

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Katherine Cenicola, Administrative Services Manager

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 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

There were no upcoming and recent events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, to announce Kacey Bess, Human Resources Assistant Director, as Interim Director of Neighborhood Services.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1838](#) Call Center 1234 to 3-1-1 - Sharon Gamble, Communications and Public Engagement Customer Service Administrator

[24-1839](#) Request for Proposal (RFP) Process for a Third-Party Administrator for the City's Self-Funded Group Medical Benefit Plan - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

Dianna Giordano announced a change to the IR that the closing date was changed to May 16th instead of May 9th. Due to additional documentation being provided to prospectors after the opening date.

[24-1840](#) Senate Bill 2038 - Monthly Report on the Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[24-1841](#) TCEQ Air Quality Permitting Process and Potential City Role in Air Quality Monitoring - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Interim Director

Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Interim Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Pro tem asked about community-based monitoring options.

2. Blue Ribbon Action Committee on Child Care – Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer and Kara Waddell, Child Care Associates CEO

Presentation was made by Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, and Kara Waddell, Child Care Associates CEO.

**3. Briefing on Child Care Facility Tax Exemption – Christianne Simmons,
FWLab Chief Transformation Officer**

Presentation was made by Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer.

Council Member Beck asked about the verification of eligibility and requested staff come back with proposals on how we can verify eligibility for child care facility tax exemptions.

**4. Presentation on an Economic Development Program Agreement with ITS
Logistics – Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator**

Presentation was made by Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator.

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

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an informal report on the academic performance of children receiving care from different types of childcare providers.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an informal report on Boards and Commissions agendas being searchable on the website.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an informal report on the training Code Compliance is providing to retail operators and their responsibilities when it comes to trash on their property.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested a report on private residential versus private commercial, if there is a difference, and how to hold absentee owners accountable, creating stricter citations and informing commercial tenants on their rights.

Council Member Williams requested a report on what options City has on dealing with squatters.

Council Member Williams requested a report on the performance on the short-term rental ordinance, the fines and how the staffing in Code Compliance is impacting short-term rentals.

Council Member Beck requested a presentation on smoke shop regulations, comparison on what other cities are doing, looking at regulations if there are state legislature changes, and how we can improve smoke shops.

Council Member Beck requested an informal report on state and local regulations on licensed vs unlicensed fights in bars, and how to prevent them from happening.

Council Member Beck requested an informal report on noise buffers to protect neighborhoods.

Council Member Martinez requested an informal report on semitruck and trailer parking, what is the citation fee, how do we increase the fee or mitigate the issue of semitrucks and trailer parking in neighborhoods.

Council Member Flores requested an informal report on policy of designated delivery paths for drones.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:13 p.m.