

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4 (via video)
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 Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant 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 1:19 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 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

City Manager Cooke called on Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, to recognize the Neighborhood Services Department staff for receiving the annual HOME Excellence Award from the National Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies for their innovative use of funds to support development of the Cowan Place Senior Apartments project in the Stop Six neighborhood.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, to recognize Cristi Lemon as the new FWLab Assistant Director

City Manager Cooke called on Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, to recognize Dr. Cody Whittenburg as the new Environmental Services Department Director.

City Manager Cooke called on Mark McDaniel, Deputy City Manager, to recognize Joaquin “Scotty” Castillo as the new Veterans Affairs Officer.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1842](#) Agenda Process for Boards and Commissions - Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

[24-1843](#) Employee Entry Wage Analysis - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director, provided an overview of the IR.

Mayor Parker requested this IR be included on the June 4, 2024, Work Session agenda for further discussion.

[24-1844](#) Municipal Court-Community Engagement Update - William Rumuly, Municipal Court Director

William Rumuly, Municipal Court Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1845](#) Report on FEMA Grant Opportunities for Fire Prevention and Eligible Uses - Jim Davis, Fire Chief

[24-1846](#) Update on Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) Grant and the Proposed Projects and Process to Apply for FY24 UASI Grant Funds - Jim Davis, Fire Chief and Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

[24-1847](#) Total City of Fort Worth Residential Charges - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

[24-1848](#) Workforce and Business Reporting for Federally Funded Housing and Community Development Projects - Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director

Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director, provided an overview of the changes in eligibility and advised that citizens could contact her office for more information.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for May 14, 2024, Council Meeting

Council Member Williams advised that he would be appointing Kelicia Stevenson to the Board of Adjustment Commercial on May 14, 2024.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for May 14, 2024, Council Meeting

Council Member Flores advised that he was awaiting more information from the developer pertaining to Zoning Docket No. ZC-24-012 and that he may continue the case if that information was not received.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for May 14, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C log for May 14, 2024.

5. Recommendations from the Ad Hoc Council Committee on Emergency Medical Response – Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Washington spearheaded the staff reports.

Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformational Officer, provided a staff report pertaining to the Fiscal Impact of EMS System Recommendations.

Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer, provided a staff report pertaining to the Communications and Strategy Plan.

Assistant City Manager Washington and Fire Chief Jim Davis, clarified the difference between a Single-Role EMS position and a Dual-Role EMS position.

6. Briefing on Gateway Park Master Plan – Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director

Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Parker temporarily left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens advised that Item No. 8 be moved up on the agenda.

8. Overview of Capital Projects Under Consideration in the Excess Funds from FY23 - David Cooke, City Manager and Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

David Cooke, City Manager, provided a staff report.

7. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Update – Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Officer

Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Officer, provided a staff report.

9. Briefing on Potential Increase to the Over 65/Disabled Property Tax Exemption – Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer and Denis McElroy, City Attorney Senior Assistant Section Chief

Brady Kirk, Budget Manager, provided a staff report.

10. Briefing on Waste Management Service Levels - Valerie Washington, Assistant City Management and Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

Mayor Parker returned to the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

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

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

Council Members Beck and Martinez requested an Informal Report pertaining to 911 Categories; how they are prioritized; how many calls have gone unanswered in the past 90 days and what the priorities of those calls were. How many false alarms have been received from Police.

Council Member Bivens requested an informal report pertaining to training for convenience stores and the local retail community on how to deal with panhandlers.

Council Member Williams requested an informal report pertaining to the number/percentage of single-family properties in Fort Worth owned by individuals and corporations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.