

May 19, 2025

Working Session – 6:00 PM

At 6:01 PM Vice Mayor Lister opened the Working Session of the Denton Town Council for discussion, while waiting on a quorum, and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Branson arrived.

At 6:02 PM Vice Mayor Lister officially called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

Vice Mayor Lister, Councilman Branson, Councilman Taylor were in attendance. Mayor McNinch arrived around 6:03 PM and Councilman Johnson was absent.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Deputy Chief Jamie Secrist, Mark Chandler, Donna Todd, and Karen Monteith.

Town Attorney, Mrs. Lyndsey Ryan, was also in attendance.

Discussion was held on the following items:

MOU – Fiber Arts Center – 9 N 4th St.

Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, presented a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore “FACES”, and discussion was held on the intent of the MOU with Mrs. Victoria McConnell, FACES President.

Mrs. Ryan explained the MOU is for 2 years. The Town will continue to own the building during this time. The agreement establishes the roles for each party during the construction and allows time for both parties to work together on an agreement for conveyance of ownership to FACES for a nominal fee upon the completion of the initial construction phase.

This item will be on the June Agenda for consideration of approval.

Mrs. McConnell handed out invitations to the opening of the Joanne S. Scott Fiber exhibition that begins on May 21st.

Vice Mayor Lister turned the meeting over to Mayor McNinch.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Urgent Care Facilities

In follow up of the May 1, 2025 Council meeting, Mrs. Ryan, Town Attorney, and Mrs. Todd provided a zoning text amendment pertaining to Urgent Care Facilities and a brief discussion was held.

This item will be on the June Agenda for consideration of approval.

Harper & Sons, Inc. – Stormwater Agreement

Inspection and Maintenance Agreement of Stormwater Management Facilities and Commercial Access was presented to the Council for review.

Mr. Getchell asked the Council if they would like for staff to continue presenting these types of agreements twice, once at a working session and then again at a regular meeting. The Council consensus was that it is not necessary to bring agreements twice.

This item will appear on the June agenda for consideration of approval.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Todd, Director of Planning and Codes, will make sure the Zoning Ordinance is available on the web as a searchable PDF, rather than provide the Council with another set of paper copies for the June meeting.

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Mayor McNinch congratulated Chief George Bacorn for being a recipient of the Mid Shore Behavioral Health 2025 Caliber Crisis Intervention Team Award.

Chief Bacorn said that it was an honor to receive the award.

Councilman Lister mentioned that discussion will be coming soon on water and sewer rates.

At 6:29 PM, with no further business to discuss, Councilman Taylor made a motion to adjourn the Working Session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*