



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

Date/Time: Thursday, August 20, 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 20, 2020, at 6:03 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Willie Hudspeth, Sheryl English, Dawna-Diamond Tyson, Angela Ricks, Kamyon Conner, Cedric Chambers, Beau Hughes, Lilyan Prado-Carrillo, 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, and Michael Cronig.

ABSENT: Dionte Long, Cameron Combs, Jaime Walker Blanton, and Chay’vion Moore. Ex-officio member Jesse Davis.

Also present were Deputy Chief Frank Padgett, Sergeant Elisa Howell, Public Information Liaison Allison Beckwith, 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. UOF20-024 Consider approval of Use-of-Force Ad-Hoc Committee meeting minutes for August 13, 2020.*

Rhonda Love moved to approve the minutes from August 13, 2020. Pam Gutierrez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. UOF20-025 Review and discuss follow-up items from the previous Committee meeting on August 13, 2020.*

Deputy Chief Padgett, Dr. Richard Williams, and Chief Dixon presented information to address follow-up questions from the previous meeting.

- C. UOF20-023 Receive public comment from citizens regarding their input on Use-of-Force policies and training or their experiences and stories with the Denton Police Department.*

The Committee took callers from 9 members of the public and discussion took place with many callers. A total of 17 online written comments from members of the public were received and sent in advance of the meeting by e-mail to Committee Members.

- D. UOF20-026 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.*

Sarah Kuechler presented a suggested guide and timeline for discussions and presentations for the remaining Committee meetings, including adding a Committee meeting on Sept. 17 and potentially on Sept. 24. This would move delivery of a final report and presentation to City Council in early October. Discussion from the Committee followed regarding the final meetings and developing a report with recommendations to City Council.

- E. UOF20-027 Review and discuss Committee requests for information and agenda items for next meeting and future meetings.*

Todd Hileman suggested logistical options for future meetings as well as how the Committee may want to begin compiling their list of recommendations to staff. In-depth discussion from the Committee followed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



CHAIR SHERYL ENGLISH



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