

Welcome to the September 10, 2024, Prosper Town Council Work Session

Call to Order/Roll Call

Agenda Item 1.

Discuss Denton County Fire/EMS Reimbursement Plans. (SB)

Artesia Subdivision – Elm Ridge WCID

- Artesia Sub-Division Opened in 2006.
- Contracted with Aubrey Fire Department for Fire Services 2006 to June 2022.
- Denton County Sheriffs Office served as law enforcement 2006 to January 2019 when Denton County WCID created the Elm Ridge Police Department who services Savannah, Arrowbrooke, and Artesia subdivisions.
- August 2021 verbal agreement, October 2021 TC approval
- October 2021 Fire Plan to TCEQ, approved in late April 2022
- In November 2021, cardiac arrest incident in Artesia
- 5-year contract with Prosper Fire Rescue for Fire/EMS. Service started June 2022.

Denton County Fire Marshal's Office Fire and EMS Services Master Plan



Fire Rescue Services Division

Brad Sebastian, Chief/Fire Marshal
Sheldon Gilbert, Senior Management Analyst

Fire EMS Master Plan Vision and Goals

Vision

- Fire and EMS Services within unincorporated Denton County will be conducted in a manner that is seamless, integrated, professional and competent

Goals

- Provide countywide planning and analysis to enhance coordination, Integration and automation of Fire Rescue Services
- Provide County Commissioners Court with Data driven policy analysis to address growth and Fire/Rescue Services within Denton County
- Serve as a broker of Fire and EMS services within unincorporated Denton County ensuring the closest unit response of the right resource
- Ensure the appropriate level of public protection is provided and monitored to meet contractual requirements

