

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (via video)  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4  
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

**Absent:**

Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3  
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6

**Staff Present:**

David Cooke, 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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Council Member Carlos Flores.

**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 Beck made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of August 1, 2023, the Special Called Work Session meeting of August 8, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 9-0.

[23-0473](#) Minutes - August 1, 2023 Work Session

[23-0475](#) Minutes - August 1, 2023 Public Comment

[23-0480](#) Minutes - August 8, 2023 Special Called Work Session

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)**

[23-0478](#) Public Comment

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Cliff Sparks, representing the Neighborhood Parade and Event Committee of Christ the Risen King Church.

Rosemary Galdiano, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the Library.

Reed Bilz appeared before the Council relative to the Fort Worth Library Advisory Board.

Christine Voigt appeared before the Council relative to the Central Library, the closure of Seminary South Branch, and the New History Library.

Daniel Haase appeared before Council relative to the East Lancaster Avenue progress report.

Letitia Wilbourn appeared before Council relative to the Echo Heights

Philip Ohara appeared before Council relative to the Arts Center.

Dettra Hicks, representing True Praise Spiritual Church, appeared before Council relative to concerns of the relief for the homeless.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to good conflict.

Chris Weaver, representing NTP Plumbing and Utilities, appeared before Council relative to permit inspections.

Chris Jackson appeared before Council relative to unconstitutional City ordinances.

Richard Gonzales, representing the Worth Heights Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the South Side Library.

Adrian Smith completed a speaker card relative to BAU and recognized by Mayor Parker but could not be reached.

Vicki Bargas, representing the Worth Heights Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the Library.

Joe Guerrero, representing the Worth Heights Neighborhood Association, completed a speaker card relative to the Library and recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council chambers.

Kyven Tatum, representing New Mount Rose MBC Fort Worth, appeared before Council relative to the state of black Fort Worth.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to pollution.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to transparency, truth, trust, accountability, and Atatiana Jefferson.

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.