

September 21, 2020

The meeting was made available Online using Microsoft Teams, in person attendance was restricted to Council and Staff.

Working Session

Mayor McNinch called the Working Session of the Denton Town Council to order at 6:41 PM on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor McNinch thanked those joining the meeting virtually and explained that there is a comments section online where they can submit questions.

Attendance:

Mayor McNinch asked for the record to reflect that Councilwoman Wilson was attending the meeting virtually and that the other Councilmembers were in attendance in person.

Staff in attendance included Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, Acting Chief George Bacorn, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion was held on the following items:

Denton Police Department Policies

As a follow up to discussions held in June 2020, Acting Chief Bacorn provided Councilmembers with updates to the Police Department's Policies on Use of Force, Police Bias, and Portable Audio/Video Recorders and changes being initiated at the Legislative level.

Discussion was held pertaining to the policies, training practices, records retention, and tracking methods.

Staff will provide the Council with a copy of the Department's Policy for release of information and continue to explore additional hands on training options.

Tax Differential

Discussion was held on the County's annual request for the Towns to submit a letter requesting the continuation of the Tax Differential. The Council will provide input for this year's letter.

Council and Staff will continue working on pulling together fact sheets on what services and benefits are provided by the Town, and how tax dollars are utilized to provide additional information for the Public.

Sharp Road Park

Councilman Lister and Mr. Mulrine shared an update and discussed recommendations for the next items to be completed at the Sharp Road Park utilizing the remainder of the Bond Funds and designated Town Program Open Space Funds and Park Capital Improvement Funds for the Town's share.

Miscellaneous

Councilman Lister provided an overview of the Utility Commission's September meeting discussion on project updates and budget review.

Mr. Mulrine provided an update on upcoming Economic Development projects.

Councilman Johnson inquired about the progress on the Legion Road cutout, and Mr. Mulrine explained the Town is waiting on a letter from the attorney for Denton Plaza.

With no further comments, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith,
Clerk-Treasurer