

April 13, 2026

Working Session – 1:00 PM

At 1:00 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 Branson, Councilman Johnson, and Councilman Taylor were in attendance. Councilman Lister arrived around 1:02PM.

Staff in attendance included: Scott Getchell, Mark Chandler, Donna Todd, and Karen Monteith were all in person. Chief George Bacorn attended virtually.

Discussion was held on the following:

FY2027 General Fund Budget and the FY2027 Highway Fund Budget

Mr. Getchell, Town Administrator, provided updated Department Staff Organization Charts; 5-year Capital Outlay Plan; the draft FY2027 General Fund Budget; revenue and expense pie charts; real estate tax revenues projection, and a summary of changes proposed for FY27.

Discussion was held on the FY2027 General Fund Budget that was introduced on April 2, 2026. The current draft includes maintaining the real property tax rate at \$.66 per \$100 of assessment; salary adjustments, vacant positions, COLA/bonus; the purchase of a new brush truck/leaf vacuum unit; and two police vehicles.

Time was spent discussing operational needs and ways to balance the budget without affecting services or tax rates.

Staff will adjust the budget based on the discussion, reducing the COLA by 1%, freezing one vacant position, cutting one patrol car and the brush/leaf vacuum from capital, and to place any difference in the reserve so that it can be used toward possibly purchasing a new brush/leaf vacuum vehicle later in FY2027 if there is additional funding. Staff will provide an updated budget for additional discussion at the next working session scheduled for April 20th.

Discussion on the General Fund transfer to the Highway Fund to cover operations cost led to discussion of the FY2027 Highway Fund Budget. The Highway Fund relies on Highway User Revenues from the State and funding from the General Fund to cover operations.

With no further business to discuss, Mayor McNinch adjourned the meeting at 2:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer