

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING – VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING  
Monday, February 1, 2021  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
6:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Mike McQuiston, Council members, Eddie Allen, Ben Bennington, Will Carpenter, Jake Hayes, Darlene Hilton and Melinda Reeves.

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Brett Shannon, IT Director J.B. McKenzie, Fire Chief Nate Mara, Operations Chief Eli Nobles, Assistant Fire Chief Deroy Bennett, Police Chief Delvon Campbell, City Finance Director Ana Cañada, Conference Center Operations Manager Johnny Cohoon, Conference Center Business Manager Tim Hightshoe, Human Resource Manager MaryAnn Henline, EDC Executive Director Kevin Holzbog, Deputy City Secretary Asucena Garcia, City Attorney Brenda McDonald and City Secretary Diane Cockrell. Connected via videoconferencing: Planning Director Dedra Ragland, Public Works/Airport Director Greg Hall, City Engineer Earl Smith and Library Director Dawn Wilbert.

\*The attendees were screened for Covid-19 symptoms prior to entry by Decatur Fire personnel and social distancing was observed.

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## **WORKSHOP:**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor McQuiston called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. HEAR PRESENTATION OF ON-BOARDING IN REGARD TO THE DECATUR CONFERENCE CENTER BY JOHNNY COHOON AND CONFERENCE CENTER SUPPORT TO THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION; DISCUSSION OF SAME.

Opened June 24, 2001, after years of community fund raising and planning the Decatur Civic Center has hosted an array of small personal events to business meetings, quincenera's, weddings, holiday parties and multiple fund raising events over the years. With the completion of the Fairfield by Marriott in 2017, the Decatur Civic Center rebranded to what is known today as the Decatur Conference Center.

The Decatur Conference Center, with 27,000 square feet of meeting space, is the perfect place for any occasion from small, intimate gatherings to major events the DCC is designed to accommodate.

Johnny Cohoon, Operations Manager Tim Hightshoe, Business Manager

With the guidelines and protocols put in place by our state officials we have changed our procedures to be in compliance and provide the safest environment possible for our guests and citizens. Every room is sanitized after each event.

Every set up is compliant with social distancing. Our food service has changed from buffet style to cafeteria style. We have changed drink stations to allow for as much minimal touching as possible.

2. HEAR PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050 IMPACT ON DECATUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR KEVIN HOLZBOG AND PRESENTATION OF EDC PLANS/GOALS IN CONNECTION TO THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION; DISCUSSION OF SAME.

Incorporated January 19, 1993: Original language: Decatur EDC is a nonprofit corporation. The City of Decatur, Texas authorized the corporation by resolution to act on its behalf to take any and all actions which the corporation is authorized to take...which are necessary or helpful in fostering and sustaining economic development within the City of Decatur, Texas. Organizational Structure: City Council appoints: EDC Board: 3 are Council members, Kevin Holzbog, Executive Director, Barbara Metcalf, Executive Administrative Assistant, Additional Staff.

EDC: business recruitment, business retention & expansion, workforce development, marketing, City provides: planning & zoning, development services public works (infrastructure), safety & security.

The Corporation is a Texas non-profit, tax-exempt economic development corporation responsible for supporting the creation of new and existing primary jobs under the EDC act of 1979, as amended. EDC partners: City, Wise Health System, ISD, Chamber, Weatherford College, County, local business leaders, local real estate community, local finance community, workforce solutions, governor's office, development community, site selection community, Dallas regional chamber, Texas EDC, Team Texas, Fort Worth Area EDC group, Texas A&M Extension Services, Atmos, Oncor, Wise County Cooperative, internet providers, TXDOT.

The Decatur Model: Additional local business & jobs impact sales tax: new local spending, jobs, projects, new businesses, new investments.

\*The EDC cannot incentivize a retail location.

