

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 27, 2020

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at 11:39 a.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

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and City Attorney Aaron Leal.

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 was not read, each member of the City Council received each registration as it was submitted. However, there were no online registrations/commentary received.

CLOSED MEETING – NOT HELD

The item was a placeholder in the event any member of the City Council requested discussion in a Closed Meeting. None indicated the need to hold the Closed Meeting.

- 1.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.

NOT DELIBERATED

The Closed Meeting was not held.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

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.

ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 20-1709

Mayor Watts had a conflict of interest on the item and was removed from the video conference for this item, thereby not participating in its discussion/consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth served as Presiding Officer.

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

Citizen comments received are noted in Exhibit A.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

City Attorney Leal advised Mayor Watts would continue to serve until the November 3, 2020 election was canvassed, there would be no need to call a special election as the seat was already on the November 3, 2020 ballot, and in the event Mayor Watts was unable to serve as presiding officer, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth would serve in that capacity.

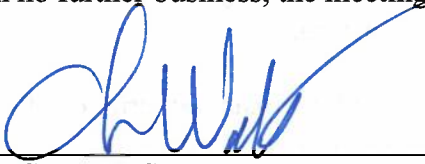
Following discussion, Council Member Meltzer moved to adopt the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Briggs. Motion carried.

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


NAYS (1): Council Member Armintor

ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Watts

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.



CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: September 15, 2020

August 27, 2020 City Council Special Called Meeting - EXHIBIT A

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

Name	Last	Address	City	Agenda Item	Position	Method	Comments
Helen	Owens	Not Provided	Denton	20-1709	N/A	Telephone	Personally knows Mayor WattS; knows it is a hard job and appreciates his servitude.

NOTE: Comments for those citizens addressing the City Council are an abbreviated summary.