



City Council Pending Requests for Information

City Council Meeting

September 17, 2024

File ID: 24-1272



Work Session Process

- Up to seven requests will be reviewed per meeting (one per Council Member)
- Staff will introduce each request
- The requesting Council Member will have up to two minutes to describe and justify their request
- Remaining Council Members will then have a maximum of one minute each to provide feedback and indicate their support for the use of City staff time to respond to the request
- Staff will respond to all requests where a consensus of at least four elected officials is established
- A consensus of six (6) Council Members is required for a resolution or ordinance to be placed on a future City Council agenda prior to a work session on the request.



Work Session Process - Continued

- The Agenda Committee will assist in scheduling items receiving consensus based upon priority offered by Council Members, work session availability, and readiness of the item.
- As guidelines for Council Members to note and offer their priority while supporting an item, the following general categorization could be used to indicate any Council Member's support to assist staff and the Agenda Committee:
 - **High** – Time-sensitivity of the item is significant; the item is critical to the community or organization; and/or the item is of such importance that it should take precedence over other scheduled priorities, projects, or items.
 - **Moderate** – The item is somewhat time-sensitive; the item has a valuable impact to the community or organization; and/or the item is important but should be integrated into work plans accordingly.
 - **Low** – The item is not time-sensitive; the item has an impact, but it is limited; and/or the item should be scheduled into work plans where possible but should not affect or delay other scheduled work.



Item 1

Request for a work session to examine and reform the City's local campaign finance rules.

Requestor: Council Member McGee

Council Member Request: "This pitch is for a comprehensive work session to examine and reform our local campaign finance rules by which candidates and campaigns are bound. I have listed several different points and prospective limits. My hope is that Council can come together in the spirit of increasing transparency and accountability with the public.

I'd like to propose a cap on contributions from folks outside of Denton at \$500 per individual, organization, or PAC.

I'd like to limit the total amount from non Denton donors at \$15,000 per campaign year.

I'd like to limit the amount from Dentonites and Denton organizations and PACs at \$1,000 per campaign year.

I'd like to limit the total amount from Denton donors at \$20,000.



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Council Member Request (cont.): I'd like for us to limit the amount that can be self-loaned or self-donated at \$5,000 per campaign year. This should include anyone within the 1st degree of familial relationship.

I'd like to limit the max that can be raised from local and outside funding at a total of \$40,000 per campaign year.

I propose a full ban on anyone with an ongoing project before the city, or anyone who has had a project before the city in the last 3 years. This should include any LLCs they have been a member of within the last 3 years."

Staff Information: If City Council wishes to move forward with this request, staff will prepare a future Work Session item.

Date requested: September 11, 2024

Format of response: Work Session

