

March 17, 2025

**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.

**Attendance:**

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Lister, Councilman Branson, Councilman Taylor were in attendance, Councilman Johnson joined virtually and then arrived in person around 6:05PM.

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

**Discussion was held on the following:**

**FY26 General Fund Budget**

Mr. Getchell, Town Administrator, provided an overview of the status on putting together the first FY2026 General Fund draft budget and asked for feedback from the Council on what they want to see included.

Discussion included: Real property taxes, reducing the tax rate from \$.69 per \$100 of assessment to be more in line with the constant yield tax rate; personnel - vacancies, recruitment, retention, salary adjustments – COLA, amending the vacation leave carry-over policy versus reimplementing the cash in program, succession planning for retirees and replacements; budget needs for each department; increased cyber security training needs.

Mr. Getchell provided a copy of the 2025 Constant Yield Tax Rate Certification received from the state, a summary of the RETAX revenue projections, and the FY26 General Fund Budget Schedule.

Outside agencies will be present at the April meeting to present their funding requests. Mr. Getchell will advise each agency to submit their funding backup prior to the meeting for preview.

Staff will work to submit the first budget draft for the April 3, 2025 meeting for consideration of introduction.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch asked for a motion to close the Working Session.

At 7:03 PM Councilman Taylor made a motion to close the Working Session, seconded by Councilman Johnson, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith  
Clerk-Treasurer