

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 9, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Work Session on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 1:05 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, closed meeting, 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. 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.

WORK SESSION

1. Citizen Comments on Consent Agenda Items

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.

- 4 Online: 1 in Support and 3 in Opposition
- 1 Call-ins: 0 in Support, 0 in Opposition, and 1 Not Stated

2. Requests for clarification of agenda items listed on this agenda.

- Consent Item 1.A (ID-20-956) - Pulled for Individual Consideration. (Briggs, Armintor, Meltzer)
- Consent Item 1.C (ID 20-1005) - As requested, staff clarified there was no relationship between the contractor and the owner. (Meltzer)

- Consent Item 1.D (ID-20-1084) - As requested, Staff clarified the additional amendment would cover costs of security through June 30 at the same hourly pricing. Monsignor King has different security service. If issues with security, individuals can let staff know (Monsignor King/My Daily Bread) who would then notify City staff. (Briggs, Armintor)
- Consent Item 1.F (ID-20-1034) - Pulled for Individual Consideration. (Armintor, Meltzer)

3. Work Session Reports

- A. ID 20-944 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding an update to the City of Denton's COVID-19 response.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to continue with the Juneteenth event taking place.

- B. ID 20-1114 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding demonstrations following the tragic death of George Floyd, the call to review and reform use-of-force policies, and Mayor Watts' proposed pledge to the "Commit to Action" initiative and creation of an ad hoc use-of-force committee.

A Moment of Silence was taken in honor of Mr. George Floyd and his life.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The item related, in part, to Individual Consideration Item 2.A (ID 20-1110) scheduled for formal consideration at the Special Called Meeting that followed.

The meeting was recessed for a short break at 2:22 p.m. and reconvened at 2:32 p.m.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to let the committee appoint its own Chair rather than have the position appointed by the Mayor. The item related, in part, to Individual Consideration Item 2.A (ID 20-1110) scheduled for formal consideration at the Special Called Meeting that followed.

- C. ID 20-426 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Urban Forest Master Plan.

The item was presented by Dana Karcher with the Davey Resource Group and discussion followed.

Following discussion, City Council consensus was to reallocate the Tree Fund as follows. Formal adoption scheduled at a future date.

- a. 55% property purchase (see Property Purchase Criteria, Appendix G)
- b. 40% tree planting
- c. 5% education/outreach

The Work Session was recessed for a short break at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4:17 p.m.

- D. ID 20-521 Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding update of the 2012 Sustainability Plan.

The item was not presented and instead remanded to the Council Committee on the Environment, with additional input from the public to be obtained before the item returned to the City Council for discussion/direction.

- E. ID 20-732 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding DME's proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, there was no direction provided with Staff to continue as presented.

The Work Session ended at 4:50 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING

1. The City Council convened into a Closed Meeting at 4:50 p.m. consistent with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, or as otherwise allowed by law, as follows.
 - A. ID 20-1054 Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Consult with the City's attorneys on the legal status, expenses, strategy and options for resolution of litigation in Cause No. DC-17-08139, styled "Michael Grim and Jim Maynard v. City of Denton, Texas" pending in the 68th Judicial District Court, Dallas County, Texas; where public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or otherwise compromise the City's legal position in pending litigation.

DELIBERATED

The Closed Meeting recessed for a short break at 6:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.

- B. ID 20-1099 Deliberate regarding Real Property - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.072; Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Discuss, deliberate, receive information from staff, and provide staff with direction pertaining to the potential purchase of real property located southeast of the corner of Thomas J. Egan Rd. and Jim Christal Rd. in Denton, Denton County, Texas ("Property"), where the deliberation of same in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person or potential litigation. Consultation with the City's attorneys regarding legal issues associated with potential claims against the City associated with the Property, where a public discussion of these legal matters would conflict with the duty of the City's attorneys to the City of Denton and the Denton City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, or would jeopardize the City's legal position in negotiations or potential litigation.

DELIBERATED

The Closed Meeting started at 5:05 p.m. and ended at 7:54 p.m. No votes or actions were taken during the Closed Meeting.

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, June 9, 2020, at 8:10 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, closed meeting, and regular meeting via video/teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

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1. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of Items 1.A-F. During the Work Session held earlier in the day, Item 1.A (ID 20-956) was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Members Briggs, Armintor, and Meltzer. Item 1.F (ID 20-1034) was pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Members Armintor and Meltzer.

Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, now consisting of items 1.B-E. Motion seconded by Council Member Ryan. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

- B. ID 20-1004 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Modification and Termination of an Interlocal Contract and Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Corinth, under the Government Code, Chapter 791.001, related to the use of City of Denton's server, hardware, hosting and associated services; and declaring an effective date (File 3839 - terminate an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the City of Corinth).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1004

- C. ID 20-1005 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, approving proposals from MAK Repair and Construction, LLC, and authorizing the expenditure of funds for the reconstruction of three (3) properties under the City of Denton Home Improvement Program; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (RFP 7325 - MAK Repair and Construction, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$468,765).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1005

- D. ID 20-1084 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the approval of a first amendment to a contract between the City of Denton and Group For Horizon Entertainment Inc. dba Ranger Guard & Investigations, amending the contract approved by Purchasing on March 24, 2020, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$49,000; said first amendment to provide dedicated security officer services for the City of Denton in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 252.022, which provides that procurement of commodities and services made because of public calamity or to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents is exempt from competitive bidding, and if over \$50,000 shall be awarded by the governing body; providing for the expenditure of funds therefor; and providing an effective date (File 7340 - providing for an additional first amendment expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$33,000, with the total contract amount not-to-exceed \$82,000).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1084

- E. ID 20-1025 Consider approval of the minutes of May 29, 2020.

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 20-956 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Denton, a Texas Home-Rule Municipal Corporation, authorizing the City Manager, or his designee, to execute an indemnity escrow agreement among and between the Texas Municipal Power

Agency, a Texas joint powers agency, and the cities of Bryan, Texas, Denton, Texas, Garland, Texas, and Greenville, Texas, regarding the establishment of an escrow to fund TMPA's indemnity obligations pursuant to the Joint Operating Agreement between the cities and TMPA; and, providing and effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-956

Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Members Briggs, Armintor, and Meltzer.

The item was partially discussed under Work Session Item 1.B (ID 20-1114) at the Work Session held earlier in the day.

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

- 4 Online: 1 in Support and 3 in Opposition
- 1 Call-ins: 0 in Support, 0 in Opposition, and 1 Not Stated

Following discussion, Council Member Armintor moved to approve 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

- F. ID 20-1034 Consider adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton in support of the Original Denton District's application for the Arts Respond - Cultural District Project grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA); authorizing the Original Denton District to execute a letter of support; and providing an effective date. The Public Art Committee recommends approval (8-0).

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-1034

Pulled for Individual Consideration by Council Members Armintor and Meltzer.

The item was a result of the City Council Request from Council Member Meltzer deliberated on January 28, 2020 (ID 20-003-1).

The item was presented and discussion followed.

There were no online registrations/commentary submitted.

Following discussion, Council Member Briggs 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

2. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. ID 20-1110 Consider approval of a resolution of support for the Mayor's commitment to 1) reviewing use-of-force policies, 2) engaging the community in such review by including diverse input, 3) reporting the findings of the review to the community and seeking feedback, and 4) reforming use-of-force policies; creating an ad hoc Use-of-Force Review Committee; confirming the charge for the Committee; and declaring an effective date

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-1110

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

- 25 Online: 14 in Support and 11 in Opposition
- 1 Call-ins: 0 in Support and 1 in Opposition

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth moved to adopt the item with the following changes:

- Jaime Blanton to represent Persons with Disabilities
- Representative from Denton County MHMR
- Representative from Denton County ISD
- Chair to be appointed by the Committee

Council Member Briggs moved a friendly amendment to change one of the university members to a student from that university. Mayor Watts committed toward reaching out to the universities and asking they consider designating a student. There was no objection voiced by Council Member Briggs.

Motion seconded by Council Member Meltzer.

AYES (5): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Davis, Ryan, and Meltzer

NAYS (2): Council Members Briggs and Armintor

NOTE: Later in the meeting, Mayor Watts announced one of the universities had committed toward designating a student (graduate or undergraduate) as their representative.

The Special Called Meeting recessed for a short break at 10:02 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

- B. ID 20-1069 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Denton County to address the impact of the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus pandemic; providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1069

Council Member Davis had a conflict of interest on the item and was removed from the video conference for this item, thereby not participating on consideration of the item.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

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

Following discussion, Council Member Briggs moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Armintor. Motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSTAINED (1): Council Member Davis

- C. ID 20-999 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton, a Texas home-rule municipal corporation, rejecting any and all competitive proposals under RFP 7227 for the supply and installation of Denton Energy Center (DEC) exhaust air silencers; and providing an effective date (RFP 7227).

