

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 Charles 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 Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Katherine Cenicola, 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 at 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mayor Parker indicated the Update on Texas Christian University and their Economic Impact on the Community would be moved up on the agenda.

4. Update on Texas Christian University and their Economic Impact on the Community – William Johnson, Assistant City Manager and Merianne Roth, Texas Christian University Vice Chancellor of Marketing and Communication

Presentation was made by William Johnson, Assistant City Manager, and Daniel Pullin, President of Texas Christian University.

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 David Cooke called on:

Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Department Director, recognized the Park and Recreation Department's Accreditation through the National Recreation and Park Association's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA).

Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, introduced Marilyn Marvin as the New Property Management Director.

Carlo Capua, City Manager's Office, gave an update on the Annual United Way Employee Campaign.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1912](#) 2026 Bond Program Update - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

[24-1913](#) Estimated Actuarial Impact of Adding MedStar Employees to Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

Council Member Flores requested that Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director, provide a summary of the informal report.

[24-1914](#) Management Diversity Review - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

[24-1915](#) Monthly Report on the Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[24-1916](#) Proposed Judicial Recruitment and Appointment Process - Simón González, Municipal Court Chief Judge

[24-1917](#) Recommended Revisions to the Fort Worth City Code, Chapter 24 Park and Recreation - Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director

[24-1918](#) Update on Recruitment and Hiring of Sworn Personnel in the Fire Department - James Davis, Fire Chief

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for October 29, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on boards and commissions for the October 29, 2024, City Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for October 29, 2024 Council Meeting

Council Member Hill requested clarification on the dollar amount regarding two M&Cs for the Animal Shelter. Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, indicated these items were being pushed to a November meeting to get such clarification.

5. Update on Crime Lab – Neil Noakes, Police Chief

Presentation was made by Neil Noakes, Police Chief.

Mayor and Council Members requested additional information and data to be provided during the November 5, 2024, City Council Work Session meeting.

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

Council Member Hill requested presentations on the following items: update on homelessness and vagrancy on the streets, crime rate statistics district by district and update on live release rates.

Council Member Crain requested reports on the following items: the cost of cleanup of homeless camps; penalties we assess the owner for not cleaning up the property, right sizing the Fire and EMS Department facilities; process to replace vehicles and supplies and proliferation of student parties and portable toilets in TCU area with a review of TCU overlay to provide higher levels of enforcement for Code.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested an update on City-owned facilities that can be utilized as a safe place for homeless who live in their vehicles; what can we be doing better to provide a space for them.

Council Member Williams requested a report on expanding our program to allow youth to play golf and making it more accessible to them; the cost for youth to play golf; ensure that every kid has access to play golf.

Council Member Beck requested reports on the following items: process of updating the boarding home ordinance to include ½ mile radius distance requirements, distance check process for congregate living facilities, and a presentation on crimes that disproportionately affect women; the resources utilized towards those specific crimes (personnel, victim services etc.); and the comparison to other crimes that we put resources towards.

Council Member Nettles requested reports on the following items: the \$370,000 that was moved from the Southside Community Center and vendors for mobile food trucks not having permits; what is the policy and action from Code to mitigate the issue.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested reports on the following items: update on copper thefts, waivers for sidewalks for developers when we are trying to be a walkable community and report on the Code Compliance cases/complaints received because the Code officer is being proactive or reactive.

Council Member Blaylock requested a report on backlog on the 800+ traffic hazard service requests; what is the severity of the situation and the path forward.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.