Eligible businesses crop production, animal production, forestry & logging, commercial fishing, support activities for Ag & forestry, mining, utilities, manufacturing, wholesale trade, transportation & warehousing, information (excluding motion picture theaters), securities, commodity contracts, financial investments, insurance carriers, architectural, engineering and related services, scientific research & development, management of companies & enter[prises], telephone call centers and correctional institutions. Example of Multiple NAICS Codes: COSTCO, 45291 retail store, such as on the west loop. 49311 distribution center that services multiple stores. 56142 call center that handles calls from people purchasing products online or over the internet. 54121 payroll processing – for other businesses.

VISION STATEMENT: In 2050, Decatur will be a safe, diverse, and fiscally sound community that is open to change; embraces and plans for growth; and empowers citizens by providing recreational, educational, medical, and economic opportunities for people of all ages, all while preserving its small-town feel, historic identity, and community pride.

DEDC 2021 Goals: Business recruitment, Business Retention, Workforce Development and Marketing.

Challenges to growth: for Decatur to grow as the 2050 plan suggests, the following will become challenges that must be addressed: infrastructure, workforce, quality of life, planning and funding.

Decatur is up 54%: a diverse economy creates consistent growth and increased revenues. DEDC drives diversity in industry base and continues to have increased revenues to continue promoting diversity in our local economy.

### 3. HEAR PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050 IMPACT ON DECATUR FINANCE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR ANA CAÑADA AND PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCE STAFF ROLES AND CURRENT PLANS/GOALS IN CONNECTION TO THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION; DISCUSSION OF SAME.

Type of City Funds: General Fund (01) Public Works Fund (02) Special Revenue Fund (04) Grants Fund (04) Interest and Sinking (05) Economic Development Corp. (06) Construction/Impact Fees (09) Wise County Water Supply District (12) Departments within the General Fund - Administration (01) - Janitorial (02) - Airport (03) - Main Street (04) - Animal Control (05) - Police (06) - Streets (07) - Tax and Court (08) Fire (09) Library (10) - Cemetery (11) - Planning (12) - Conference Center (14) Parks (15) Inspection Services (16) Technology Services (18) Public Works (20)

Public Works Fund (02) Water and Sewer (01) Water (02) Refuse (03) Utility Billing (04) Wastewater (05) Utility Maintenance (07) Technology Services (08)

Special Revenue Fund (04) Literacy Program (02) Cemetery Endowment (03) Airport (04) Other Income –Police Special Fund (07) Other Income (07-01) Other Income (07-02)

Grants Fund (04) Other Expense (01) Airport (04) Other Income (07)

Interest and Sinking (05) Interest and Sinking (00)

Economic Development (06) Administration (01)

Construction/Impact Fees (09) Construction/Impact Fees (00)

Wise County Water Supply District (12) Administration (01)

Sources of Revenue in the General Fund

Taxes –Sales, Property, Hotel and Mixed Drink

Conference Center receipts –Food & Beverage, facility rental  
 Building permits, infrastructure fees, health inspection permits and P & Z applications  
 Fire Department receipts and permits  
 Police Department –Wrecker and Impound fees  
 Cemetery dues and Grave spaces  
 Library receipts, grant receipts and donations  
 Airport hanger rentals and fuel sales  
 Main Street Contributions

Main Sources of Revenue –Taxes – property, sales tax, hotel/motel tax, mixed beverage tax

Finance and Utilities Org Chart -

Areas of Finance

General Ledger, Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Utilities, Municipal Court, Budget, Debt, Capital Assets

What Finance is responsible for

Manage the day-to-day operations for Utilities and Municipal Court

We currently bill 2,630 accounts of which 354 are commercial

Record journal entries daily for revenues collected

Pay vendors weekly for all city-wide purchases –we currently have 431 active vendors

Processed 6,950 invoices in 2019 and 6,598 in 2020

Collect City credit card receipts for 45 cardholders monthly

Pay city employees bi-weekly –129 Active employees of which 108 are full time

We had 15 new hires, 25 terminations and 11 retirements in 2020

Pay city council members monthly

Prepare Form 1099s annually –We issued 96 in 2019 and estimate 110 for 2020

Reconcile 32 bank accounts monthly

Prepare annual budget

Accomplishments in the last 6 months

Implemented internal controls suggested by auditors Segregation of Duties in Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Utilities

