

June 16, 2025

Working Session – 6:00 PM

At 6:00 PM Mayor McNinch opened the Working Session of the Denton Town Council for discussion leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilman Branson arrived.

Attendance:

Mayor McNinch, Councilman Branson, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Taylor were in attendance. Councilman Lister was absent.

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

Discussion was held on the following items:

DDMS – Letter of Agreement with DHCD for FY2026

Mr. Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, and Mrs. Jessica Willoughy, Executive Director of the Downtown Denton Main Street, presented the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Main Street Maryland Program Agreement for Designated Communities.

Discussion on the Agreement was held, and the agreement is due by 6/20/2025 and they asked the Mayor to sign.

Mayor McNinch clarified that the Council could not make a decision on the Agreement this evening, but that if there was no objection she would sign and disclose at the next regular meeting.

There was no objection to the Mayor signing the Agreement.

Water & Sewer Rate

Scott Getchell, Town Administrator, shared that Councilman Lister had previously requested time to discuss proposed water and sewer rate adjustments that the Utility Commission has been reviewing. The UC Members are working with Waterworth on the rate study.

Mr. Getchell shared the draft study with the Council and discussion was held on the sewer fund declining, and the water fund is sustaining. The long term projections show that both funds will need to increase rates to remain self-sufficient.

Additional discussion was deferred until Councilman Lister is present.

Executive Session

Mayor McNinch asked for a motion to hold 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 & (ii) Personnel Matters.

At 6:27 PM, Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold an Executive Session as requested, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

The Executive Session was held in the Training Room on the 2nd Floor of the Town Office Building.

Present

Council members in attendance included: Mayor McNinch, Keith Johnson, Lester Branson and Frank Taylor.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell and Karen Monteith.

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Discussion

Discussion was held pertaining to personnel attendance.

Discussion only, no action was taken.

At 6:32 PM, Councilman Taylor made a motion to close the Executive Session and resume the Working Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

The Executive Session was closed, and the meeting room was reopened to the public.

Working Session Resumed

Mayor McNinch shared that the Executive Session was discussion only, no action was taken.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch asked for a motion to adjourn.

At 6:33 PM, Councilman Branson made a motion to adjourn the Working Session, seconded by Councilman Taylor, passing unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*