

September 27, 2021

### Special Town Council Meeting

#### Executive Session

At 5:00 PM, Mayor McNinch ask for a motion to hold an Executive Session, by Authority of the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b) (2014) (1) (i) to discuss a Personnel Matter.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lister, passing unanimously. This session was held at the Wharves of Choptank Visitor & Heritage Center, 3 Crouse Park Lane in the small meeting room.

**Present:** Mayor McNinch, Councilman Branson, Councilman Lister, Councilwoman Wilson, and Councilman Johnson.

**Discussion:** The Council discussed the Town Administrator annual performance evaluation.

No action was taken during this session.

At 5:43 PM, Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Johnson, passing unanimously.

The Executive Session was closed, and the Council relocated to the large meeting room at the Visitor Center to prepare for a Special Meeting.

#### Special Meeting

Mayor McNinch called a Special Meeting of the Denton Town Council to order at 5:47 PM on this date.

Mayor McNinch lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor McNinch thanked everyone for coming and asked that the record reflect that all Councilmembers were present.

#### Executive Session

Mayor McNinch announced that the Council held an Executive Session from 5:00 PM until 5:43 PM this evening to discuss personnel and that no action was taken.

#### Introduction of Ordinances

##### Ordinance # 722 – Refinancing Infrastructure Debt

An Ordinance of the Denton Town Council authorizing new public debt (the "Bonds") to be issued under the State of Maryland's Local Government Infrastructure Financing Program, pursuant to the authority of Sections 4-101 through 4-255 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended. The purpose of this debt is to (i) finance or refinance a portion of the costs for financing and/or refinancing the following projects: infrastructure loan debt associated with utility upgrades and road restoration of S. Fifth Ave. and portions of Market Street and S. Eight Street, (ii) to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

Councilman Lister made a motion to introduce Ordinance #722, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mr. Don Mulrine, Town Administrator, provided a summary of the purpose of the Ordinance is to refinance some of the Town's existing USDA infrastructure debt through the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development reducing the

*interest rate, saving the Town over \$300,000 in payments. Staff worked with the Bond Counsel and Town Attorney to draft the Ordinance.*

*On October 7, 2021, at 7:00 PM a Public Hearing will be held, and the Ordinance will be presented for consideration of adoption, meeting the State's deadline of October 14, 2021.*

*With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch asked for a vote on the motion to introduce Ordinance #722.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*Mayor McNinch adjourned the Special Meeting at 5:52 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk - Treasurer*