

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 9, 2019

After determining that a quorum is present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Joint Meeting with the Economic Development Partnership Board on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 11:36 a.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth and Council Members Keely Briggs, Jesse Davis, John Ryan, and Paul Meltzer

ABSENT: Mayor Chris Watts and Council Member Deb Armintor

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and City Attorney Aaron Leal

Members representing the Economic Development Partnership Board (EDPB) were Chair Marty Rivers, Vice Chair John Baines, and Board Members Bob Eames, Chris Davis, Jill Jeter, Jimmy Mejia, Tony Clark, Pamela Padilla (proxy for Neal Smatresk), and Ex-Officio Member Erica Pangburn. Also on the EDPB noted earlier were Mayor Pro Tem Gerard Hudspeth, Council Members Keely Briggs and Jesse Davis, and City Manager Hileman (Ex-Officio).

Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth, serving as Presiding Officer, called the City Council joint meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. EDPB Chair Marty Rivers called the EDPB joint meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. ID 19-2063 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Economic Development Partnership Board roles, responsibilities, and membership structure.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

Following discussion, issues identified needing further discussion/consideration were identified as (1) potential of increasing EDPB membership and the affect increased membership could have on finalizing business at a given meeting due to time restrictions; (2) Chamber of Commerce appointing their member without the requirement that they be a member of the Chamber; (3) looking at longevity of members to secure the level of knowledge of the membership; (4) City Council determine how its' representing members are appointed and corresponding tenure; (5) meeting membership at first term and Council/Chamber of Commerce consider having its representatives be the members that have rolled off (past council or chamber members); (6) retain Council representation as existing members of the City Council who would hold over until a replacement is appointed if not continuing as existing member; (7) increasing ex-officio membership; and/or (8) craft EDPB board recommendations to City Council in a way that would ensure the board serves the City Council in the capacity desired.

- B. ID 19-2064 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Economic Development Investment Fund.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

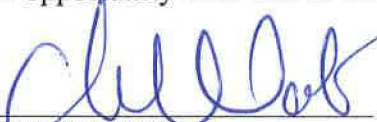
Following discussion, the following areas were identified as issues for additional follow up, discussion and/or consideration: (1) more funding flexibility; (2) setting a minimum or cap: (a) \$3 million to \$5 million, (b) \$1 million and no cap/maximum, (c) \$3 million and no cap/maximum; (d) find impact of what customers need and how affected and then determine minimum/maximum, (e) \$3 million to \$8 million with concerns on having a minimum, and (f) other amounts for smaller businesses; (3) mechanism to replenish funds after use; (4) ROI of use of funds; (5) increased use of mixed beverage taxes; (6) criteria for use; and (7) evaluation of other cities' use of cash grants.


- C. ID 19-2065 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the City of Denton's economic development strategies and the development of an economic development strategic plan.

The item was presented and discussion followed. Following discussion, staff was directed to move forward with the Request for Proposals process on the economic development strategic plan.

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth adjourned the City Council Meeting at 1:11 p.m. EDPB Board Chair Rivers adjourned the EDBP joint meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Photo opportunity followed at which no city business was conducted.


CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS


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CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: September 24, 2019