

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Deborah Peoples, District 5
Council Member Dr. Mia Hall, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10 (remote)
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 12:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in the City Council Work Session Room the Fort Worth City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Report of the City Manager - Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Chapa called on Sonny Saxton to provide an update on the winter storm.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Chapa called on:

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- Kasey Thomas to Introduce Anderson Stoute as the New Neighborhood Services Assistant Director.
- Marshall Swift to Recognize Deputy Kevin Woods for 32 Years of Service and Retirement.

c. Informal Reports

26-0015 Duty Hours of Neighborhood Police Officers (NPOs) - Stefanie Ricks, Police Deputy Chief

- Stefanie Ricks, Police Deputy Chief provided a brief summary of the Informal Report.

26-0016 Notifications for Filming and Street Closures - Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement Community Services Manager

- Council Member Beck had the following recommendations.
 - Implement a 72-hour notification communication using dynamic message boards.
 - Implement a program to help limit the length of time the street is closed at a time to balance the filming requirements and the needs of the residents.
- Council Member Crain requested information on the current notification process.

26-0017 Panther Island Regulations Update - Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager

- Mayor Pro Tem Flores requested a brief update by Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager.

26-0018 Solid Waste Long-Range Strategy - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

26-0019 Waste Management Service Levels for Residential Solid Waste Collection - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

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- Council Members Lauersdorf and Hall thanked staff for the flexibility with providing additional trash pickup resulting to cancelled service because of the winter storm.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for January 27, 2026 Council Meeting

There were no Questions Regarding Changes to Membership on Boards and Commissions for January 27, 2026, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for January 27, 2026 Council Meeting

There were no Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for January 27, 2026, Council Meeting.

4. Presentation on Stellar Energy Americas Economic Development Program Agreement – Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator

Presentation was provided by Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator.

5. Finalization of Proposed 2026 Bond Program - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

Presentation was made by April Rose Escamila, FWLab.

6. City Council Requests for Future Agenda Items and/or Reports

- Council Member Hall A report on cardiac arrest performance measures and potential solutions to improve success rate.
- Council Member Crain A report on mental health programs offered to Police Officers and Fire Fighters including use of time.
- Council Member Beck A report on preventive methods used by Fort Worth Police to reduce drunk driving.
- Council Member Lauersdorf A report on use of sick leave by first responders when claims are denied or delayed and what extension requests can be approved by Council.
- Council Member Crain A report on which positions are subject to drug testing including if they are mandatory or voluntary.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 1:28 PM.