

## CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 7, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in an Emergency Special Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 4:01 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Chris Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, Deb Armintor, and Paul Meltzer

**ABSENT:** None

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and City Attorney Aaron Leal

**Note: Mayor Chris Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth, and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, Deb Armintor and Paul Meltzer participated in closed meeting, work session, and special called meeting via teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.**

**The posted agenda noted the registration process for public participation at this virtual meeting. While citizen commentary received via the online registration process is not read, each member of the City Council received each registration as it was submitted.**

### **1. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 20-833 Consider a resolution of the Council of the City of Denton expressing appreciation to Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Supreme Court for actions taken to protect and support the citizens of the State of Texas during the COVID-19 public health emergency; respectfully requesting additional measures to benefit citizens of the State of Texas; requesting the Governor call a special session of the Texas Legislature to consider suspending eviction proceedings and other remedies in certain conditions; urging landlords and lenders to identify solutions; and providing for an effective date.

#### **ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-833**

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A. 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.

Mayor Watts announced the summary of public commentary/registrations. See Exhibit A for details.

- 3 online comments: 2 in Support and 1 in Opposition
- 2 call-ins: 1 in Support, 0 in Opposition, and 1 Not Stated

With no other callers in the queue, the public comment period was closed.

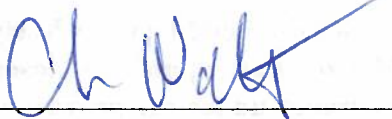
Discussion continued.


Council Member Davis moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Meltzer. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth, and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer

NAYS (0): None

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

  
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CHRIS WATTS  
MAYOR  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

  
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ROSA RIOS  
CITY SECRETARY  
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: April 30, 2020

**April 7, 2020 City Council Emergency Meeting - EXHIBIT A**

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

Name	Last	Address	Address Line 2	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Anonymous Brenda	Anonymous Duran	Anonymous 3939 Teasley Ln.	Lot 248	Denton Denton	ID 20-833 ID 20-833	Not stated Against	Telephone Online	Landlords not getting any relief on rental payments due to them. As a landlord in Denton I believe Denton has adequate resources in place to assist our renters, however many of my residents are not engaging without the ability to file evictions it is hindering my ability to conduct business. I urge the city to use indefinite language in terms of when evictions can be.
Rick	Hamilton	902 Church St.		Sanger	ID 20-833	For	Telephone	Unconstitutional for any government to tell businesses when they can and cannot be opened, businesses doing what is needed were praised, those doing what is needed should receive a tax break, no closings of grocery stores, gas stations, and pharmacies although hours can be rotated by days for each
Any Matt	Morgan Solomon	1928 Parkside Dr. 1404 Paco Trail	No. 6	Denton Denton	ID 20-833 ID 20-833	For For	Online Online	Comment not provided Please bring up widespread testing across the state, and particularly in Denton, which is a hotspot for the virus. Discuss what can be done beyond social distancing at the state and local levels.

NOTE: Comments for those citizens addressing the City Council are an abbreviated summary.