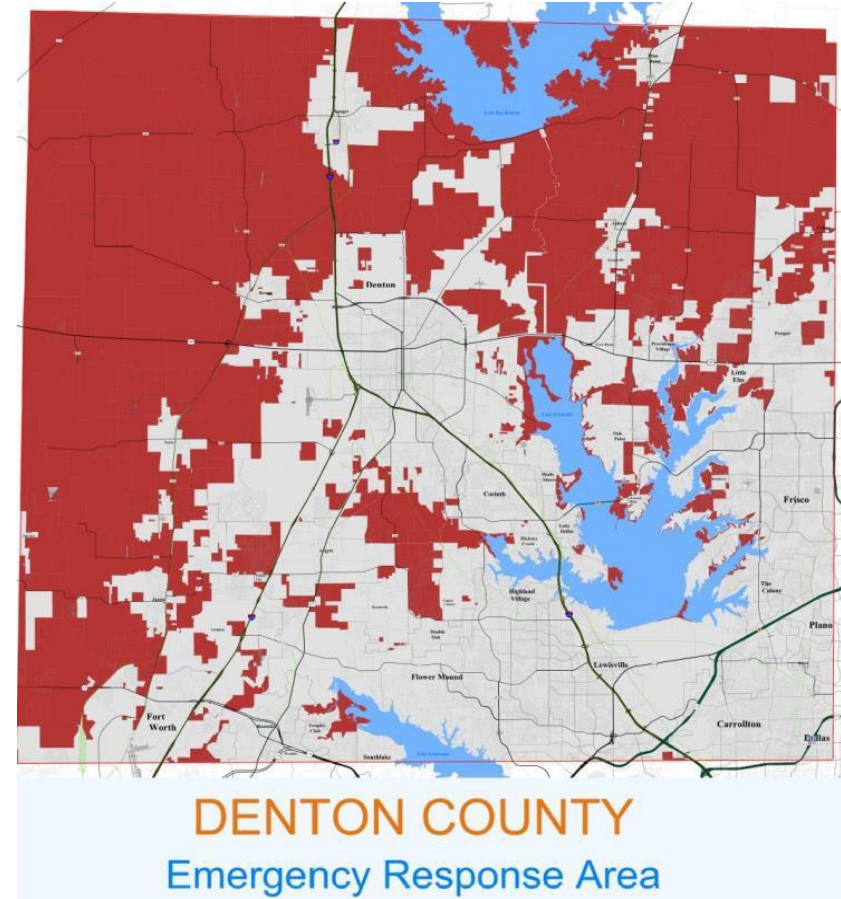
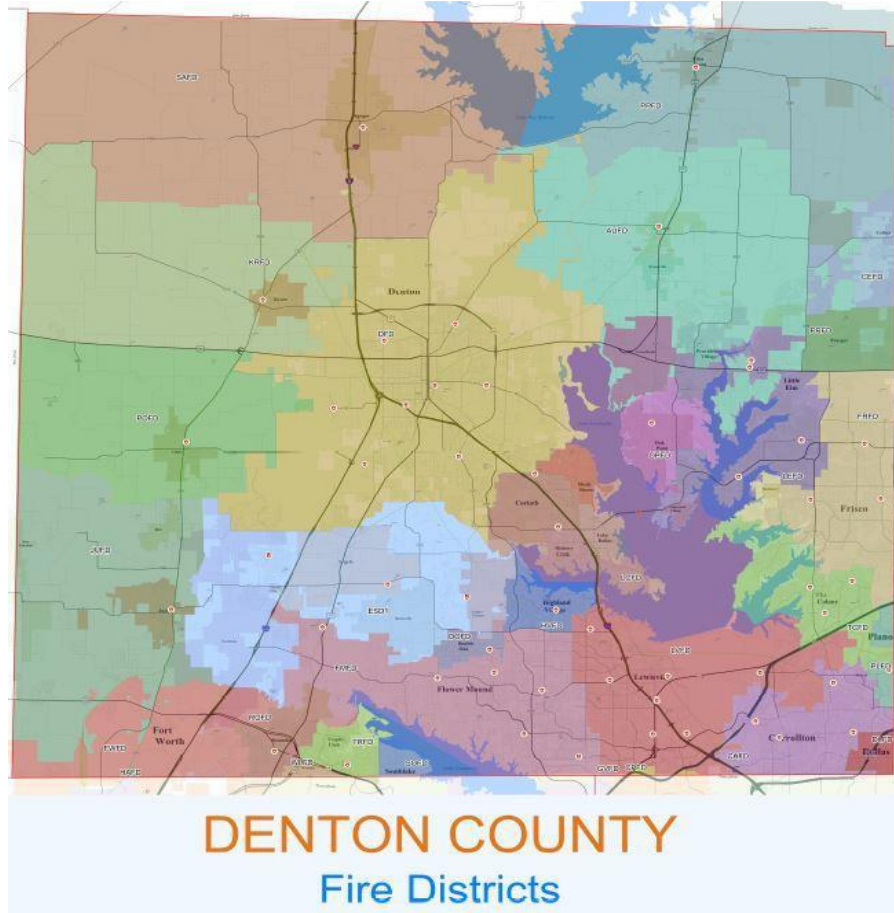


The Unincorporated Fire and EMS Response Problem

- ❑ 21 Departments currently contracting with Denton County for unincorporated response
 - 10 Departments are under or pursuing MUD contracts
 - Cost and service levels vary by department
 - Agencies are not coordinating with County Fire Marshal's Office
 - A lack of coordination and integration of services between agencies
 - Not always sending the closest or most appropriate resource
 - 90 plus second delay with departments not using county dispatch
 - Lack of consistency with county radio channels and operations creating FF and community safety issues
 - Locating too many fire stations in close proximity to each other, increasing cost to developers and taxpayer's

