee"), covering property located at 4845 Lockheed Lane, Unit "C", at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1007**

- T. ID 22-1008 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Consent to Sublease between Ezell Aviation, Inc., and CFD Integration, LLC, dba CFDI Aero, for the lease covering the property located at 4933 Sabre Lane, at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1008**

- U. ID 22-1010 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Consent to Sublease between Ezell Aviation, Inc. and DSR-Cherokee 180, LLC, for the lease covering the property located at 4855 Sabre Lane, at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1010**

- V. ID 22-1012 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Consent to Sublease between Ezell Aviation, Inc. and Wesley Pearce and William Garn, a Texas general partnership, dba Precision Aircraft Maintenance for the lease covering the property located at 5011 Sabre Lane, at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing an effective date. Airport Advisory Board recommends approval (5-0).

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-1012**

- W. ID 22-973 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton, ratifying the City Manager's execution of a letter of support and a partnership agreement with Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas for a grant application; and providing an effective date.  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-973**

**ITEM PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- X. ID 22-1051 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton endorsing the Medicare for all Act of 2021; and declaring an effective date.  
**ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 22-1051**

All members of the City Council received the comments as submitted and had the opportunity to review all submissions prior to the start of the meeting and consider such comments when voting on the item. The summary of public commentary/registrations are noted in Exhibit A.

The item was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Member Davis.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Council Member Watts moved to postpone the item to June 7, 2022 to allow for discussion of the subject matter at a work session prior to formal consideration. Motion seconded by Council Member Davis.

Following additional discussion, Council Member Watts withdrew his motion to postpone the item to June 7, 2022 to allow for scheduling the item for a work session. Council Member Davis withdrew his second to the motion.

Following further discussion, Council Member Maguire moved to adopt the item with the following amendments: [Underline and strikethrough added to emphasize changes.]

- WHEREAS, in order to equitably and effectively address the health care burden of the COVID-19 crisis, we must urge the United States Congress ~~or~~ and the Texas Legislature to expand health insurance coverage to provide comprehensive coverage to every resident of the United States without any cost-sharing; and
- Add the following:
  - Section 3. Upon its passage and approval, a copy of this resolution shall be furnished as soon as is practicable to all federal and state legislators whose electorate includes residents of the City of Denton

Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beck. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Maguire, and McGee  
NAYS (3): Mayor Hudspeth and Council Members Davis and Watts



#### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. S22-0002a Hold a public hearing and consider making a recommendation to City Council regarding a request by Torrano Realty, Inc. for a Specific Use Permit to allow for a Multifamily Dwelling Use on approximately 11.891 acres of land, generally located on the east side of Woodrow Lane, approximately 1,365 feet south of East McKinney Street, in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas. THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED TO POSTPONE TO THE JUNE 7, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING (S22-0002a, Pathway Woodrow Lane Multifamily, Julie Wyatt).

**CONTINUED TO JUNE 7, 2022 WITH PUBLIC HEARING OPEN**

The public hearing was opened and continued to June 7, 2022.

#### **5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 22-956 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, Texas, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget and Annual Program of Services of the City of Denton to allow for adjustments to the Capital Improvement Program of \$1,200,000 for expenses related to purchasing land for park development; declaring a public purpose; providing a severability clause, an open meetings clause and an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-956**

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

The item was presented and no discussion followed.

Council Member Maguire moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Beck. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Davis, Maguire, Chase McGee, and Watts

NAYS (0): None

- B. ID 22-353 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the execution of a contract of sale between the City of Denton, as buyer, and Walter F. Laney, Jr. (referred to herein as "seller"), for the purchase of a 79.004 acre tract of land, more or less, for the purposes of creating trails, wildlife habitat, tree preservation and future recreational programming, being situated in the Morreau Forrest Survey, located in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas and known as N. Trinity Road, for the purchase price of Two Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand One Hundred Twenty Dollars and no/100 (\$2,370,120.00); and for independent consideration for the benefit of the seller One Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$1,000.00); authorizing the expenditure of funds therefor; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-353**

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

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Beck moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Watts. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Davis, Maguire, McGee, and Watts

NAYS (0): None

- C. ID 22-983 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Archer Western Construction, LLC, for the construction of the Northwest Booster Pump Station for the Water Department; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (CSP 7940 - awarded to Archer Western Construction, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,458,300.00). The Public Utilities Board recommends approval (6 - 0).  
**ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-983**

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

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

AYES (7): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Davis, Maguire, McGee, and Watts

