

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

May 29, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Friday, May 29, 2020, at 1:00 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

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 the work session, and regular meeting via video/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. There were no online registrations/commentary submitted.

WORK SESSION

1. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 20-981 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an update to the City of Denton's COVID-19 response.

The item related, in part, to Individual Consideration Item 1.A (ID 20-980) considered at the Special Called Meeting held following the Work Session.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The Work Session was recessed for a short break at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:41 p.m.

Discussion continued.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to open the dog park and playground as recommended by staff on June 1. Individual Consideration Item 1.A (ID 20-980) referenced earlier to be modified accordingly.

Staff agreed to review options available for committees consisting of 3 members to hold live meetings.

- B. ID 20-1012 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction concerning COVID-19 expenditures and funding opportunities.

Following discussion, Staff was directed to inquire if funds received under the Emergency Reimbursement process were restricted for use on only those items/projects that were impacted during the emergency period.

The Work Session ended at 3:29 p.m.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, May 29, 2020, at 3:29 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

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The Special Called Meeting was recessed to allow scheduled speakers to be placed on the queue and reconvened at 3:43 p.m.

1. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 20-980 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, extending the effective period of the Declared State of Local Disaster; superseding and replacing the Fourth Order of Council of the City of Denton issued May 5, 2020 approved by Ordinance 20-923; confirming and authorizing the expenditure of funds; providing a repealer clause; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-980

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

With no other callers waiting to speak, the comment period was closed.

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

Mayor Watts announced there were no online registrations or call-ins on the item.

- 0 online comments
- 1 call-in: 0 in Support and 1 in Opposition

Following discussion, Council Member Davis moved to adopt the item with the following amendments.

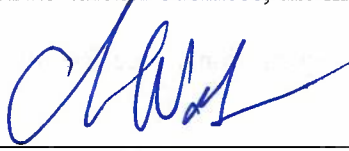
- Modify Section “l” as follows: [Underline added for emphasis.]
 - All non-essential in-person court proceedings in the Municipal Court No. 1 of the City of Denton are postponed. All such proceedings will be rescheduled following the term of this Order. Court proceedings that may be conducted remotely may be held at their scheduled time, or rescheduled during the term of this order if such proceeding has already been postponed. No fine, penalty, or punishment shall issue against a party because of the postponement ordered herein or by prior Order of Council. Municipal Court No. 1 shall continue to hear all proceedings deemed essential by the state Office of Court Administration, including search and arrest warrant requests, arraignments, criminal magistration proceedings, and requests for temporary restraining orders. All court proceedings in the Municipal Court No. 1 of the City of Denton shall comply with the guidance and requirements promulgated by the state Office of Court Administration. In-person proceedings will recommence as provided by the Office of Court Administration and approved by the Regional Judge.
- Add new Section “o”: [Underline added for emphasis.]
 - o. The Parks and Recreation Reopening Plan (“Park Plan”) attached hereto as Appendix 1 is hereby adopted and ratified, and Phase 2 of the Park Plan is hereby implemented. The Public Library Reopening Plan (“Library Plan”) attached hereto as Appendix 2 is hereby adopted and ratified, and Phase 2 of the Library Plan is hereby implemented.

Motion seconded by Council Member Meltzer. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

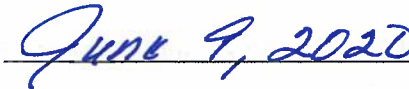


CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON:



May 29, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting - EXHIBIT A							
Speaker Commentaries/Registrations Online, Email, Phone							
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