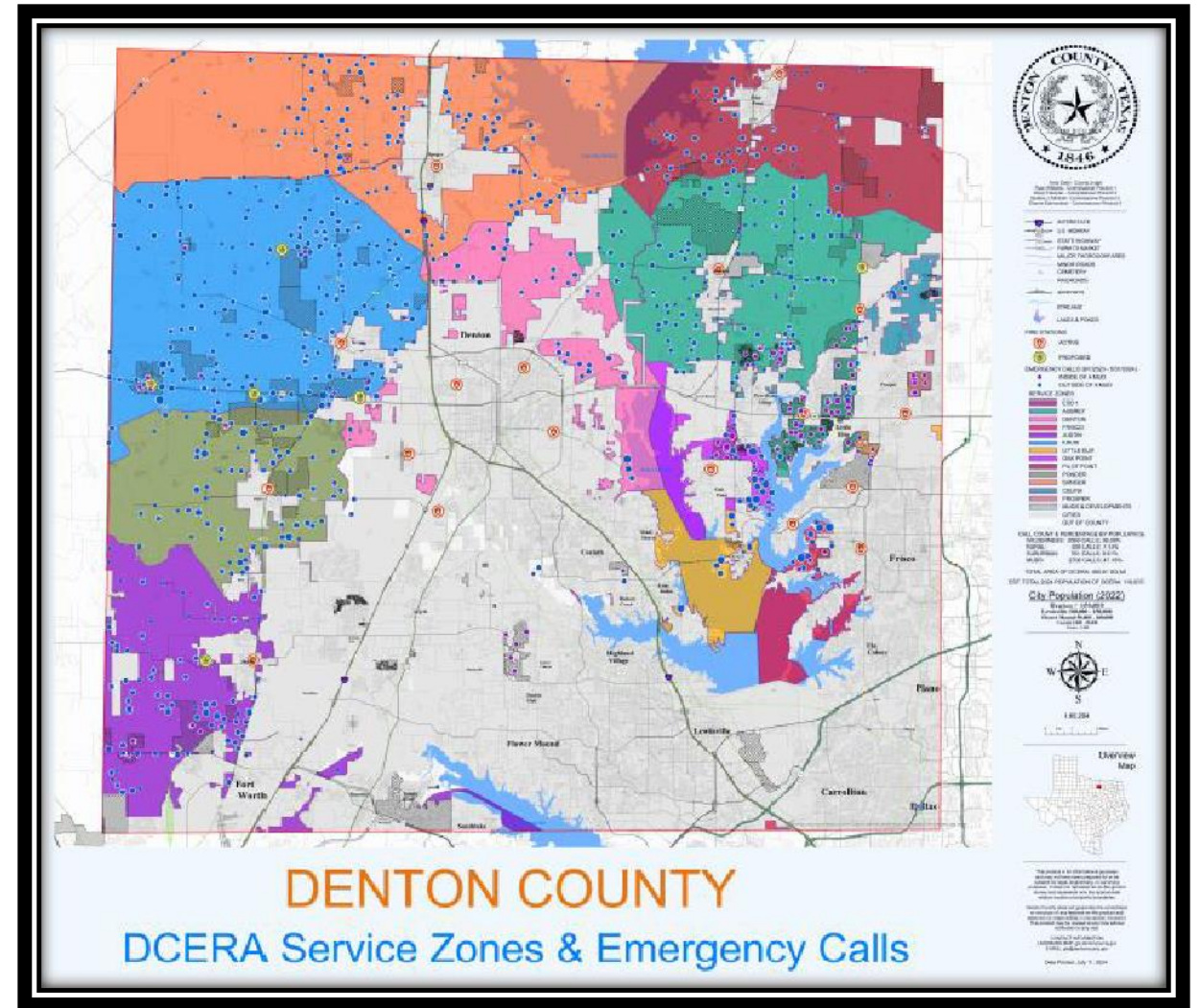


Current Fire District and Proposed DCERA



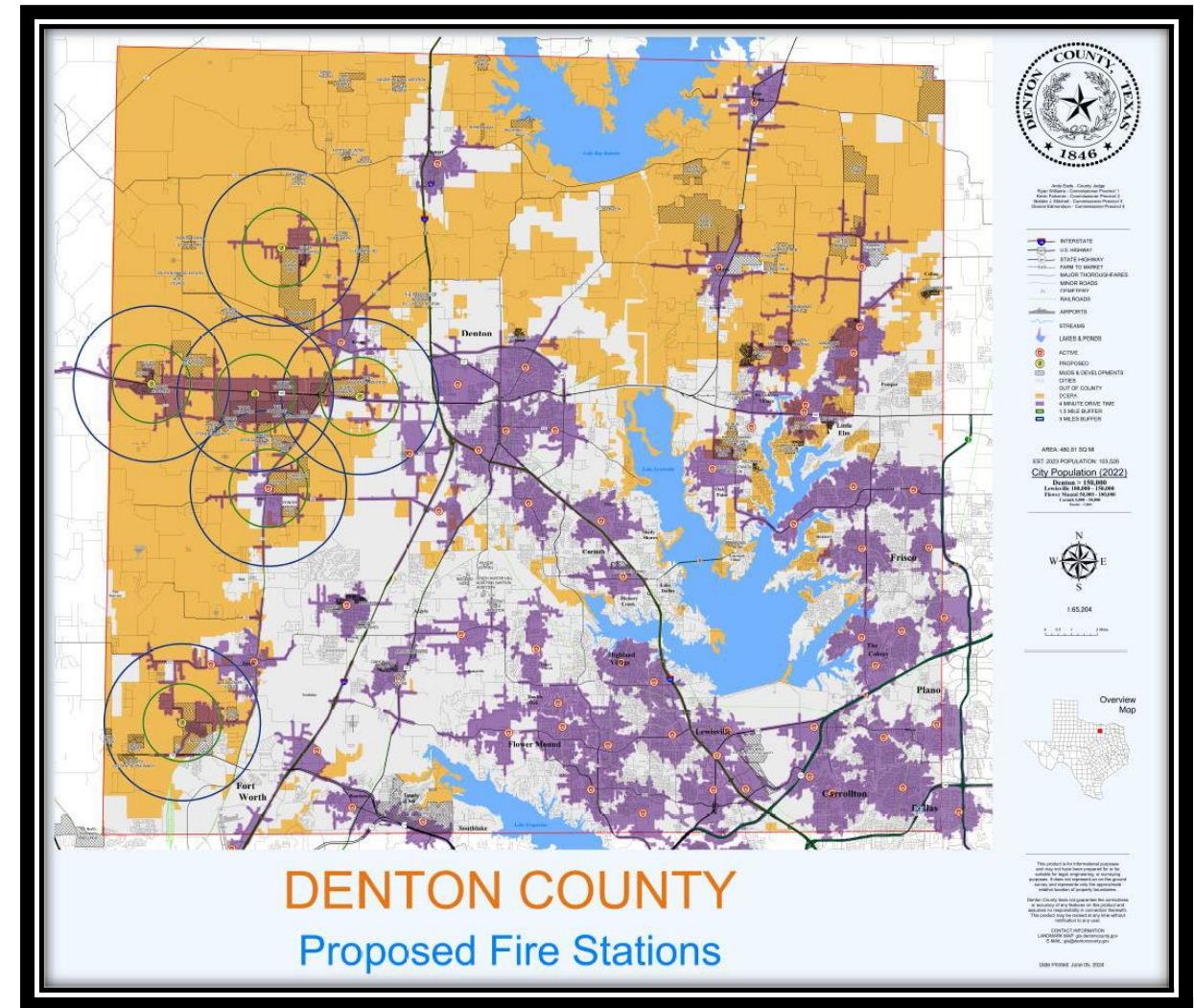
Tier I: New Response and Reimbursement Methodology

- DCERA Population Zones (Wilderness, Rural, Suburban, MUD)
- Establish emergency response zones October 2025
- 5735 Fire/EMS calls in DCERA (2023)
- Annual contract payment
 - Population zones (Wilderness, Rural, Suburban, MUD and other Special Taxing Districts)
 - Increased reimbursement for unincorporated response excluding special taxing districts
 - MUD (20% For Two Years)
 - Readiness \$10,000 with CAD link
 - Annual Population/CPI Rate Adjustment
 - Five Year or New Station Reset
 - Closest unit integrated response



