

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 22, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 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 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.

The posted agenda noted the registration process for in-person, call-in, and virtual public participation at this meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process was not read, each member for the City Council received each online commentary as it was submitted. In-person, call-in, and online comments received are reflected in the exhibit to the minutes of this meeting.

1. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 22-2447 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton canvassing election returns and declaring results of the Special Elections held on November 8, 2022; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 22-2447

Council Member Maguire had a conflict of interest with Proposition A and left the Council Chambers. Because the item incorporated both propositions on the ballot, the conflict encompassed the entire item.

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 on Exhibit A.

City Secretary Rios read the final vote totals into the record. The election results reported the following propositions received a favorable majority vote with the result being as indicated:

- Proposition A - Shall Alison Maguire be removed from the City Council by Recall?
 - CARRIED
- Proposition B - Shall an initiative ordinance be approved to eliminate low-level marijuana enforcement?
 - CARRIED

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.

During citizen comments, Mayor Pro Tem Beck called a Point of Order that speakers be allowed to only speak on items listed on the agenda. Mayor Hudspeth ruled that since others had spoken on more than one issue, he would allow the current speaker to continue. With no objection forthcoming from any member of the City Council, the speaker continued the commentary.

Discussion followed.

During Mayor Pro Tem Beck's commentary regarding Proposition A, Council Member Watts called a Point of Order posing a question to the City Attorney regarding the City's current litigation and how such comments might affect the City's position. City Attorney Reinwand opined Mayor Pro Tem Beck was speaking for himself and his comments were not representative of the City's position in the litigation.

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hudspeth, Mayor Pro Tem Beck and Council Members Byrd, Davis, McGee, and Watts

NAYS (0): None

ABSTENTIONS (1): Council Member Maguire

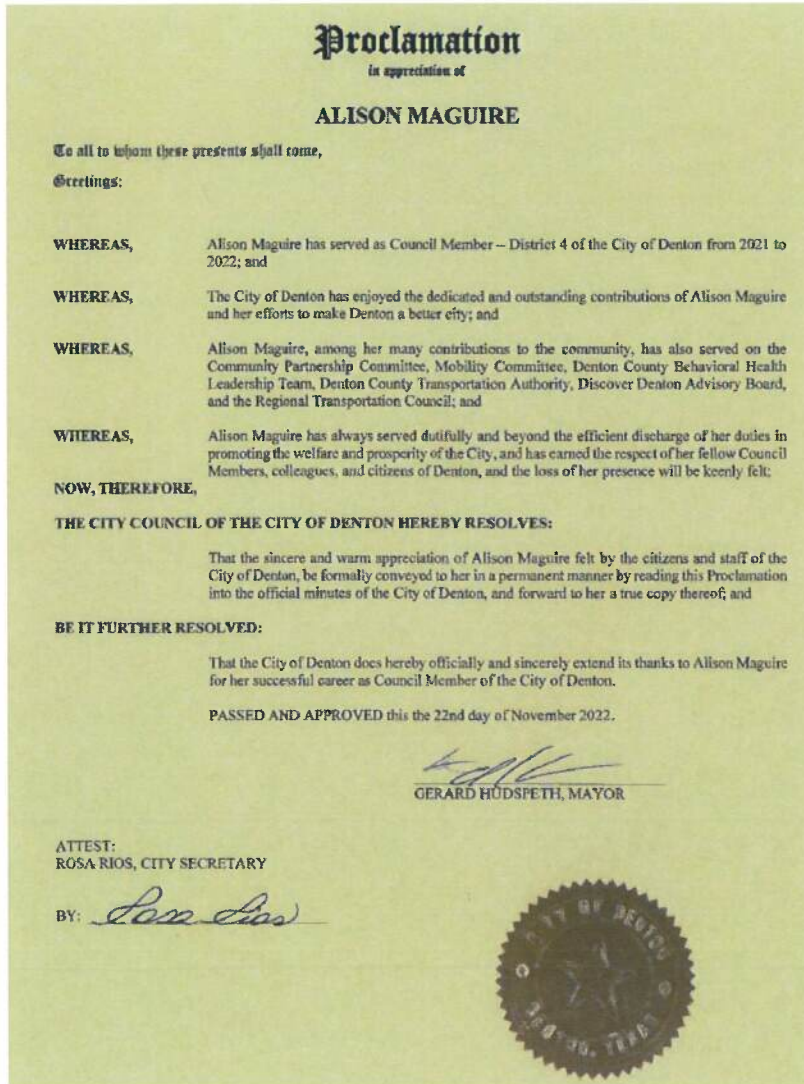
- B. ID 22-2456 Proclamation in appreciation of service to the City of Denton as a City Council Member to Alison Maguire.

PRESENTED

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

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit A.


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2. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 A.M.


GERARD HUDSPETH
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS


ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: JANUARY 10, 2023

