

May 18, 2026

5:30 PM - Executive Session

Mayor McNinch opened a meeting of the Denton Town Council at 5:30 PM on this date and asked for a motion to hold an Executive Session as Per the Open Meetings Act, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, § 3-305 (b) (2014) (1) discuss: (i) Personnel & (ii) Personnel Matters as it relates to the Police Department.

At 5:30 PM Councilman Lister made a motion to open an Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

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

Present

Mayor McNinch, Councilmen Lister, Branson, Johnson, and Taylor were all present. Staff present included Scott Getchell, Chief George Bacorn, and Karen Monteith.

Discussion

Discussion was held with the Chief of Police on a Police Department personnel item and employment contract.

No action or decision was made during this session.

At 5:48 PM, with no further discussion, Mayor McNinch asked for a motion to close the Executive Session and to prepare for the monthly Working Session.

Councilman Lister made a motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Branson, passing unanimously.

The Executive Session was closed, and the Council opened the door to the public for the May Working Session.

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 Johnson, and Councilman Taylor were all in attendance.

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

Mrs. Lyndsey Ryan, Town Attorney, joined the meeting and participated in discussion virtually.

Discussion was held on the following:

Zoning Text Amendment

The Zoning Text Amendment received from Mill Creek Properties, LLC was deferred on May 4, 2026 to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

Mrs. Todd, Director of Planning and Codes, and Mrs. Ryan, Town Attorney, shared the Town Planner's Summary Report.

Discussion included what type of entertainment should be allowed in the Industrial Park, by rite use, establishing special exceptions to go before the Board of Appeals, potential parking concerns, and when a use would still require Site Plan approval.

The Planner will present his Summary Report to the Planning Commission later this month.

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Traffic Calming Proposal

As follow up to prior discussion pertaining to the School Zone Speed Camera's, Mr. Getchell presented a Proposal from Davis Bowen & Friedel, Inc. to complete a Traffic Calming Study to evaluate Camp Road and Sharp Road to obtain data to make recommendations for traffic calming measures. The cost of the study is \$23,000.

It was the consensus of the Council that while waiting for the study to be done, to move forward with placing Ordinance #766 on the June agenda for consideration to ensure the Town Code is consistent with State Law for citations issued due to violation of the School Zone Speed Camera's.

Town Flag Protocol

Discussion on the development of a Town Flag Protocol Policy continued. Staff will make some final tweaks and present at a future date for consideration of final approval.

With no further discussion, Mayor McNinch adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Monteith
Clerk-Treasurer*