# CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

## **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 (via video, left at 7:05 p.m.)

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

# CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

#### **INVOCATION - Pastor DaMarion Lewis, Love Sanctuary Church**

The invocation was provided by Pastor DaMarion Lewis, Love Sanctuary Church.

# PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS - (State of Texas Pledge: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.")

The Pledges of Allegiances to the United States of America and the State of Texas were recited.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Motion: Council Member Blaylock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Lauersdorf that the Special Called meeting of September 16, 2025, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Council Members Dr. Hall and Beck off the dais.

25-5449 Minutes - September 16, 2025 Special Called Meeting

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

25-5502 Public Comments

Rick Herring, representing Gateway Park Action Coalition, appeared before Council relative to the Gateway Park Master Plan.

Ernie Moran appeared before Council relative to public comment.

Mendi Tackett appeared before Council relative to public speaking.

Eddie Delgado completed a speaker card relative to Fort Worth and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Ken Shimamoto appeared before Council relative to in regard to the Mayor's comment to Patrice Jones.

Chris Wood appeared before Council relative to just like me.

Ann Zadeh appeared before Council relative to public comment - community engagement.

Tom Harris, representing Hillwood Alliance, appeared before Council relative Fort Worth Mayors Council on Education and Workforce Development.

Barney B. Holland, Jr., representing Barney Holland Oil Company, appeared before Council relative to decorum of public speakers and that of City Council representatives is seen by corporations seeking to relocate to Fort Worth.

Anthony Michael Moore, representing NAMI Tarrant County Texas Peer to Peer

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Support Group of Texas, appeared before Council relative to mental health and wellness disparities among blacks, Latino/as, Asians, Whites, Native Americans as United States of America Free Citizens.

Caroline James appeared before Council relative to literacy/dyslexia.

Brent Beasley, representing Fort Worth Education Partnership, appeared before Council relative to teacher preparation investments in Fort Worth Universities.

Jeremy Pope appeared before Council relative to ask that public comment be increased instead of decreased.

Mitch Whitten, representing Visit Fort Worth, appeared before Council relative to 10th anniversary of the Fort Worth Film Commission.

Sabrina Ball appeared before Council relative to public comment policy and schedule.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to public comment reduction and Patrice Jones:

EJ Carrion
Ty Edwards
Patrice Jones
Kimberly Lawrence
MiaFaith Candelaria

Leah King, representing Tarrant Regional Water District, appeared before Council relative to Trinity Trails.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to boa.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Cooper Conger, representing NewPad Building Company, appeared before Council relative to 320 W. Gambrell St.

Irma Holt appeared before Council relative to unclean pots potties.

Barbara Brewer appeared before Council relative to cross walk that installed on October 1st at Woods Edge trail and Timberland.

Reed Bilz appeared before Council relative to Diversity and Inclusion Office.

Ana Ayala, representing Fort Worth Families Forward, appeared before Council relative to appreciation.

Mia Rainey completed a speaker card relative to advocating for City owned youth sport complex and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Mike Naughton, representing Fort Worth Independent School District, appeared before Council relative to City of Fort Worth and FWISD partnerships - open spaces joint use agreement.

Erika Cristantielli appeared before Council relative to thank City Council for voting for Justice Residence.

Ariella Villa completed a speaker card relative to the suppression of taxpayer voices, public comment, intimidation free speech and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Pam Minick appeared before Council relative to Fort Worth Stock Yards.

Mindia Whittier appeared before Council relative to public comment access and recent Council activities.

Amanda Estrada, representing Fort Worth Families Forward, appeared before Council relative to thank you to Dr. Mia Hall.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to public comment:

Bishop Kirkland, representing St. Mark Church, Emily Million

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Manuel Mata

Chris Tackett, representing Neighborhood group

Drew Brown

Kasandra Ewing

Bradley Freeman

Amie Super

Estella Williams, representing Fort Worth Tarrant County Branch NAACP

Alexander Montalvo

Nydia Cardenas appeared before Council relative to a better plan for public comment.

Father William Winston appeared before Council relative to the alleged spiritual warfare in Tarrant County government.

Dolores Llamozas completed a speaker card relative to citizen of Fort Worth and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Gerald Banks Sr., representing Equal Justice Now, appeared before Council relative to public speaking, profiling, wrongful arrest/killings, wrongful prosecutions, abuse of power, ICE, etc.

Wesley Kirk appeared before Council relative to speaking on behalf of a City of Fort Worth employee.

Alyx Scott appeared before Council relative to the power of meekness in public office.

Ced Dowdy appeared before Council relative to Patrice Jones support.

Dereka Patterson, representing Rainbow Ridge HOA, appeared before Council relative to community development and youth programs.

Aracely Chavez completed a speaker card relative to support for Patrice and freedom of speech for Fort Worth residents separation of church and state and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Peter Irvin appeared before Council relative to standing with Patrice Jones.

Richard Perez completed a speaker card relative to no to city of Fort Worth association with Mercy Culture, they promote greed, exploit the vulnerable, and distort Christian teachings and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not Present in the Council Chamber.

Pastor John Reed appeared before Council relative to support for Council.

Payton Jackson appeared before Council relative to Nettles knew about the casket before it happened.

Donna Floyd, representing Justin's Place, appeared before Council relative to Justin's Place and The Nest.

Krista Daniels appeared before Council relative to what is happening with the Mayo and Tim O'Hare.

Stephen Kiec appeared before Council relative to restore public comments to regular Council meetings.

Chris Cheema, representing Mercy Culture Church, appeared before Council relative to the direction of Fort Worth.

Dorothy Conoly completed a speaker card relative to public comment time and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present tin the Council Chamber.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to human nature.

Carolina Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to tba.

David Martinez appeared before Council relative to White Settlement Road being changed.

James Smith Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson, meeting change, and pj.

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Laurie Duke completed a speaker card relative to non-consent agenda and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Natalie Williams, representing Tarrant To and Through Partnership, appeared before Council relative to Vision T3.

Kara Waddell, representing Child Care Associates, appeared before Council relative to children zero to five - our youngest citizens.

Nelly Gyamfi completed a speaker card relative to City Council meeting and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Lakeisha Davis appeared before Council relative to Mercy Culture response.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.