Staff creating a journal entry is not the same posting it

Staff setting up a new vendor is not processing payment

Started recording daily transactions when incurred

Started implementing ACH payments for Accounts Payable vendors

Finance Director is reviewing invoice register before Accounts Payable clerk processes checks

Prepared annual budget

Weekly Finance staff meetings

Created a New Vendor Form which is available online

Accomplishments in Utility Billing

Created online forms for easy access in Utility Billing

Reduced direct pays by 58%

Increased ACH payments by 11% compared to 2019

Online payments increased by 29% compared to 2019

E-mail billing increased by 30% compared to 2019

Municipal Court cases compared to 2019

Court fees collected compared to 2019

Accomplishments in Court

10% increase in state mandated appearances Despite 84% decrease in trials due to COVID-19 restrictions

28% increase of closing cases by clerks

3% increase in revenue during a pandemic

191 Required Hearings in 2020 compared to 172 in 2019

3,531 window/clerk cases closed in 2020 compared to 2,538 in 2019

\$731,093 fees collected in 2020 compared to \$706,869 in 2019

Areas of Improvement

Customer Service –Utilities and Court Training scheduled in February for utility staff

Financial Policies in General Budget Policy and Procedures

Capital Assets Policy

Purchasing Policy

Credit Card policy

Integrating Conference Center billing in Finance software

Goals

Meeting with department heads on a quarterly basis to review budget to actual reports

Training with OpenGov to make the budget process accessible to directors and less time consuming

Have 20-30% of Accounts Payable vendors signed up for ACH payments by June 2021

Create financial policies suggested by auditors by mid-year

Update procedures in general that are aligned with policies by September 2021

Streamline processes in all areas

Consider looking for a Finance software that provides better quality in technical support

4. HEAR PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050 IMPACT ON DECATUR FIRE DEPARTMENT BY FIRE CHIEF NATE MARA AND PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PLANS/GOALS IN CONNECTION TO THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION; DISCUSSION OF SAME.

The mission of the Decatur Fire Department is simple...

"To Help People."

By holding to such a simple mission statement, we refuse to limit ourselves in our service to our customers and we express our desire to seek solutions to whatever problems we are called upon to address.

History of Decatur Fire

All Volunteer Hose Company Est. 1858

2003 Part Time Fire Marshal

2007 Full Time Fire Chief

2007 Four Career Full Time Firefighters

2008 Two Firefighters (24 hour staffing)  
 2011 Three Firefighters & New Station  
 Volunteer Firefighters  
 Volunteer Administration Members  
 Part Time Firefighters  
 Career Firefighters  
 Career Captains  
 Fire Administration  
 Decatur Citizens

Council & Mayor  
 City Manager

Fire Chief

Assistant Fire Chief, Operations Chief, Captain, Firefighter,  
 Firefighter  
 Captain  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 Captain  
 Firefighter  
 Firefighter  
 Volunteer Members  
 Part Time Members  
 Administrative Assistant

Vision for Decatur in 2050

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-2050 Comprehensive Plan  
 Administration

Emergency Management  
 Prevention  
 Operations

Operations  
**SERVICES PROVIDED**  
 Training & Readiness  
 Fire Suppression Structural  
 Wildland  
 Hazmat

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Basic Life Support

CPR & AED  
Airway Management

Rescue Auto Accident & Heavy Rescue  
Specialty (Ropes, Water, Weather)

Engine 115 (moving to reserve to help with ISO)

2008 Rosenbauer -Class A Pumper  
Pumps 1250 gallons per minute  
Equipped with: 750 Gallons Water  
20 Gallons Foam  
1500 feet of hose  
Rescue Tools "Jaws of Life"  
Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Fire Suppression  
Secondary Function –Rescue/EMS

\*NEW\* Engine 115 ON ORDER (Estimated Delivery June 2021)

2021 Pierce -Class A Pumper  
Pumps 2000 gallons per minute  
Equipped with: 1000 Gallons Water  
25Gallons Foam  
2000 feet of hose  
Rescue Tools "Jaws of Life"  
Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Fire Suppression  
Secondary Function –Rescue/EMS

