

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker (Arrived at 2:25 p.m.)
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2 (Virtual)
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
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

Absent:

Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4

Staff Present:

Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro tem Bivens called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 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 - Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

There were no Upcoming and Recent Events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Attorney Leann Guzman recognized Harvey Frye, Senior Assistant City Attorney, for celebrating his milestone this year of 50 years as an attorney.

Assistant City Manager Jes McEachern introduced David Lewis as the new Park and Recreation Director.

Aviation Director Roger Venables recognized Fort Worth Meacham International Airport on their 100th Anniversary Celebration.

City Manager Chapa advised of organizational changes in the executive staff. He also announced the departure of Economic Development Director Robert Sturns and provided an update on the Police Chief recruitment.

c. Informal Reports

[25-0030](#) Annual Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[25-0031](#) Monthly Report on the Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[25-0032](#) City of Fort Worth Background Check Process - Leila Peeples, Human Resources Assistant Director

Leila Peeples, Human Resources Assistant Director and Victor Escobedo, Human Resource Manager, provided a staff report.

[25-0033](#) FY2024 (TY2023) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Annual Report - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, provided an overview of annual report.

[25-0034](#) Proposed Near Westside Public Improvement District Update - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, provided an brief summary overview of the PID update.

[25-0035](#) Municipal Code Updates for Health, Safety and Sanitation at Food Establishments and Child-Care Centers - Wyndie Turpen, Environmental Services Assistant Director

[25-0036](#) Regulations for Nuisances Related to Portable Toilets and Events on Residential Property - Wyndie Turpen, Environmental Services Assistant Director, Chris Austria, Senior Assistant City Attorney and Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement Community Services Manager

[25-0037](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Keller ISD Properties to Community Facilities (CF) Zoning District in Council Districts 4, 7 and 10 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for February 25, 2025.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for February 25, 2025 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for February 25, 2025.

4. Neighborhood Improvement Program Announcement – Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director

Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director, provided a staff report.

**5. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and External Audit Results –
Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer and
Catherine Perry, Financial Management Services Interim Assistant Finance
Director**

Reginald Zeno, Chief Financial Officer, and Anthony Rousseau, Deputy Finance Director, provided a staff report.

**6. Fort Worth Water System Expansion and Capacity Improvements – Chris
Harder, Water Director**

Chris Harder, Water Director, provided a staff report.

**7. Update on New City Hall and Council Chambers – Tanyan Farley, Athenian
Group VP Client Solutions**

Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group VP Client Solutions, provided an update on the New City Hall and Council Chambers.

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

Council Member Nettles requested an update on the contracts for cutting grass.

Council Member Hill requested an Informal Report pertaining to wastewater expansion and improvement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Bivens adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.