

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (via video)
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2 (via video)
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (via video)
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10 (via video)
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7

Staff Present:

Jesus “Jay” Chapa, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Council Member Nettles

The invocation was provided by Council Member Nettles.

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 Lauersdorf made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles that the minutes of the Council meeting of October 15, 2024, the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of October 22, 2024, the Council meeting of October 29, 2024, the Work Session meeting of November 5, 2024, the Council meeting of November 12, 2024, the Council meeting of November 19, 2024, the Council meeting of December 10, 2024, the Work Session and Council meetings of January 14, 2025, and the Council meeting of January 28, 2025, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Council Members Crain and Hill absent.

[24-4672](#) Minutes - October 15, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4748](#) Minutes - October 22, 2024 Work Session

[24-4750](#) Minutes - October 22, 2024 Public Comment

[24-4752](#) Minutes - October 29, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4754](#) Minutes - November 5, 2024 Work Session

[24-4758](#) Minutes - November 12, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4760](#) Minutes - November 19, 2024 Council Meeting

[25-4845](#) Minutes - December 10, 2024 Council Meeting

[25-4847](#) Minutes - January 14, 2025 Work Session

[25-4849](#) Minutes - January 14, 2025 Council Meeting

[25-4851](#) Minutes - January 28, 2025 Council Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

[25-4853](#) Public Comments

John MacFarlane, representing Fort Worth Environmental Coalition of Communities/Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club, appeared before Council relative to the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to environmental justice in Fort Worth:

Richard Perez, representing Fort Worth Environmental Coalition of Communities/Northside Fort Worth Air

Letitia Wilbourn

Chioma Ugwonali

Hassan Ayesha

Caleb Roberts, representing Downwinders at Risk

Lydia Faith, representing Tarrant4Change

Jorge Puentes, representing PSL DFW

Marie Esquivel, representing El Movimiento

Johnny Lewis

Dominique Jones

Mar'Tayshia James, representing Fort Worth Environmental Coalition of Communities

Hannah Reed, representing Fort Worth Environmental Coalition of Communities

Mary Goodman

Brittany McMillen

Stacy Melo, representing the Sunrise Tarrant

Baiyinah Abdullah

Raquelle Reeves

The following individuals completed a speaker card relative to environmental justice in Fort Worth and were recognized by Mayor Parker but were not present in the chamber:

Mary Wood, representing Fort Worth Environmental Coalition of Communities
James Barker-Murphey, representing Fort Worth Food Not Bombs
Jahson X, representing All African Peoples United

Homer Blocker III appeared before Council relative to several things.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Jim Delong appeared before Council relative to equality and equity.

David Kuchurivsky appeared before Council relative to potential review of zoning changes for current land use.

Payton Jackson appeared before Council relative to -.

Gerald Banks Sr., representing Equal Justice Now, appeared before Council relative to profiling, police brutality, wrongful arrest/killing, wrongful prosecution, end qualified immunity, etc.

Adrian Smith completed a speaker card relative to the wicked one must go and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the chamber.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson yet relevant, environmental justice, and the 2050 Plan.

Christopher Gomez appeared before Council relative to the 2050 Comprehensive Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.