Engine 315 (Staffed with 2 Firefighters minimally)

1997 Stewart & Stevenson Light Military Vehicle –Wildland  
Pumps 220 gallons per minute  
Equipped with: 600 Gallons Water  
30 gallons Foam  
350 feet of hose  
Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Wildland Fire Suppression  
Secondary Function –Structural Protection/EMS

Engine 415 (Staffed with 2 Firefighters minimally)

2007 Ford F750 Wildland Engine  
Pumps 220 gallons per minute  
Equipped with: 600 Gallons Water  
20 gallons Foam  
350 feet of hose

Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Wildland Fire Suppression  
Secondary Function –Rescue/EMS

Tender 115 (Staffed with 2 Firefighters minimally)

2005 Mack –Water Tender “Tanker”

Pumps 1000 Gallons Per Minute

Equipped with: 3200 Gallons Water

20 Gallons Foam

600 feet of hose

Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Structural Fire Suppression & Water Supply  
Secondary Function –Secondary Engine

Squad 115 (Must be staffed with 2 Firefighters minimally)

2019 Ford F-550

Pumps 250 gallons per minute

Equipped with: 330 Gallons Water

20 Gallons Foam

350 Feet of hose

Rescue Tools “Jaws of Life”

Basic Life Support Medical Equipment

Primary Function –Rescue/EMS, Fire Response  
Secondary Function –Staffing, Inspections/Public Relations

1987 Ladder Truck –Out of Service

Year 1 –10 Front Line

Year 10 to 20 Reserve Status

Year 20 Retire & Replace

Do we need a ladder truck?

How many structures are:

3 or more stories tall?

35 feet or more in height?

Have a “Needed Fire Flow” greater than 3,500 gallons per minute?

Or are any combination of these criteria...

Staffing

Industry best practices suggest that local governments should maintain corps of police officers and firefighters in excess of 1 first responder per 1,000 residents served for each department. To meet this standard, additional staffing should be considered with the adoption of the Decatur 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

-2050 Comprehensive Plan

Emergency Response



A Shift  
 Career Captain  
 Career FF  
 Career FF  
 Vol FF ?  
 B Shift  
 Career Captain  
 Career FF  
 Career FF  
 Vol FF ?  
 C Shift  
 Career Captain  
 Career FF  
 Career FF  
 Vol FF ?

Emergency Fire Response  
 Career Captain  
 Career FF  
 Career FF  
 Vol FF ?  
 Critical Needs  
 First 20 minutes  
 Rehabilitation & Readiness  
 Fire Cause Determination (Investigation)  
 Initial Action Plan  
 On Scene 360  
 Radio Report  
 Command & Control  
 Resource Request(s)  
 Search & Rescue  
 Ventilation  
 Salvage  
 Fire Suppression  
 Water Supply  
 Exposure Protection

Emergency Fire Response  
 Career Captain  
 Career FF  
 Career FF  
 Vol FF ?

During the initial stages of an incident the two-in-two-out rule is applied.  
 Two members can operate in the hazardous area and two members remain outside the hazardous area to rescue or assist. -NFPA 1407

843

•(2007)

2172

•(2020)

Current Obstacles

Obstacles Moving Forward

Operational Needs

Increase the safety of our citizens and members by increasing staffing levels that are currently below national standards.

Plan for and Purchase a ladder truck within the next 5 years.

Plan for a staffing model that will allow for the proper use of a ladder truck within 5 years.

Construct a Simple "Live Fire" Training Prop.

Improve ISO rating to a "2" during our next rating (Estimated 2030).

