



City of Denton

City Hall
215 E. McKinney St.
Denton, Texas 76201
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Meeting Agenda

City Council

Thursday, August 27, 2020

11:30 AM

Council Work Session Room

Special Called Meeting

CLOSED MEETING BEGINS AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL WORK SESSION ROOM

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING BEGINS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED MEETING

Note: Mayor Chris Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth, and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, Deb Armintor and Paul Meltzer will be participating in the closed meeting and special called meeting via video/teleconference.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL

Due to COVID-19 precautions, members of the public will not be able to attend the August 27, 2020 City Council meeting in-person. To accommodate and receive input on agenda items, citizens will be able to participate in one of the following ways (NOTE: Other than public hearings, citizens are only able to comment one time per agenda item; citizens cannot use both methods to comment on a single agenda item. Public comments are not held for work session reports.):

- Virtual White Card – On August 24, the agenda was posted online at www.cityofdenton.com/publicmeetings. Once the agenda is posted, a link to the Virtual White Card, an online form, will be made available under the main heading on the webpage. Within this form, citizens may indicate support or opposition and submit a brief comment about a specific agenda item. Comments may be submitted up until the start of the meeting, at which time, the Virtual White Card form will be closed. Similar to when a citizen submits a white card to indicate their position on the item, these comment forms will be sent directly to City Council members and recorded by the City Secretary.

City Council Members review comments received in advance of the meeting and take that public input into consideration prior to voting on an agenda item. The Mayor will announce the number of Comment Cards submitted in support or opposition to an item during the public comment period. Comments will not be read during the meeting. The City Secretary will reflect the number of comments submitted in favor/opposition to an item, the registrant's name, address, and (summary of) comments within the Minutes of the Meeting, as applicable.

OR

- By phone – Citizens wishing to speak over the phone during this Council meeting, may call (940) 349-7800 beginning 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time. Comments by phone will be accepted until the item is opened for discussion by the Council. When the call is initially received, a staff member will receive the caller's information and either: 1) offer to call the citizen back when it is time for them to speak, or 2) record the caller's information, support or opposition, and comment. If the caller chooses to record their support or opposition, rather than speaking during the meeting, the Mayor will announce the number of comments submitted in support or opposition to the item. If the caller wishes to receive a call back, the voice of each caller will be broadcast into the meeting during the public commenting time of their desired agenda item. Individuals will be able to comment once per agenda item, no matter the method.
- At regular meetings only, citizens can speak on any topic that is not on the agenda (Open Microphone). Alert the call taker if you wish to speak under the Open Microphone category. If you would like to give a public report, see the information below.

After determining that a quorum is present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas will convene in a Closed Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas at which the following items will be considered:

1. Closed Meeting:

- A. [ID 20-1711](#) Deliberations regarding Personnel Matters - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.074; Consultation with Attorneys - Under Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

Discuss and deliberate Mayor Chris Watts' resignation from City Council Place 7. Consult with the City's attorneys regarding legal issues associated with Mayor Chris Watts' resignation 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 Rules of Disciplinary Conduct of the State Bar of Texas or would jeopardize the City's legal position in any administrative proceeding or potential litigation.

Any final action, decision, or vote on a matter deliberated in a Closed Meeting will only be taken in an Open Meeting that is held in compliance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, except to the extent such final decision, or vote is taken in the Closed Meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code (the 'Public Power Exception'). The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into a Closed Meeting or Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq. (The Texas Open Meetings Act) on any item on its open meeting agenda or to reconvene in a continuation of the Closed Meeting on the Closed Meeting items noted above, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, without limitation Sections 551.071-551.086 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

NOTE: Any item for which a formal action at the Special Called Meeting has been taken by Council may be subject to a request for a motion for reconsideration at any time during the meeting, at the Concluding Items Section, or after the meeting. In order to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act, a request for a motion for reconsideration made during, at the end of, or after a Council meeting will be placed on the agenda and considered at the next official meeting of the City Council.

Following the completion of the Closed Meeting, the City Council will convene in a Special Called Meeting to consider the following item:

1. ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- A. [ID 20-1709](#) Consider approval of a resolution to formally accept Mayor Chris Watts' resignation from

City Council Place 7, with said resolution being effective Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Attachments:

[Exhibit 1 - Resolution - Updated](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Watts, Chris - Resignation from City Office \(Mayor-Place 7\)](#)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of the City of Denton, Texas, on the 24th day of August, 2020 at 11:24 a.m.

CITY SECRETARY

NOTE: THE CITY OF DENTON'S DESIGNATED PUBLIC MEETING FACILITIES ARE ACCESSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THE CITY WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION, SUCH AS SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED, IF REQUESTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING. PLEASE CALL THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE AT 940-349-8309 OR USE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES FOR THE DEAF (TDD) BY CALLING 1-800-RELAY-TX SO THAT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION CAN BE ARRANGED.