

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Arrived at 1:49 p.m.)
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Laetitia Brown, Interim City Attorney
Jannette 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 1:42 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 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

Special Called Meeting: Public Hearing before Considering Changes to Initial Map Recommended by Redistricting Task Force, Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Council Chamber.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager David Cooke called on DJ Harrell to recognize Susannah Hicks as a residential and commercial certified combination inspector.

City Manager David Cooke called on Fire Chief Jim Davis to advise Council of the resignation of Maribel Martinez, Emergency Management Coordinator, effective Friday, February 4, 2022. She has accepted the role of Regional Emergency Management Preparedness Manager with NCTCOG. (Carlos Gomez, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator will serve in an acting capacity.)

City Manager David Cooke called upon Maribel Martinez to provide highlights on how the City is preparing for the winter weather later this week.

c. Informal Reports

[22-015](#) Options for COVID-19 Testing to Local Small Businesses - Brandon Bennett

[22-014](#) Discussion of Employee Work-From-Home Policies - Dianna Giordano

Council Members Nettles and Beck - Provide additional information relating to departmental remote work plans including the names of departments that have not implemented hybrid work options and identify positions that are not eligible for remote work.

Council Member Williams - Provide an update on measures in place to ensure the safety of employees who are front facing including options for testing.

[22-012](#) City Council Staffing and Operating Budgets in Peer Cities - Mark McAvoy

[22-013](#) November 2021 - Sales Tax Update - Mark McAvoy

[22-016](#) Parklet Pilot Program for Outdoor Seating - Tanya Brooks

[22-017](#) Status of Emergency Rental Assistance Programs - Victor Turner

[22-018](#) Water Utility Resiliency Update - Chris Harder

2. Questions Regarding City Council Action Items for February 8, 2022, Council Meeting

Discussion occurred on the ballot language relating to Council salaries. Direction was given to staff to prepare language using option 4 presented by staff that bases the salary on a do not exceed amount that is calculated on the average annual base-rate compensation for department heads and assistant department heads.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for February 8, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for the February 8, 2022, Council meeting.

4. Presentation of Recommended Initial Map for Redistricting – Sal Espino, Chair, Redistricting Task Force

5. Presentation on FY2021 Year End Closing Review – Mark McAvoy and Cayce Lay Lamas, Planning and Data Analytics

Mayor Parker requested staff to provide a summarized narrative of the information provided.

6. Update on Future City Hall – Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group

7. Presentation on the 2022 Debt Plan – Reginald Zeno, City Manager's Office, John Samford and Alex Laufer, Financial Management Services

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

Council Member Beck - Provide an update on options for monitoring, registering and regulating boarding houses.

Council Member Moon - Provide an analysis on outsourcing the Fleet Service Center operations.

Mayor Parker and Council Member Crain - Provide a feasibility study/staff analysis on streamlining development services procedures including recommendations on software enhancements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.