

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (Remote)
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

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 1:33 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 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

City Manager Cooke announced the cancellation of the Public Comment Meeting tonight to allow Council to attend a special prayer service.

City Manager Cooke announced the City will be hosting a public meeting about the possible redevelopment of City-owned property at 1300 Gendy Street, which currently houses the Fort Worth Community Arts Center. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Scott Theater.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager to introduce Toby Owen, CEO Presbyterian Night Shelter and Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance regarding the UpSpire Program.

City Manager Cooke called on Chief Jim Davis, Fire Chief to remind Mayor, Council and residents to sign up for the Code Red APP which is a free service that allows them to receive weather and emergency alerts.

City Manager Cooke called on Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager to recognize Ellen Pearce, Human Resource Department for the 2023 American Heart Walk.

City Manager Cooke called on Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director to recognize the Emerging Leaders Program graduates.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0751](#) June 2023 - Sales Tax Update - Clay Pearson, FWLab Interim Director

[23-0752](#) July 2023 - Sales Tax Update - Clay Pearson, FWLab Interim Director

[23-0753](#) Proposed 2024 Council Meeting Schedule - Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

Council Member Nettles recommended consideration to include special called public comment meetings in January, June and November following the Council Day meetings.

Council Member Crain recommended canceling the Public Comment Meeting proposed for November 5, 2024 (Election Day).

[23-0754](#) Deferred Compensation Plan - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director and Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Officer

[23-0755](#) Military Partnership - SkillBridge and Hiring Our Heroes - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[23-0756](#) Police Department Investigative Procedures Involving Stolen Firearms - Chief Neil Noakes, Police

[23-0757](#) Priority for Filling Police Vacancies - Assistant Chief Joseph Sparrow, Police

Council Member Nettles requested a presentation on filling vacancies.

[23-0758](#) Priority Repair Program - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Mayor Pro tem Bivens recommended the City find ways to increase awareness of the Priority Repair Program.

[23-0759](#) Fiscal Year 24 Storm Water Utility Fee Increase - Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director of Stormwater Management

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for October 17, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for the October 17, 2023, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for October 17, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Significant Zoning Cases for the October 17, 2023, Council Meeting.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for October 17, 2023, Council Meeting

Council Member Hill asked for the cost of the Trinity River Waterwheel program and location of where the waterwheel will operate. Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager provided the requested information.

Council Member Hill asked for information on why the Affordable Housing Resolution called out specifically ADU's. Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager provided the requested information.

Mayor Parker (2:41) - page 1, second to last Whereas Clause - solution would be to delete that clause.

5. Briefing on Stockyards Transportation Study – Raj Gupta, Transportation and Public Works City Traffic Engineer, and Jeff Whitacre, Kimley-Horn Vice President

Presentation was made by Raj Gupta, Transportation and Public Works City Traffic Engineer, and Jeff Whitacre, Kimley-Horn, Vice President.

Council Member Flores recommended providing in the short term projects the ability to address sidewalk connectivity projects.

7. Presentation on Plan 2033 - Downtown Strategic Action Plan – Andy Taft, Downtown Fort Worth Inc.

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6. Presentation on ETJ Release – Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager and Richard McCracken, Senior City Attorney Section Chief

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8. Presentation on Proposed Economic Development Program Agreement with Goldenrod Services, LLC – Michael Hennig, Economic Development Manager

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

Council Member Beck requested a presentation on City Benefits including physical and mental health for Civil Service and General employees.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an Inventory of City Owned Vacant Properties.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on the types of calls received by the Call Center and through the MyFW App.

Council Member Nettles requested a presentation on Filling Police Vacancies.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.