

April 22, 2024

Working Session – 6:00 PM

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 thanking everyone for coming.

Attendance:

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Lister, Councilman Branson, Councilman Taylor. Councilman Johnson was absent.

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

Discussion was held on the following:

Ordinance #753 - Stormwaters

In continuation of the discussion held on March 7th, Mr. Matt Pluta from Shore River Keepers met with the Council and discussed the Poor House Run Watershed Area, the erosion issues, restoration, and the purpose for Ordinance #753, implementing best management practices for future development. New developments with stormwater storage areas and slow-release areas to handle and reduce flash flooding which cause erosion, will benefit the watershed area and the adjoining properties. The Council may consider grandfathering existing projects or defer implementation for a period to not affect projects that are currently in the works.

Redevelopment District Floating Zone

Discussion was held with Mr. Peter Johnston, Consultant for the Planning Commission, and Mrs. Donna Todd, Director of Planning and Codes, on the proposed Zoning Amendments replacing the Redevelopment District Floating Zone (RD) with an Infill and Redevelopment Overlay District (IRD) that the Planning Commission is working on.

The Planning Commission is working on trying to streamline the development process and amend the outdated code.

Ordinance #754 – Cannabis

Mrs. Todd provide an update on the State's Legislative Action pertaining to the rules and regulations for Cannabis Enterprises and discussion was held on the Ordinance that was deferred on April 4th.

Staff will place the Ordinance on the May meeting agenda for consideration of adoption.

Commerce Drive

Discussion on Commerce Drive was previously postponed, and Mr. Getchell shared with the Council that Mr. Jim DiDonato of JPA Ventures has advised that they are no longer interested in building Commerce Drive.

FY2025 General Fund Budget

Mr. Getchell provided an updated draft of the FY2025 General Fund Budget with the changes made from the previous meeting. Discussion was held on the difference and how to work toward balancing the budget. Staff received directions from the Council for additional adjustments to be made and will present a balanced budget on May 2, 2024 for consideration for approval.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned the Working Session at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer