

CITY OF DENTON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
November 15, 2019

After determining that a quorum was present, the City Council of the City of Denton, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting on Friday, November 15, 2019, at 12:08 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

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

ABSENT: None

Also present were City Manager Todd Hileman and First Assistant City Attorney Larry Collister

Mayor Watts informed the public that translation services were available to simultaneously provide the service as the presentation on item 2.B (ID 19-2784) was made.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. U.S. Flag
- B. Texas Flag

2. **ITEM FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

- A. ID 19-2709 Consider adoption of an ordinance canvassing election returns of the bond election held on November 5, 2019; and providing an effective date.
ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 19-2709

The election results reported the following bond propositions *received* a favorable majority vote with the result being as indicated:

- Proposition A - THE ISSUANCE OF \$154,000,000 OF PUBLIC SECURITIES FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
 - **CARRIED**
- Proposition B - THE ISSUANCE OF \$61,900,000 OF PUBLIC SECURITIES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
 - **CARRIED**
- Proposition C - THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 OF PUBLIC SECURITIES FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR PARKS, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
 - **CARRIED**

The election results reported the following bond propositions *did not receive* a favorable majority vote with the result being as indicated:

- Proposition D - THE ISSUANCE OF \$619,000 OF PUBLIC SECURITIES FOR PUBLIC ART, AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF
 - **FAILED**

Council Member Ryan moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Meltzer, and Armintor
NAYS (0): None
ABSENT WHEN VOTE TAKEN (1): Council Member Davis

The meeting was recessed at 12:13 p.m. to allow time for Council Member Davis to arrive.

Council Member Davis arrived at 12:28 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

- B. ID 19-2784 Consider a local declaration of emergency regarding the water service at Green Tree Estates and/or the expenditure of City funds and use of City resources, not to exceed \$250,000.00, for the provision of water on a temporary basis and/or temporary water service and water-related resources or infrastructure to the residents of the Green Tree Estates Subdivision for a period of time not to exceed 90 days.

The item was presented and discussion followed.

The following spoke on the item:

- Beatrice Martinez, 4055 Ash Lane - in support of the item
- Elva Hernandez, 6509 Willow Lane - in support of the item
- George Ferrie, 2932 Stockton Street - in support of the item

Council Member Briggs moved to approve the item as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Armintor.

Discussions continued.

Council Member Davis moved to substitute language on the proposed ordinance as follows:

- Remove on the final/7th WHEREAS, the words "to enable the city"; and
- Change in Section 4 the amount of \$250,000 to \$100,000.

Motion seconded by Council Member Ryan.

During additional discussion, it was noted the proposed changes appeared elsewhere on the draft ordinance.

Council Member Davis amended his motion to substitute to include the following:

- Remove on the final/7th WHEREAS, the words “to enable the city”;
- Change in Section 4 the amount of \$250,000 to \$100,000; and
- Make the necessary changes in Section 3 and anywhere else within the ordinance to remove the words “to enable the city” and change the amount from \$250,000 to \$100,000

Council Member Ryan, who seconded Council Member Davis’ original motion to substitute, accepted the amendment.

Following discussion, Mayor Watts called for the vote on the motion to substitute. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, and Armintor

NAYS (1): Meltzer

ABSENT (0): None

First Assistant City Attorney Collister advised the original motion on the table could be considered with the approved amendments.


Council Member Briggs amended her motion to approve the item as amended. Amending motion seconded by Council Member Armintor. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Watts, Mayor Pro Tem Hudspeth and Council Members Briggs, Davis, Ryan, Meltzer, and Armintor


NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (0): None

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.



CHRIS WATTS
MAYOR
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS



ROSA RIOS
CITY SECRETARY
CITY OF DENTON, TEXAS

MINUTES APPROVED ON: December 3, 2019