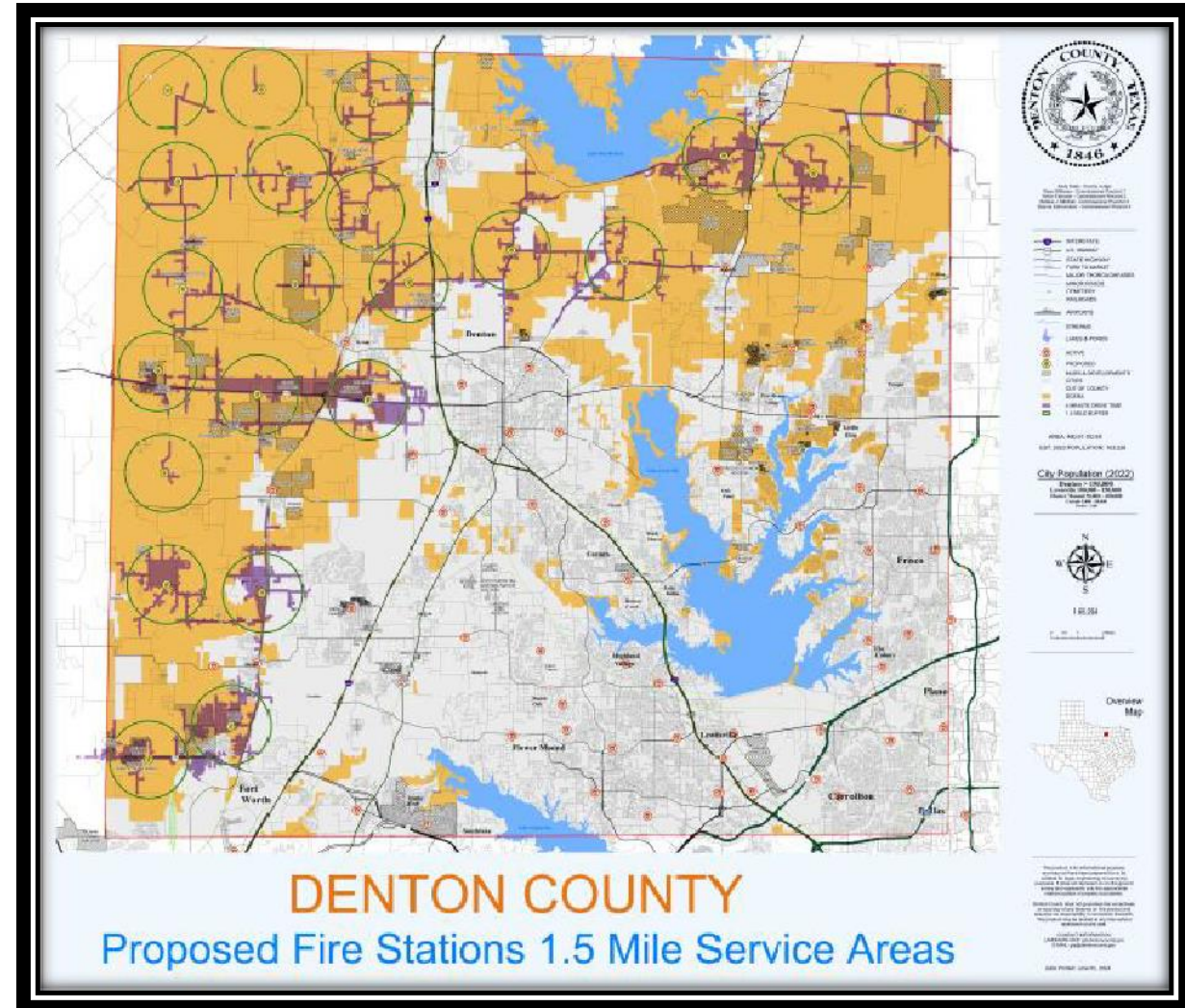
Tier II: DCFRS Subcontracting Fire/EMS Services

- Integrated response system with proper station location
- County to Contract with Special Taxing Districts (MUD) for Fire/EMS Services
- Subcontract with appropriate jurisdiction
- County Station and Equipment Ownership
- Subcontract Response/Performance Requirements
- Dispatch participation or CAD Link Mandate
- Regionalized response system



