

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

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
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, 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 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 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 David Cooke announced the following:

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023, in observance of Labor Day. Emergency services will be available as usual. There will be no changes in garbage, recycle, yard waste or bulk collection schedules. Drop-off stations will be closed. If you have questions or need assistance, call 817-392-1234.

There is no Council Work Session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Council Budget Workshops are scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and Friday, September 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., if needed.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager David Cooke introduced William Rumuly to recognize the Goodwill Summer Earn & Learn Program and the employees involved with the successful program.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0737](#) FY2024 Dallas / Fort Worth International Airport Budget - Chris Poinatte, DFW's Chief Financial Officer

[23-0738](#) Chief Transformation Officer, FWLab Director Recruitment Process - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[23-0739](#) Library Director Recruitment Process - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[23-0740](#) Medical Director Reporting Structure in EMS and Fire Operations - Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager

Council Member Williams requested that the information be added to agenda for the next Emergency Medical Response Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

[23-0741](#) The Nuisance Abatement Litigation Process - Benjamin Sampract, Senior Assistant City Attorney Section Chief

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested staff provide a summary of the report.

[23-0742](#) Water Utility Shut-Off Practices - Christopher Harder, Water Director

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested staff provide a summary of the report.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for September 12, 2023, Council Meeting

Mayor Pro tem Bivens mentioned that one additional appointment, Charles Edmonds, will be included.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for September 12, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for September 12, 2023, Council meeting.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for September 12, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for September 12, 2023, Council meeting.

5. Update on CDFI Friendly Fort Worth – Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director and Glenn Forbes, CDFI Friendly Fort Worth

Presentation was provided by Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion and Glenn Forbes, CDFI Friendly Fort Worth.

6. Briefing on Annual Audit Plan – David Medrano, City Auditor

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7. Presentation on Legislative Wrap-up – TJ Patterson, Government Affairs Liaison and Matt Murray, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Presentation was provided by T.J. Patterson, Government Affairs Liaison and Matt Murray, Senior Assistant City Attorney.

8. Update on Broadband – Kevin Gunn, IT Solutions Director

This item was withdrawn at the request of staff and will be rescheduled.

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

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a presentation on the East Lancaster Update project with input from Trinity Metro, Council of Governments and Transportation and Public Works

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a status on including geographical information on the speaker registration forms.

Council Member Nettles requested a report/update on the recommendations received from the Race and Culture Task Force for new Council Members.

Council Member Martinez requested information on the assistance provided to residents for HVAC services and equipment including other resources available to residents.

Council Member Martinez requested information on what steps the City is taking to stay ahead of another COVID outbreak, especially for City staff.

Council Member Williams requested information on the development requirements for parking for schools (all types).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.