NAYS (0): None

6. **CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



GERARD HUDSPETH  
MAYOR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



ROSA RIOS  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: \_\_\_\_\_

June 7, 2022

**May 17, 2022 City Council Meeting - EXHIBIT A**

**Speaker Commentaries/Registrations  
Online, Email, Phone**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Lynn	Ball	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. I am asking you to pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. People should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of their financial or employment status. In contrast to politicians who are attacking reproductive rights and the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community, Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Please vote for the Medicare for All resolution so we can send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators: we deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Rosemary	Candelario	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am a Denton resident writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. I am asking you to pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. People should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of their financial or employment status. In contrast to politicians who are attacking reproductive rights and the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community, Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Please vote for the Medicare for All resolution so we can send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators, we deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Kamyon	Conner	2112 Preston Place	Denton	22-1051	Support	In-Person	Has worked with people paying out of pocket for healthcare and cannot afford to pay for medicine. Medicare for all will help people afford the medical care they need. Covid 19 has affected many people. This resolution will assist individuals. People have died needlessly due to not having medical healthcare. This will assist non-profit organizations. Each member of the Council has a responsibility for ensuring that residents of Denton understand that Council understands citizens deserve medical health coverage. Asked for support of the item.
Anjelica	Fraga	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. I am asking you to pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. People should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of their financial or employment status. In contrast to politicians who are attacking reproductive rights and the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community, Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Please vote for the Medicare for All resolution so we can send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators, we deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Hayden	Horton	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on and express my support for the Medicare for All resolution. I ask that you pass this resolution because access to healthcare is a human right that should not be dependent upon employment or income level. All people deserve access to quality, affordable healthcare. Passing this resolution will demonstrate to our state and federal legislators that Denton values the health and wellness of all members of its community. As a longtime Denton resident, I know that our city is not afraid to lead by example when it comes to protecting the environment and the health of our community. The passing of this resolution allows Denton to, once again, demonstrate a commitment to the health of our community over private profits. I appreciate your consideration of my comments and hope that you all will vote in support of Medicare for All. I do not think it is an exaggeration to say that the lives of our community members are depending on you to vote in favor of this resolution.
Shelly	Minter	2112 Windsor Farms Dr	Denton	22-1051	Support	e-Comment	As a longtime Denton resident, I believe passing Medicare For All would be beneficial for all Denton people. Our city has a large portion of folks who can't afford even basic medical care. It's not only the morally correct thing to do, but it also benefits businesses. After all, a healthy workforce is essential to commercial success. However, we can care for our people, that's what we should do. Medicare For All is essential.

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Karla	Palomares	8152 La Frontera Trail	Arlington	22-1051	Support	In-Person	Asks Council to pass resolution and partner with residents to implement and fund programs to serve the under privileged who don't have access to affordable healthcare. While a student at UNT from 2010-2014, had to at times work up to three jobs due to the cost of living and many still struggle. Many don't have jobs, or jobs that offer benefits and must pay absurd out-of-pocket expenses. Council can do something great by recognizing that healthcare is a human right and should be accessible to all. Texas is the most un-insured or under insured state with 5 million without healthcare at the height of the pandemic.
Walker	Smart	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I'm writing to voice my support for the Medicare for all Resolution for the City of Denton. I am a lifelong resident of Denton, I work for the University of North Texas, and I want the people of this city to live better lives without having to struggle for basic necessities such as housing and healthcare. The cost of healthcare is overwhelming, even for people of reasonable means. My youngest daughter was born prematurely and spent 32 days in the NICU. Thankfully, she was covered by Medicare, or I would still be feeling the financial burden of that hospital stay, which was already incredibly stressful for my family. While I am currently covered by health insurance through my job, I spent many years without insurance and routinely ignored issues that other people would get treatment for. Medicare for all keeps would help Denton keep workers in the workforce, prevent untimely deaths, and massively improve the quality of life for people who need preventative care, emergency care, and more. We deserve a health care system that works for the people, and not for private profits.
Angela	Stephens	206 Sawyer Ave	Denton	22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. I am asking you to pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. People should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of their financial or employment status. In contrast to politicians who are attacking reproductive rights and the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community, Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Please vote for the Medicare for All resolution so we can send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators: We deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Rachel	Weaver	812 Westway St	Denton	22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. I am asking you to pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. People should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of their financial or employment status. I have been lucky to receive assistance in the past from Denton Music and Art Collaborative (DMAC) - the Denton nonprofit that provides healthcare assistance to artists and musicians. This nonprofit fundraises locally to provide this essential service to support the culture and people of our wonderful community. Without this nonprofit, myself and many of my friends and fellow artists would continue to deal with financial hardships and lack of insurance coverage. In contrast to politicians who are attacking reproductive rights and the freedoms of the LGBTQ+ community, Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Please vote for the Medicare for All resolution so we can send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators: we deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Cient	Wyatt	Unknown		22-1051	Support	e-Mail	I am writing to comment on the Medicare for All resolution. Please, pass this resolution because healthcare should be a right, not a commodity. You, me, and everyone should have the freedom to live healthy lives regardless of financial or employment status. Our city of Denton must set an example in making a strong case for health justice. Let's send a message to the state, to our representatives, and to our legislators: we deserve a healthcare system that works for the people, not for private profits.
Priscilla	Yeverino	115 N Austin	Denton	22-1051	Support	In-Person	Graduate of UNT and eight-year resident supports the Medicare for All resolution. Sees what lack of healthcare does to the poor, immigrants, undocumented, refugees, all that lost work/jobs due to the pandemic, students in need, and those with auto-immune diseases. Asks Council to please support the resolution.

NOTE: Comments for those citizens addressing the City Council are an abbreviated summary. Information contained within this exhibit includes only commentary for Open Microphone, Consent, Individual Consideration and Public Hearing Items.