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-999

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer
NAYS (0): None

- D. ID 20-1052 Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton regarding the addition of land to La La Ranch Municipal Utility District of Denton County, encompassing approximately 311.39 acres of land located north of Hawkeye Road, south of Doyle Road, and west of Miller Road, within Division 2 of the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Denton, Texas; and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-1052

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

Following discussion, Council Member Ryan moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Meltzer. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer
NAYS (1): Council Member Briggs

- E. ID 20-1100 Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton to appoint a director to the Board of Directors of the Hunter Ranch Improvement District No. 1 of Denton County, Texas, and providing an effective date.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-1100

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

Following discussion, Council Member Davis moved to appoint Susan Parker, whom he had nominated. Motion seconded by Council Member Ryan. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Davis, and Ryan
NAYS (3): Council Members Briggs, Armintor, and Meltzer

- F. ID 20-1101 Consider approval of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Denton to appoint a director to the Board of Directors of the Cole Ranch Improvement District No. 1 of Denton County, Texas; and providing an effective date.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

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

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth moved to postpone the item to June 16 to allow him time to reach out to his proposed nominee. Motion seconded by Council Member Ryan. Motion carried.

AYES (4): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Davis, and Ryan
NAYS (3): Council Members Briggs, Armintor, and Meltzer

- G. ID 20-1082 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton authorizing the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Airport Lease Agreement between the City and Nebrig Properties, L.P. relating to leased premises at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing for an effective date.

ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1082

Items 2.G (ID 20-1082) and 2.H (ID 20-1083) were collectively read into the record, presented, and discussed, but voted on individually.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer
NAYS (0): None

- H. ID 20-1083 Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving a Consent to Sublease between Nebrig & Associates, Inc. and US Trinity Aviation, LLC, for lease of a fuel facility and equipment at the Denton Enterprise Airport; and providing an effective date.
- ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 20-1083**

Items 2.G (ID 20-1082) and 2.H (ID 20-1083) were collectively read into the record, presented, and discussed, but voted on individually.

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

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

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

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer
NAYS (0): None

- I. ID 20-1109 Consider nominations/appointments to the City's Boards, Commissions, and Committees: Board of Ethics and Human Services Advisory Committee.

The item was not presented or discussed.

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

Council Member Meltzer moved to appoint the following as noted below:

BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	COUNCIL PLACE	NOMINATING CCM	MEMBER FIRST NAME	MEMBER LAST NAME	NEW TERM	STATUS & QUALIFICATION OR PREFERENCE, IF ANY
Board of Ethics	6	Meltzer	Patricia	Reinke	UNEXPIRED September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2020	New
Human Services Advisory Committee	O-ALL-1	Davis	Dale	Tampke	UNEXPIRED September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2021	New

Motion seconded by Council Member Davis. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Armintor, and Meltzer
NAYS (0): None

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

Council Members expressed items of interest.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 p.m.


CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS


ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: June 30, 2020

June 9, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting - EXHIBIT A

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

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Cheyl	Aldridge	500 Seville Road	Denton	20-956	Support	Online	I want to be clear. The agenda item I am commenting on is not listed - it is ID 20-1114 - the issue of use of force by police. There is the impression in the community that this is to "defund the police department". After reading the agenda item my understanding is that it is a resolution to review policies and make changes as needed. Please do not "defund" the police. That term is a misnomer and full of unintentional meanings. I am very proud of our police in Denton and want them to remain.
Anthony	Gaut	3211 Fallmeadow Street	Denton	20-956	Opposition	Online	ID 20-1114 was not available for virtual white cards, wonder why. I am in opposition of the use-of-force committee because this step does not have clear enough way forward for the residents of Denton to trust that there will be more change following the formation of this committee. I detailed why in my emails to you all directly. Take the time to listen to the public, don't rush forward with a committee, take the time to listen. Lets rebuild Denton from the ground up.
Jennifer	Lane	1526 Willowood	Denton	20-956	Not Stated	Telephone	Inquired if City has any say of what comes of the plant upon sale and was informed the item being considered does not have anything to do with a potential sale.
Kathy	Prudhome	1603 Creekside Drive	Corinth	20-956	Opposition	Online	You do not have the place to comment on ID 20-1114 is that so there is no record of the communities comments? I am trying to think the best and support this community. The latest being Feeding America and the local food banks. We support our local police and their funding to not be reallocated. Do not take our absence in the streets as not having a voice. Some of us do work to pay those taxes and to give back and we do hear what is being said. Please support us as we have supported you.
Josh	Vick	3657 Tuscan Hills Circle	Denton	20-956	Opposition	Online	I'm concerned about agenda ID 20-944 which is not available in the drop down. I'm tired of the facade that COVID is still/was a threat to the 28.5M ppl in TX or 850,000 county residents. TX Gov. made sweeping policy decisions for NOTHING! This has been a gross overreach of a "declaration of an emergency". 003% of Denton Co Residents have died from it. 006% of TX residents. We have more heart disease and a host of other issues that we don't shut down for. OPEN what is ours, we the people.
Jennifer	Lane	1526 Willowood	Denton	20-1069	Not Stated	Telephone	Thanked City Council for their efforts in addressing needs resulting from COVID-19. Asked testing be made available to the vulnerable population and reconsider allowing swimming.
Damon	Ward	5035 Warbird Drive	Corinth	20-1082	Not Stated	Telephone	In support of the item and provided information to safety concerns noted at a previous meeting, specific to tanks, fuel containment, configuration and loading of trucks. As FBP operator, committed to working with Staff to ensure safety protocols.
Damon	Ward	5035 Warbird Drive	Denton	20-1083	Not Stated	Telephone	In support of the item and as FBP operator, committed to making the Airport a prominent facility and meeting safety protocols.
Chris	Avant	1405 Standardford Circle	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	His parents, your parents, other people's parents have failed to allow his children and other children to grow up and see this right now. Small children should not be asking the questions about a statue being removed. More funding going to detention centers than alternative schools. Denton is great, but it needs to be The Greatest. Everyone has failed. Things need to change. Officers being given too much to handle. The Budget needs to be changed; need more community resources for police officers to do what they need to do so that the community too can help them.
Jacqueline	Cox-Lawson	701 Windswept Court	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Frightens, saddens, and angers her that racism is going on; concerned for her family making it home. Concerned on being pulled over because of color but not because of a light out, etc. Need reform in place. Unnecessary force needs to be banned. Police must be held accountable for their actions.
Stephen	Dillenberg	1004 Abbots Lane	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Stephen Dillenberg - Most people have said what needs to be said about Use-of-force policy. Thanked for taking care of the curfew matter. Read definition of domestic terrorism. Not happy about how the pandemic issue is being handled; masks are hurting people. There are other actions that need to be taken. In favor of Committee if people from the community will be pulled in.
Sam	Escalante	2565 Quail Ridge Drive	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Appreciates the effort in forming this community, but should not be done in haste. Should have consulted other groups. If Council supports the resolution, need to look at more reform. Current resolution fails to address the issues of the moment. Resolution should be decided on by the community, even if it takes more time. Needs to address community needs. Also needs another ad hoc committee to address social needs. Needs to address the root of racial disparity.
George	Ferrie	2932 Stockton Street	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Hopes Council can recognize the City has better uses than "Use-Of-Force Policies." Groups should have been consulted to find out what is needed. Police funding is high; community funding is low. Takes 6 months for officer to become an officer; takes longer to get certified in something else. Need to address homelessness; funding should be spent elsewhere to ensure communities have what they need. More resources should be available.
Hunter	Harwood	808 Zelda	Hurst	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Speaking on behalf of Black Lives Matter and other organizations who are trying to make streets safer for everyone. Believes Council also trying to do the same. As a society, need to come to an agreement of what role of Police should be. Well know problem exists with people of color. As a community demanding fair treatment of all humans.

