

CITY OF DENTON AD HOC COMMITTEE ON USE-OF-FORCE MINUTES

Date/Time:Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.Location:City Hall – City Council Work Session Room215 E. McKinney St, Denton, TX 76205

After determining that a quorum was present, the City of Denton Ad Hoc Committee on Use-of-Force convened in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2020, at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Willie Hudspeth, Lilyan Prado-Carrillo, Dionte Long, Sheryl English, Cameron Combs, Dawna-Diamond Tyson, Chay'vion Moore, Angela Ricks, Dr. Carmen Cruz, Kamyon Conner, Cedric Chambers, Beau Hughes, Jaime Walker Blanton, Pam Gutierrez, Yancy Green, Travis Nicholas, John Baines, Rhonda Love, Gary Henderson, Katina Stone Butler, and Jamell Butler; Ex-Officio Members: Frank Dixon, Dr. Richard Williams, Todd Hileman, Michael Cronig, and Jesse Davis.

ABSENT: None

Also present were Sergeant Elisa Howell, Assistant Director Shanika Mayo, Public Information Liaison Amy Cunningham, Chief of Staff/Director of Public Affairs Sarah Kuechler, and Assistant to the City Manager Rachel Balthrop Mendoza.

Note: All committee members and attendees participated in the meeting via video/teleconference under the provisions allowed by the Texas Government Code Section 551.127.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. UOF20-002 Welcome from Mayor Chris Watts and review of the Committee's purpose and charge.

Mayor Chris Watts opened the meeting and gave his appreciation to all members.

B. UOF20-003 Welcome and introduction of Committee members, ex-officio members, and support staff.

Chief of Staff/Director of Public Affairs Sarah Kuechler asked all members to introduce themselves by conducting a roll call.

C. UOF20-004 Review nominations and hold an election for Chair and Vice Chair of the ad hoc Use-of-Force Committee.

Pastor Cedric Chambers nominated Sheryl English for Chair and the Committee voted her to the position unanimously. Sheryl English nominated Pastor Cedric Chambers for Vice Chair and the Committee voted him to the position unanimously.

D. UOF20-005 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding a meeting schedule for the ad hoc Use-of-Force Committee.

A draft meetings schedule was presented to the Committee and discussion followed. No concerns

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were expressed.

E. UOF20-006 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding a presentation of an overview of the Denton Police Department organization, structure, and budget; overview of history and recent improvements; and an overview of the Denton Police Department's policies, procedures, and reports relevant to the ad hoc Committee's work.

Chief Frank Dixon, Assistant Director Shanika Mayo, and Sergeant Elisa Howell all presented information and in-depth discussion followed each portion of the presentation. Several Committee members made requests for information and documentation from staff. Staff shared that some of the requests are already planned to be provided in future meetings.

F. UOF20-007 Review and discuss Committee requests for information and agenda items for next meeting.

Chief Frank Dixon presented directions and potential topics for the next meeting. Chair Sheryl English announced that Sarah Kuechler will create a way for the Committee members to submit their requests for information and documentation. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED ON