Prevention

Services Provided

Fire & Arson Investigation

Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Life Safety Systems Review & Permitting

Construction/Development Review & Permitting

Fire Code Enforcement

Community Risk Reduction

Child & Adult Education Programs

Fire Cause Determination

Construction/Development Review & Permitting

Initial Review for Accuracy & Scope of Project

Pre-Construction Site Visit(s)

On Site Inspection Ensuring Construction Meets Approved Plans

Ongoing Site Visit(s) During Construction for Required Process(es) Compliance

Annual Inspection for Proper Maintenance and Function Including State & Local Compliance

Life Safety Systems Review & Permitting

Initial Review for Accuracy & Scope of Project

Pre-Construction Site Visit(s)

On Site Inspection Ensuring Installation Meets Approved Plans

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Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Annual on Site Inspection Ensuring Life Safety Hazards are Non Existent or Mitigated in a Timely Fashion  
 Each Commercial Building, Each Year (Currently over 600)  
 Fire Code Language

#### Food Trucks

Annual Inspection Ensuring Life Safety Hazards are Non Existent or Mitigated in a Timely Fashion  
 Each Truck Inspected Annually (Currently over 45 on record)

#### Public Education

Fire & Life Safety Performances in Schools  
 CPR Program  
 Public Events  
 Station Tours  
 Smoke Alarm Initiative  
 Community Partnerships

Prevention responsibilities carry an impact that will never end....

#### Life Safety System Inspection

2007 –Current

#### Prevention Challenges

Annual Fire & Life Safety Inspections (600 Plus)  
 All commercial structures should be inspected annually  
 Training & Development for the Future  
 Multiple Large Projects in construction and on our Horizon  
 Succession Planning

#### Staffing

- Enhance Safety in Operations & Efficiency in Prevention with Staffing

#### Equipment

- Address Equipment needs as they relate to Large, High Hazard Occupancies both Current and in the Future

#### Station(s)

- Consider Station needs as they relate to City Growth and Land Use Currently and in our Future

#### Insurance Services Offices (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC)

A review of the Fire Department accounts for 50% of the total classification. ISO PPC focuses on a fire department's initial response and initial attack to minimize potential loss of property or life.

The fire department is graded in the following areas:

#### Communications

Dispatch & 911

Fire Department

Operations

Water Supply

Fire Hydrants

Community Risk Reduction

Prevention

Insurance Services Offices (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC)

Improved ISO PPC rating means potential savings for homeowners and business on their insurance premiums.

If property owners spend their savings in our community, the extra cash will aid in boosting our local economy.

Engine Companies

Reserve Pumpers

Pump Capacity (Fire Flow)

Gallons Per Minute Needed

Ladder/Service Companies

Reserve Ladder/Service Trucks

Deployment Analysis

Company Personnel

Training (CT + CTT)

Operational considerations

Insurance Services Offices (ISO) Public Protection Classification (PPC)

A community with improved Fire Protection may find it easier to attract new business.

An end result can be increased jobs and a boost in our local economy even more.

A community's investment in fire protection is a proven predictor of future fire losses.

Planning for growth with you. Decatur Fire will strive to continue operating safely while planning for our future and maintaining a high level of community pride.

2020 -2025

4 on Duty 24/7

Adopt Competitive Pay

6 on Duty 24/7

Ladder Truck

2025 –2030

Meet Staffing Demands

8 on Duty 24/7

Construct Training Field

2030 -2040

30 Total Full Time Staff

Fleet Replacement

2040 -2050

Specialized Equipment & Facilities

5. HEAR PRESENTATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050 IMPACT ON DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT BY POLICE CHIEF DELVON CAMPBELL AND PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANS/GOALS IN CONNECTION TO THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN VISION; DISCUSSION OF SAME.

“Dedicated to Excellence” Our Department’s mission is to work in harmony with all citizens and

businesses in the City of Decatur. Our goal is to enhance community safety and to reduce the fear and occurrence of crime.

By working together with the citizens of Decatur, the members of the Police Department will act as leaders to protect and improve the quality of life within our community.

To accomplish these goals, our commitment is to serve all the citizens of Decatur with Honor and Integrity.

