

## CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 25, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Retreat (Day 2) on Friday, June 25, 2022, at 9:03 p.m. in the Development Service Center at 401 N. Elm 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

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

### **1. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. ID 22-583 Hold a retreat discussion facilitated by Raftelis 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; meetings; agenda development; Council-Manager governance; City Council communication with staff and the public; citizen surveys; key focus areas and priorities; specific goals for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; and without limitation, any and all operations of the City of Denton city government.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Council Member McGee arrived at 9:07 a.m.

Julia Novak, Executive Vice President of Raftelis, facilitated discussion regarding the following:

- What good governance meant to each member of the City Council;
- Individual values;
- When on prevailing side and when not;
- Relationship between each member of the City Council and the City Manager; and
- What each would hope the governmental body will be known for.

The 2022 Community Benchmark Survey Preliminary Results were presented by Staff and discussed. Results will be provided to City Council, expected to be received in late July.

Items submitted on Day 1 of the Retreat by each member of the City Council on areas they believed were good in/about the City and where they wanted to be in 10 years were reviewed, discussed, and aligned within the following focus areas. Council members and staff were grouped together to discuss a specific focus area and detail how each could be accomplished.


- Strengthen community and quality of life
- Foster economic opportunity and affordability
- Enhance infrastructure and mobility
- Organizational excellence and collaborative relationship
- Support healthy and safe communities
- Promote sustainability and the environment


The retreat was recessed for short breaks at 10:08 a.m. through 10:23 a.m. and 11:38 a.m. through 12:03 p.m.

The final/formal results of the focus areas and items of discussion to be provided to City Council once compiled/submitted by Retreat Facilitator Kim Novak.

While no specific direction was provided, the general comments from members of the City Council was to consider doing a quarterly follow up in a less formal setting, shorter meeting time to continue dialog among the City Council.

With no further business, the retreat was adjourned 3:52 p.m.

  
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MAYOR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

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