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OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE ADDISON CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2025

**Addison Town Hall
5300 Belt Line Road, Dallas, TX 75254
5:30 PM Work Session – Town Hall Parlor**

Present: Mayor Bruce Arfsten; Mayor Pro-Tempore Darren Gardner; Deputy Mayor Pro-Tempore Nancy Craig; Council Member Chris DeFrancisco; Council Member Howard Freed; Council Member Dan Liscio; Council Member Marlin Willesen

WORK SESSION

The Addison City Council will convene in the Work Session in the Town Hall Parlor at 5:30 PM.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Announce that a Quorum is Present.

Mayor Arfsten called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Parlor Room at 5:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. United States and Texas Flags

Mayor Arfsten led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas Flags.

3. Work Session Reports

a. Present and discuss the Police Department's new building project, including space needs, costs, and related challenges.

[Chief of Police, Chris Freis]

Chief of Police Chris Freis presented an update regarding the Police Department's new building project which included information regarding space needs, costs, and challenges.

In July 2019, the Town awarded LPA Architects (LPA) a contract to conduct a Facility Utilization and Consolidation Study. The study's purpose was to identify ways to improve facility functionality and to plan for future growth needs. LPA presented its report on April 14, 2020. At the conclusion of the presentation, Council asked Town staff to continue the study in a second

phase. On January 11, 2022, Council approved an agreement with MPI Architects (MPI) for Phase 2 of the study. MPI was asked to capitalize on data collected in Phase 1 and provide additional options and financial analysis. The Phase 2 Report was presented to the Council on March 28, 2023. The Council's consensus was to further investigate the feasibility and costs associated with a new Police and Courts Facility, new Fire Station 1, and options for a Town Center.

Staff reviewed and presented the Phase 1 and 2 findings to seek the Council's direction regarding the next steps on July 11, 2023. The Council's consensus was to further investigate the feasibility and costs associated with a new Police and Courts Facility and options for a Town Center. In February 2024, the Council held its annual strategic planning retreat and directed the town's staff to proceed with consideration of a plan and funding for the Police and Courts facility. On May 28, 2024, the Council approved a \$35,000,000 Certificate of Obligation for a new Police and Courts facility.

The fiscal impact of the new Police and Courts facility is dependent on both its location and the square footage of the facility. There are no costs associated with this item at this time.

b. **Present and discuss the speed limit on Quorum Drive including an overview of existing roadway conditions, Addison Police Department data, driver feedback sign report information, countermeasures used for roadway safety from the Federal Highway Administration and inclusion in the Master Transportation Plan.**

[Director of Public Works & Engineering, Becky Diviney and Chief of Police, Chris Freis]

Director of Public Works & Engineering Becky Diviney and Chief of Police Chris Freis presented information regarding the speed limit on Quorum Drive, which included an overview of existing roadway conditions, Addison Police Department data, driver feedback sign report information, countermeasures used for roadway safety from the Federal Highway Administration and inclusion in the Master Transportation Plan.

Staff received a request from Council Member Howard Freed that was seconded by Council Member Dan Liscio to request a work session to discuss the speed limit on Quorum Drive, with a request to "reduce speed limit from 30 MPH to 20 MPH for the approximately 1/2 mile from Arapaho Road to Airport Parkway and install blinking yellow lights and signage at each end of the "Slower Speed Zone" that states: "Entering A Slower Speed Zone" to call attention to the new speed limit."

Quorum Drive from Arapaho Road to Keller Springs is a four-lane divided roadway with on-street parking and sidewalks on both sides and a stop sign at Morris Avenue and Quorum Drive, which was recently installed on March 10. Staff is currently working on additional visibility enhancements. Three signalized intersections are located at Arapaho Road, Airport Parkway, and Keller Springs Road.

A driver feedback sign is located southbound in the median before Addison Circle, giving the driver direct feedback of the speed they are driving on the roadway in this location. The driver feedback sign from March 1 through March 31 recorded a median speed of 28 miles per hour after the stop sign installation. The 85th percentile is used as the standard engineering practice to set the

speed limit on roadways. The recorded 85th percentile showed that 85% of drivers were driving 33 MPH or less after the stop sign installation. The 95th percentile showed that 95% of drivers drove 36 MPH or less after the stop sign installation.

The Addison Police Department provided information for January through March 2025, in which 95 traffic stops were conducted and 115 warnings/citations were issued. Of those violations, 70 vehicles ran the stop sign, 25 were speeding, and 20 had other violations. These traffic stops included zero in January, six in February, and 109 in March when enforcement increased due to the stop sign installation. There have been zero crashes in this area. In 2024, zero crashes occurred in this area and 30 speeding violations occurred, of which 2 citations were issued.

The Federal Highway Administration provides 26 proven safety countermeasures that significantly impact roadway safety. The countermeasures used in the Quorum Drive project are an exciting example of how the reconstruction in this area will allow for a safer roadway environment for all users. The Town is continuing to review and assess roadway characteristics and evaluate the roadway classification and speed limits during the ongoing development of the Master Transportation Plan for all roadways across the Town.

c. **Present and discuss an update on the 89th State Legislative Session.**

[Chief of Staff, Sarah Kuechler]

In advance of State legislative sessions, the Town has adopted legislative priorities to signal policy areas that are most important to the Town, provide the City Council's position on legislative topics that may be considered during the session, and provide direction to Town staff to act quickly on priority issues. The City Council considered a draft list of State legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature during a work session on December 10, 2024 and approved the priorities through a Resolution on January 14, 2025.

The 89th regular session of the Texas Legislature began January 14, 2025 and ends June 2, 2025. During the session, staff has promoted and advocated for the Town's legislative priorities, including providing written and oral testimony in coordination with Mayor Bruce Arfsten. Staff have also coordinated efforts when interests are aligned with partners, such as the Texas Municipal League or North Central Texas Council of Governments and sent regular updates to City Council through the Friday Reports.

Although there are many bills that could impact cities and the Town, this presentation focused on the most significant legislation being monitored. At the conclusion of the session, staff will work on a comprehensive wrap-up report to communicate and prepare any changes to be in compliance with adopted legislation.

4. Items of Community Interest. *The City Council will have this opportunity to address items of community interest, including: expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; an honorary or salutary recognition; a reminder about an upcoming event organized or sponsored by the Town of Addison; information regarding a social, ceremonial, or community event that was or will be attended by an Addison City Council member or an official; and, announcements involving an eminent threat to public health and safety in Addison that has arisen since posting this agenda.*

5. Adjourn Meeting.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Arfsten adjourned the meeting at 7:26 PM.

TOWN OF ADDISON, TEXAS

Bruce Arfsten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valencia Garcia, City Secretary