Tier III: Provide County Direct Service Fire/EMS Response

- Complete control and coordination over contracted DCERA Service Levels and unincorporated community protection
- Will be a hybrid; subcontract, previous MUD contract agencies, and direct serve model . Funded by special taxing districts (MUD's) and current Tier I County Fire and EMS payment funding.
- Avoid 22 potential future subcontracts for service
- Contract for services approved by the Special Taxing District and the Commissioner Court
- Large scale annexations are unlikely for 30 plus years, long range responsibility will stay with the County
- Future Annexation of Emergency Response Zones may result in transferring assets and service areas
- Creating a County response model (DCERA) under control of Commissioner Court



Next Steps and Timeline

- ❑ Authorize the Fire Marshal to implement Tier I,II and III of the DCERA Master Plan Initiatives and Operational Plan
- ❑ Authorize the establishment of a County Fire/EMS Advisory Team
 - ❑ Commissioners Court, County Administration, Fire Marshal's Office, Budget, Human
 - Resources, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Civil DA's Office



INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

COMPENSATION

The **COUNTY** agrees to pay to the **AGENCY** for the full performance of services as provided in this Agreement the sum of **\$10,000.00**, payable upon execution of this Agreement, and further agrees to pay the sum of **\$700.00** per fire call in the designated unincorporated areas of the **COUNTY** from October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. The **COUNTY** anticipates the **AGENCY** to run approximately **105** fire calls for a total funding of **\$73,500.00** for fire calls. The total payments by the **COUNTY** to the **AGENCY** pursuant to this Agreement are estimated to be **\$83,500.00**.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AMBULANCE SERVICE

COMPENSATION

COUNTY agrees to pay to the **AGENCY** an estimated fee of \$19,164.00 (amount rounded to the nearest dollar) based on a funding formula as follows:

1. A fixed sum based on a population percentage .4601 per capita; said sum computes to \$3,754.75.
2. A fixed sum of \$254.7139 per ambulance transport for an estimated maximum amount of \$15,282.83. Said sum is based upon 60 transports made by the **AGENCY** in fiscal year 2023.
3. A fixed sum based on .17 rural miles in the agreed operating territory; said sum computes to \$126.83.

Artesia Calls for Service - Sep 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024			
	Total Calls	EMS Calls	Fire Calls
Sep-23	12	8	4
Oct-23	14	6	8
Nov-23	19	13	6
Dec-23	14	9	5
Jan-24	20	9	11
Feb-24	16	8	8
Mar-24	11	9	2
Apr-24	13	7	6
May-24	23	9	14
Jun-24	17	9	8
Jul-24	19	10	8
Aug-24	16	8	8
Totals:	194	105	89

Denton County Fire/EMS ILA

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Total Revenue: \$99,096

Elm Ridge WCID – Artesia Subdivision

- Fire/EMS Service Date: June 2022
- 5-Year Contract, Currently in 3rd Year
- 1881 Water Meters
- \$17.50 per meter/per month = \$32,917.50
- Started at \$15.00 per meter/per month, Increases \$1.25 per meter each June per Contract
- Renegotiate New Contract in 2026 to start June 2027
- Annual Income: **\$395,010**

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- Denton County – Agreed to no reduction for FY26 and FY27.
- Denton County now estimating a \$9,000 annual increase for FY26 and FY27.
- Denton County will renegotiate with Elm Ridge as a broker for Fire/EMS Services.
- Denton County will subcontract future years.
- Denton County has no future plan to participate in MUD Districts after FY27

QUESTIONS?

Executive Session

- Section 551.087 – To discuss and consider economic development incentives and all matters incident and related thereto.
- Section 551.072 – To discuss and consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property for municipal purposes and all matters incident and related thereto.
- Section 551.074 – To discuss and consider personnel matters including the review of the Municipal Judge and all matters incident and related thereto.
- Section 551.074 - To discuss appointments to the Board of Adjustment/Construction Board of Appeals, Parks & Recreation Board, Library Board, Prosper Economic Development Corporation Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, Community Engagement Committee, and the Downtown Advisory Committee, and all matters incident and related thereto.
- Section 551.071 – Consultation with the Town Attorney to discuss legal issues associated with any agenda item.

The Town Council will reconvene after Executive Session.

Reconvene into Work Session

Adjourn