



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Council Meeting Date:** May 19, 2026

**Agenda Item Wording:** Public hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dripping Springs relating to mayoral appointments.

**Agenda Item Sponsor:** Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

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**Summary/Background:** The proposed ordinance updates the City's Code of Ordinances to clarify the Mayor's role in appointing council members to serve on City committees and in areas of oversight following each municipal election. Section 1.02.045 currently provides for mayoral appointment of council members to specified council committees and oversight areas. The proposed amendment updates that list to reflect current City committee structure and current operational needs.

The ordinance removes the Economic Development Committee from the list of council committee appointments because that committee no longer exists.

The ordinance also conforms the membership provisions for several existing committees to reflect that each will include a council member appointed by the Mayor. The affected committees are:

1. Transportation Committee;
2. Emergency Management Committee;
3. Farmers Market Committee; and
4. Founders Day Committee.

For each of these committees, the amendment is intended to improve coordination between the committee and the City Council by ensuring that a designated council member serves as a committee member or council liaison, as applicable. The ordinance also addresses vacancies and service at the pleasure of the Mayor for the mayor-appointed council member positions.

In addition, the ordinance adds a general default rule for designated City representatives. Unless an ordinance expressly provides otherwise, any external committee, board, commission, task force, working group, or similar body, or any newly formed internal City committee, board, commission, task force, working group, or similar body, that requires or provides for a designated City representative will have that representative appointed by the Mayor. This provision is intended to provide a clear appointment process when a committee or outside body calls for City representation but the Code does not otherwise specify an appointing authority.

### **Proposed Amendments**

The ordinance would make the following Code amendments:

- **Section 1.02.045 — City Council Committees; Areas of Oversight; Designated City Representatives.** Updates the list of council committees to include the Transportation Committee, Farmers Market Committee, Emergency Management Committee, and Founders Day Committee. Adds Tourism as an area of oversight. Adds a default rule for mayoral appointment of designated City representatives to external or newly formed internal committees unless an ordinance states otherwise.
- **Article 2.04, Division 1 — Generally.** Adds a new general provision stating that designated City representatives to external or newly formed internal bodies are appointed by the Mayor unless an ordinance expressly provides otherwise.
- **Article 2.04, Division 2 — Economic Development Committee.** Repealed.
- **Transportation Committee.** Amends committee membership to specify that the City Council member serving on the committee is appointed by the Mayor and serves at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- **Emergency Management Committee.** Amends committee membership to add a City Council member appointed by the Mayor and provides that the mayor-appointed council member serves as chair unless the Mayor appoints another council member to serve as chair.
- **Farmers Market Committee.** Amends committee membership to include a City Council member appointed by the Mayor.
- **Founders Day Committee.** Amends committee membership to add a City Council member appointed by the Mayor, increases maximum membership from 15 to 16 members, and clarifies that the mayor-

appointed council member also serves as a liaison from the committee to City Council.

**Commission  
Recommendations:**

N/A

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**

Approval.

**Attachments:**

Draft Ordinance