

2024-05

April 15, 2024

**Working Session – 1:15 PM**

At 1:15 PM Mayor McNinch called the Budget Working Session of the Denton Town Council to order on this date, leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and thanking everyone for coming.

**Attendance:**

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Lister, Councilman Branson, Councilman Johnson were in attendance. Councilman Taylor arrived at 1:26 PM.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Chief George Bacorn, Donna Todd, Mark Chandler, and Karen Monteith.

**Discussion was held on the following:**

**FY2025 General Fund Budget**

Discussion was held on the proposed FY2025 General Fund Budget that was presented on April 4, 2024.

Discussion included: reducing the real property tax rate from \$.72 per \$100 of assessment to \$.69; personnel - vacancies, new positions, recruitment, retention, salary adjustments - COLA; funding request received from outside agencies; budget changes for each department budgets; the proposed transfer to the Highway Fund to cover operations cost.

Mr. Getchell presented the 5-year capital plan.

Staff will make adjustments based on the discussion and provide an adjusted budget for the next working session.

At 3:15 PM Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the Budget Working Session and to open an Executive Session, by Authority of the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b) (2014) (1) to discuss (i) personnel and (ii) personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lister, passing unanimously.

**Executive Session**

Those in attendance at the Executive Session included all Council members, Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, Chief George Bacorn, and Karen L. Monteith.

Discussion was held with Chief Bacorn on the procedures for releasing public disclosure of disciplinary actions taken.

Staff was given directions to provide the Town Council with a minimum 24-hour notice before issuing a public statement of disciplinary disclosure in the future.

At 3:43 PM, Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Johnson, passing unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer