

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

**Date/Time:** Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** City Hall – City Council Work Session Room  
215 E. McKinney St, Denton, TX 76201

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, August 13, 2020, at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Willie Hudspeth, Sheryl English, Cameron Combs, Dawna-Diamond Tyson, Angela Ricks, 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:** Dionte Long, Lilyan Prado-Carrillo, and Chay’vion Moore

Also present were Deputy Chief Frank Padgett, Sergeant Elisa Howell, Dr. Richard Williams, Public Information Liaison Amy Cunningham, Chief of Staff 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. UOF20-019 Consider approval of Use-of-Force Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes for July 30, 2020.*

Gary Henderson moved to approve the minutes from July 30, 2020. Yancy Green seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. UOF20-022 Review and discuss follow-up items from the previous Committee meeting on July 30, 2020.*

Chief of Staff Sarah Kuechler shared that a summary of questions and answers from the last Committee meeting on July 30 was included in the back-up for the Committee. No items were requested to be added or clarified.

- C. UOF20-020 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding proposed topic areas related to use-of-force in the Denton Police Department, including Internal Affairs, Training, Accreditation and Compliance, Policy, and Use-of-Force, and provide staff direction on findings or recommendations by topic area.*


Chief Dixon opened the discussion and shared that a report had been provided to the Committee in the back-up with more detailed information on each of the 5 sections regarding use-of-force. Deputy

Chief Padgett presented information regarding Training and Dr. Richard Williams presented information regarding Accreditation and Compliance. In-depth discussion followed each portion of the presentation.

- D. UOF20-021 Review and discuss Committee requests for information and agenda items for next meeting and future meetings.*

Chair English encouraged Committee members to complete the survey sent to the Committee regarding each member's top three items regarding their upcoming recommendations. Committee members requested information from Deputy City Attorney Mike Cronig. A committee member requested more time to meet formally to continue discussions and develop recommendations to Council. City Manager Todd Hileman stated that the timeline could be extended if necessary and encouraged members to forward their thoughts ahead of creating the upcoming report to City Council. Discussion about how to proceed with making recommendations for the report and other business followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
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CHAIR SHERYL ENGLISH

  
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