Current Staff:

25 Sworn Officers

2 Detectives

4 School Resource Officers / 1 Part time SRO

5 Communication Specialist

1 Communications Supervisor

1 Administrative Assistant

Crime Scene Technician

Big Sandy Joint Response Team

Code Enforcement

Department Programs: Citizens Police Academy; Citizens on Patrol; Explorer Post #5307; (Former Explorers that are Current DPD Officers Officer Jase Reeves and Officer Cole Stallard); Summer Vacation with Decatur PD; Cardio with Cops; Santa Cops; National Night Out, Back the Blue Scholarship; G.R.E.A.T 5th Grade) and CTE Program (High School);

In 2008 the department was proud to be the 10th agency to be recognized by the Texas Police Chiefs Association. Since 2008, the department is one of only a handful of departments to be recognized four times.

There is current state a federal legislation that is being sought, which would require all law enforcement agencies to be recognized by approved best practice programs.

The Texas Police Chiefs Association program is one of the model programs that is being sought out to follow.

Decatur PD and the 2050 Comprehensive Plan

3 Key Areas:

1. Facilities, 2. Personnel, 3. Traffic / Pedestrian Increases

- Facilities - We are facing a building that is in need of significant repairs: Leaking roof and some type of mold growth, need of a new building that is up to date and logistically meets the need of the department, city and the community

Personnel: Salaries, Benefits, STEP Incentives, Certification Pay, Sick Buy Back / Vacation Buy Back, DPD is constantly competing with other agencies not only in the county but those that are surrounding our county.

It is imperative that for our department to maintain officers, we have to be competitive.

Lack of competitiveness gets you officers with less characteristics than what the city and citizens deserve.

You decide what you want and if settling for less than "Excellence" is acceptable than that is all you will get. Starting Police Salaries around the area

Saginaw PD 56 – 72K, Blue Mound PD 48 – 56K, Princeton PD 57K, Little Elm PD 62K

Anna PD 55 – 83K, Southlake PD 52K (R) / 3 yrs. exp. 64K, Roanoke PD 60K / exp. 65K

**Wise County SO 49 – 51K Bridgeport PD 50K Decatur PD 48K**

- Traffic / Pedestrian Increases
- Increase traffic / Pedestrian means increase in criminal opportunity Offenses 2015-2020
- 30% increase, Traffic / Pedestrian Increases, Calls for Service:  
2016 = 41,219 2020 = 44,598 =8% Increase

8% over the next 5 years pushes that total to almost 50K calls for service per year:

Dispatch Telephone Calls

August 2020 14,917 non-emergency Telephone Calls rec. in dispatch, 441 Emergency calls (911) = 14 emergency calls per day

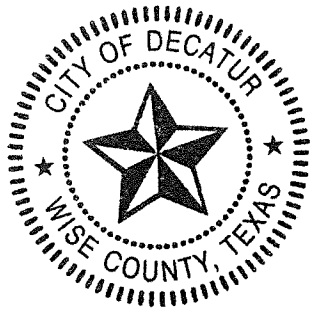
Main Street Issues: Increased Alcohol Use, More businesses on square sell alcohol and are utilized as a bar type setting, numerous events that occur downtown provide alcohol. Increase of Alcohol Consumption and larger crowds are potential for more crimes.

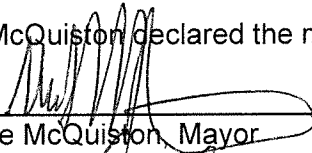
Main Street Issues: **Parking:** Some Cities have turned to LPR (License Plate Readers), Narrow Streets, Narrow traffic lanes due to oversized pickups create traffic concerns, eliminate the parking of dually vehicles could help, Possible One Way Designations. **Alcohol and Crime:** On average, roughly 40 percent of inmates who are incarcerated for violent offenses were under the influence of alcohol during the time of their crime. Robbery = 15% of crimes committed involved alcohol, Sexual Assault = 37% of offenders were under the influence of alcohol, Family Violence = 2/3 of offenders were under the influence of alcohol, Child Abuse = four in ten child abusers have admitted to being under the influence of alcohol during the time of the offense, Homicide = 40 percent of convicted murderers had used alcohol before or during the crime.

**We are ready for the challenges going forward towards 2050, and we are "Dedicated to Excellence"**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McQuiston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



  
Mike McQuiston, Mayor

  
Diane Cockrell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary