

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 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
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order - Mattie Parker, Mayor

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Special Called Meeting City Council Workshop on the 2026 Bond Program to order 1:34 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

2. Opening Remarks - Jay Chapa, City Manager

Opening remarks were made by Jay Chapa, City Manager.

3. Discussion on 2026 Bond Program - Christianne Simmons, Chief Transformation Officer

Presentation was made by Christianne Simmons, Chief Transformation Officer and April Rose Escamila, FWLab.

Council Members had the following topics for follow-up from their discussion:

- Council Member Nettles recommended adding an additional five to ten million into affordable housing.
- Council Member Beck supported that recommendation but also requested that the program be flexible to allow for more than single-family.
- Council Member Peoples supported adding funding to affordable housing.
- Council Member Beck asked if the City had more bond capacity that would allow the overall amount to be increased.
- Council Member Hall supported adding funding to affordable housing.
- Council Member Martinez supported adding funding to affordable housing preferably through increased bond capacity and also requested a list of items that would be impacted if funding for open space was reduced.
- Council Member Lauersdorf supported adding funding for road and infrastructure needs.
- Council Member Crain supported increases in affordable housing but requested details on who would be eligible for the affordable housing.
- Council Member Flores would support additional affordable housing, but it would depend on capacity.
- Council Member Hill requested information on the percentage of funds allocated to Public Art and if some of that could be reallocated.

4. Closing Comments - Mattie Parker, Mayor

Mayor Parker summarized the items for staff:

- Request staff review current bond capacity to determine if the amount could be increased without impacting the tax rate.
- Request a review and discussion on the current requirements of the Public Art Ordinance including possible amendments to the ordinance.
- Provide Council with more details on areas like Open Space and what projects would be impacted if funds are moved around between items.
- For the housing bond funding ensure it is written to be flexible to allow for more than just single-family home ownership.
- Provide recommendations on who would qualify for the affordable housing bond program funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.