

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Jones
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Bob Troyer
Councilman R Neil Ferguson
Councilman TJ Gilmore
Councilman Brent Daniels

FROM: Mayor Rudy Durham

DATE: December 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Consideration of Appointing an Alternate Member to the DCTA Board of Directors

BACKGROUND

Charles Emery has served as Lewisville's representative on the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) since 2002. The Council appointed Claude King, City Manager, and Steve Bacchus, Assistance City Manager, to serve as alternates that same year. Earlier this year, Mr. Emery asked that Lewisville consider the appointment of an alternate board member.

ANALYSIS

The current DCTA Bylaws allow for the appointment of one alternate to serve in the absence of the appointed member. Under the Bylaws, "an Alternate Member may attend Board and committee meetings but shall not vote on any matter before the Board or committee or participate in any discussion in matters before the Board or a committee except when serving in place of the regular Board of Directors member." The Bylaws also stipulate the eligibility requirements for board members, including a requirement that the person have experience in the field of transportation, business, government, engineering or law and reside within the territory of the authority.

The Lewisville sales tax contribution to DCTA has grown annually and now exceeds \$13 million. While Mr. Emery has done an excellent job representing Lewisville on this board, it is now time to begin developing a person to take his place when he decides to step aside. I believe it is imperative that a person appointed to serve on this board understand transportation issues as well as public finance.

I believe the legislative change that we are requesting to allow a Council member to serve on this board is very important. With the on-going discussion related to various DCTA issues, I think it is important to appoint a person as an alternate now rather than waiting until passage of the bill. I am requesting that the Council appoint Claire Powell as the alternate member until the proposed

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bill is passed. TJ Gilmore has talked with me about his interest in getting more involved in transportation matters. He attended a recent meeting with the County and DCTA officials when I was unable to attend due to an out of town conference. Since the By-laws allow only one alternate member, I am asking that TJ be appointed to take Claire's place immediately once the bill is passed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council appoint Claire Powell, Assistant City Manager, to serve as the alternate DCTA board member until such time as the proposed DCTA bill is passed into law and that she be immediately replaced at that time with Council Member TJ Gilmore.