

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 15, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Joint Meeting with the Denton Housing Authority (DHA) Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 11:35 a.m. at the Development Service Center, Training Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, at 401 N Elm Street, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Byrd

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

Board of Commissioners representing the Denton Housing Authority (DHA) were Chair Beverly Bryant, Vice-Chair Dianne Baker, and Commissioners David Shuck, Kataunta Jones and Birdia Johnson.

DHA Chair Bryant also called their Special Called Meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

Council Member Watts had a conflict of interest with all three items on the agenda and left the meeting room.

NOTE: There was no public registration/call-in process as deliberations were on work session items.

**WORK SESSION**

**1. Work Session Reports**

- A. ID 22-1823 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding an update on the Denton Housing Strategy.

And

- B. Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding City of Denton and Denton Housing Authority housing priorities.

The items were presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the item was for presentation/discussion purposes. Key components were identified in addition to those presented:

*SSOS (2) addressed*

- Develop housing strategy task force;
- Collaboration on establishing a housing trust incentive program (clearinghouse);
- Low income ownership program;
- Educating landlords about the housing voucher program;
- Location and site of a development (neighboring assets, assurance that financial markets are underwriting deals, unit size/affordability, safety measures, vicinity/access to schools);
- Low income tax credit program;
- Real estate and construction costs obstacles;
- Housing for seniors;
- Increase funding for the housing voucher programs;
- Bring down cost of development which in turn will affect affordability;
- Developers who have affordable housing and are willing to accept housing vouchers reach out to DHA; and
- City will provide a list of properties that may be available for potential affordable housing opportunities.

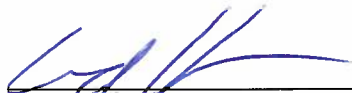
C. ID 22-1550 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding topics for future joint meeting discussions and updates.

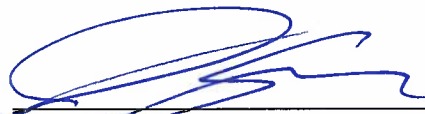
The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided as the item was for presentation/discussion purposes. The following were identified as areas to address:

- Holding joint meetings with/between the City, Denton Housing Authority, University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, Denton Independent School District, hospitals, to talk about rehousing, property owners, current and future developers to address the need for affordable housing strategies.
- DHA will review City's request to consider recording their meetings and report back; City will consult with its DTV staff on potential meeting options available.
- DHA representative possibly present update(s) to City Council at a scheduled meeting.

With no further business, Mayor Hudspeth and DHA Chair Bryant adjourned the Special Called Joint Meeting at 1:23 p.m.

  
GERARD HUDSPETH  
MAYOR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: December 6, 2022