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Jennifer	Lane	1526 Willowood	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Agrees with what George Ferris said. Believes that places yet to be filled on the community should be filled by younger people; Committee should choose its own Chair and hopefully will choose a woman. Should have more input from other council members. Hopes Committee is kept open until community is happy with the proposed members.
Mariela	Nunez-James	3449 Lake Country Drive	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Asked Council vote No on the proposed resolution. It is not addressing the commitment needed. Police has held public forums in the immigrant community and other people reach out to them for assistance, yet voice frustration in having to provide mental health services. Council needs to fund community development and social services. Police policy on addressing immigrant issues is not current.
Donald	Thornton	8717 Swan Park Drive	Denton	20-1110	Not Stated	Telephone	Alarmed at the list of proposed members on the Committee to be considered for appointment; where is the diversity? What can a 15-year citizen of Denton do to join the committee. Need to have a broader reach. Many of the proposed members are liberal; need conservative.
Diana	Alcala	3008 Frontier	Denton	20-1110	Support	Online	I hope the City prioritizes the best interest of the people while maintaining an accountable police force. I would like to request that you speak on what "defunding the police" means to the City and clarifying the effects of doing so. I am not die hard on one side but hope that the safety of the people is the focus with the actions you take.
Pamala	Brewer	4898 Jim Christal Road	Denton	20-1110	Opposition	Online	I am not in favor of taking any funds from our police dept and if you have that in your ad hoc then you need to put it to a vote so the citizens can decide. If you want to give them more training so be it but I don't think you should pander to one group of individuals. This should be something that all the community decides on not a group of a few. We don't need individuals on the council dividing our town and Deb Armitator is trying to do that. We are not Minneapolis![]
Brittany Virginia	Chavers Choate	2004 Hollyhill Lane 2125 Fairfax Road	Denton Denton	20-1110 20-1110	Support Opposition	Online Online	No Comments Submitted In scanning the Denton Police General Orders as posted on the Denton Police Dept webpage, the policies of 8cantwait are already in place; therefore, we are against ID 20-1110. The protests here were peaceful & our Denton Police Officers were above reproach. Perhaps look into improving community perception of police, & improve community relationships with the police instead of denouncing them all as suspect because of a few bad actors.
Laurel Susan Madeline	Crawford Dodge Fink	1509 Creek Avenue 716 W. Mulberry Street 2408 Salado Street	Denton Denton Denton	20-1110 20-1110 20-1110	Support Support Support	Online Online Online	No Comments Submitted I am also in favor of demilitarizing the police force. The City of Denton should work to fully implement all 8 policies listed on 8cantwait.org. The city should also reform its policies and budgets to put more time and money into community investment, rather than policing and criminal punishment. Don't just implement these policies and then stop - show that Denton is a city that will continually invest in racial equity for all residents by continuing to discuss these issues, collect input from the community, and take action based on this input.
Frank	Hummel	817 Bird Creek	Little Elm	20-1110	Support	Online	In reviewing the use of force protocols, I would also ask that any qualified immunity be removed from DPD's contracts. Police officers that are acting within the confines of the law professionally, morally, and ethically, do not need such protections from this protection created by the US Supreme Court in 1967. Just because it is available, does not mean it has to be used. Officers can sign an affidavit refusing the protection, knowing that they will act accordingly.
Stewart	Humphreys	7404 Chaucer Drive	Denton	20-1110	Opposition	Online	I am against City of Denton Mayor's proposed agenda of the ad-hoc committee for "use-of-force" policies review. If there must be an ad-hoc committee to review current policies and procedures, then please use 3rd party unbiased analyses methods and personnel whom are experts in statistical analysis by professionals. I have held Quality Assurance positions including a director position in this field for over 20+ years and can assure this won't work without strict qualitative constructs in place.
Korney Kelsey	Kosak Kunkle	3908 Winston Drive 2208 N. Carroll Blvd	Denton Denton	20-1110 20-1110	Support Opposition	Online Online	As a community, we need to have data and access to reports for what is happening. This is not enough to address residents concerns. Please establish a new ad hoc committee that addresses needs as determined by community members most affected by policing, not the mayor. Identify all areas in which police are unnecessary for public safety and develop a budget that adequately addresses the needs of the Black community and all other communities that have long gone underserved by increasing funds for community development and social services and decreasing funds for police.
Katherine	Lindsey	1120 N Locust Street	Denton	20-1110	Opposition	Online	While I support more training, de-escalation, and use of force policies, many have already been adopted and implemented by the Denton Police Department. I will only support this if more comprehensive funding and availability of social services are included. Instead, funds should support dispatching medical professionals and social workers 24/7 to sites outside law enforcement scope (mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, certain welfare checks) once immediate dangers have passed.
Rose	Mead	1710 Glenview	Argyle	20-1110	Opposition	Online	I am against defunding the Denton police department!!! If you do this I will not spend another dime in Denton. I shop in Denton, I have several doctors in Denton. I'll make sure the doctors know that the reason I am not seeing them anymore will be due to your reckless decision. I will also discourage any group from having a convention in Denton. I also will discourage students from attending college in Denton.
Stephen	Morris	1151 Oakhurst	Denton	20-1110	Opposition	Online	Use of force policy presupposes the ability to govern unpredictable events. It's a fool's errand to predict the future. There is no advantage displaying cowardice, buckling to the threat of violence is extortion. You think you're saving the citizens of this community? You're just empowering people who hate everything we are as a self-governing people. All the sudden we're confessing to crimes we didn't commit. Don't start this. We have nothing to be ashamed of, none of us.

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