



DeSoto Special City Council Meeting Agenda

City Council Summer Retreat
DeSoto Heliport
Simulator Meeting Room
150 E. Daniieldale Road
DeSoto, TX 75115

Mayor Rachel L. Proctor
Mayor Pro Tem Letitia Hughes
Councilmember Pierette Parker
Councilmember Nicole Raphiel
Councilmember Andre' Byrd, Sr.
Councilmember Dinah Marks
Councilmember Crystal Chism

DATE: Wednesday, August 2, 2023
(and continuing on Thursday, August 3rd and Friday, August 4th)

SPECIAL MEETING:
August 2, 2023: Discussions begin at 6:00pm
August 3, 2023: Discussions begin at 12:00pm
August 4, 2023: Discussions begin at 9:30am

PLEASE NOTE: Any item on this agenda can be moved to a different date or time at the discretion of the Mayor

As authorized by Section 551.071(2) of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item listed herein.

DeSoto City Council Meetings are open to the public.

AGENDA

1. **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 6:00PM**
5:30PM Gather - (Dinner)
Call to Order
Invocation
 - a. Discuss the potential creation of a Neighborhood Services Department
 - b. Discussion of potential changes to the City Council Meeting schedule and agenda order
 - c. Discussion of the super majority voting requirement for zoning cases that are recommended for denial by the Planning & Zoning Commission

2. **THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023 12:00PM**
11:30AM Gather - (Lunch)
Call to order
Invocation
 - a. Presentation of Leadership Training
 - b. Discussion of potential changes to the Rules & Procedures Manual
 - c. Review and discussion of the following potential FY 2024 Business Plan Goals
 - i. Improve community engagement with transparency by producing monthly videos with messages from the Mayor on issues of high community interest
 - ii. Offer Spanish captions for City Council Meetings with agenda in Spanish language
 - iii. Develop incentive programs and options to attract anchor developments on Hampton Road
 - iv. Improve the development process from business contact through obtaining zoning and permits, a one-stop-shop
 - v. Convert Nance Farm into a higher value community asset including as a potential home for the Arts in DeSoto
 - vi. Establish a summer safety camp for DeSoto students with DeSoto Police and Fire

Departments

- vii. Construct a high-quality aquatic and recreation center consistent with the McCowan Park Master Plan
- viii. Develop a formal education process for Boards & Commissions
- viii. Create a Holiday in the Park Winter Festival Program
- x. Develop new ways to promote and strengthen the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program
- xi. Explore best practices and develop a program for creek maintenance/erosion concerns
- xii. Develop a business participation plan to engage business owners in community cleanliness

3. **FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023 9:30AM**

9:00am Gather - (Breakfast)

Call to Order

Invocation

- a. Presentation and discussion of final Business Plan Survey responses
- b. Discussion of councilmember submission for the Council Initiative Program

4. Adjourn

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Alicia Thomas, City Secretary



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