

# CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS



## COUNCIL PROPOSAL

<b>Date:</b> January 10, 2023	<b>File Number:</b> <b>324</b>	<b>Subject:</b> Rename Hillside Community Center for Atatiana Carr Jefferson, Waive the City's Facility Naming Policy, Waive Any Associated Fees, and Find a Public Purpose	
<b>Proposed By:</b> Councilmember Chris Nettles		<b>City Manager's Review:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>	<b>Page:</b> PAGE 1 OF 2
		<b>City Attorney's Review:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>	

It is proposed that the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to initiate a name change for Hillside Community Center, located at 1201 E. Maddox Avenue, renaming it Atatiana Carr Jefferson Community Center;
2. Waive the City's facility naming policy and any associated fees for the name change; and
3. Find that the waiver of fees serves a public purpose and that adequate controls are in place.

### DISCUSSION:

It is recommended that Hillside Community Center, located at 1201 E. Maddox Avenue, be renamed Atatiana Carr Jefferson Community Center. Ms. Jefferson tragically lost her life on October 12, 2019. Ms. Jefferson's home was located one block from Hillside Community Center.

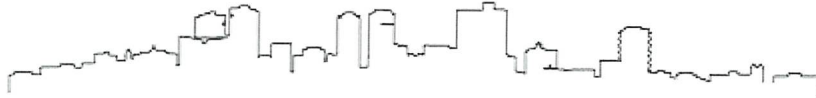
The City of Fort Worth proclaimed October 12, 2021 as Tay Day to honor the life and legacy of Ms. Jefferson on the second anniversary of her death. That proclamation reads: "The City of Fort Worth stands in solidarity with its residents through their hardships and grief following the untimely death of Atatiana Jefferson and its impact on the community. It is important that the City of Fort Worth shows that we care about our residents, that we stand behind them through tragedies, and that we are willing to take the steps to provide support, especially with families that have lost loved ones in tragic ways. The support of the city is necessary to show families – especially those who have lost loved ones in tragedies – that they do not stand alone."

The City's facility naming policy was initially adopted in 1980 (Resolution No. 725) and amended in 2005 (Resolution No. 3253-09-2005). The policy, in part, requires that recommendations for naming City-owned facilities be submitted to the City Council with evaluations from the appropriate City department and the City Manager's Office. Departments use different naming processes consistent with the policy. The Park and Recreation Department has a naming process for parks and park facilities, which includes additional naming criteria, payment of associated fees, and a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board. The City Council, however, has the final authority to approve facility names with any process used.

It is recommended that the City's facility naming policy and the fees associated with this name change be waived. In order to waive the policy and the associated fees, the City Council makes two findings: (1) that the waiver carries out a public purpose; and (2) that there are sufficient controls in place to ensure the public purpose is carried out. Renaming Hillside Community Center in honor of Atatiana Carr Jefferson will stand as a tangible legacy and reminder to the life she lived, and waiving the associated fees is appropriate and will serve a public purpose. If approved, the signage and costs associated with the renaming will be covered, ensuring that the public purpose is carried out.

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### LEGALITY:

The City Attorney's Office finds that this proposal is legal and within the authority of the City Council.

### FISCAL NOTE:

The Finance Director certifies that this action will have no material effect on City funds.

### CITY MANAGER'S COMMENT:

The City Manager has no objection to this proposal.

### **PROPOSED BY:**

**Councilmember Chris Nettles**

**Councilmember Elizabeth Beck**

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