

2023-05

March 20, 2023

At 6:00 PM Mayor McNinch called the Working Session of the Denton Town Council to order on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and thanked everyone for coming.

**Attendance:**

Mayor McNinch asked for the record to reflect that all Councilmembers were present.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, George Bacorn, Mark Chandler, David Renshaw, and Karen Monteith.

**Discussion was held on the following:**

**Fovndry - Public Information Officer & Media Management**

Ms. Laura Van Eperen gave a presentation of the Public Information and Social Media Services the Fovndry offers and discussed the ways they could assist the Town of Denton. Ms. Susan Kennedy was online and participated in the discussions with the Council.

The Town Administrator and Council support improving the Town's outreach and Social Media Policy.

**Sharp Road Park**

Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, shared a draft layout and discussion was held on the next phase of improvements to the Sharp Road Park.

**Special Events Form**

Mr. Getchell provided the latest draft of the new Special Events Permit Application and discussion was held.

**Rental License Inspection Program**

Mr. David Renshaw, Senior Codes Enforcement Officer, provided a summary of proposed changes to the Town's Rental License Inspection Program. Following discussion, staff will prepare an Ordinance seeking to amend the current code for consideration for the April meeting.

**FY24 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Getchell shared the General Fund budget schedule, and some highlights of the proposed changes for FY24. Discussion was held on some of the proposed changes, PayScale and the tax rate. Staff will continue to work on the budget to be presented at the April meeting.

**Executive Session**

At 7:31 PM Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Working Session and open an Executive Session, by Authority of the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b) (2014) (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The motion was seconded by Councilman Taylor, passed unanimously.

The Council relocated to their Executive Chambers.

Those in attendance at the Executive Session included all Council members, the Town Administrator, Clerk-Treasurer and Mr. John Foster from SVN Realty.

Discussion was held on several Industrial Park Sales Contracts that are proposed to come before the Council in April for consideration.

No decision was made during this session.

At 7:40 PM, Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Taylor, passing unanimously.

The Council returned to the meeting room.

2023-06

**Working Session Resumes**

*Councilman Taylor made a motion to reopen the Working Session, seconded by Councilman Lister, passing unanimously.*

*Mayor McNinch announced that no action was taken during the Executive Session.*

*With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 7:41 PM.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Karen L. Monteith,  
Clerk-Treasurer*