

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 Jared Williams, District 6 (via video)
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:

David Cooke, 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 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Minister Jon McKenzie, Bridgewood Church of Christ

The invocation was provided by Minister Jon McKenzie, Bridgewood Church of Christ.

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 Crain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles that the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of August 6, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Council Members Lauersdorf and Williams absent.

[24-4461](#) Minutes - August 6, 2024 Work Session

[24-4462](#) Minutes - August 6, 2024 Public Comment

Council Member Williams joined dais via video conference.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)

[24-4501](#) Public Comments

Johamna Hernandez, representing Fort Worth Families Forward, appeared before Council relative to education.

Chris Wood appeared before Council relative to being forced to make a formal complaint.

Caroline James appeared before Council relative to dyslexia and the literacy crisis in Fort Worth Public Schools.

Pete Geren appeared before Council relative to the literacy crisis in Fort Worth.

Lety Gomez, representing Fort Worth Families Forward, appeared before Council relative to education.

Robert Rogers appeared before Council relative to Fort Worth's students unable to read at grade level.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Brent Beasley, representing Fort Worth Education Partnership, appeared before Council relative to education in Fort Worth.

Bishop Kirkland, representing St. Mark Church, appeared before Council relative to police issues.

Loretta Burns, representing AB Christian Learning Center, appeared before Council relative to academic achievement in reading for all Fort Worth students.

Carla Brown appeared before Council relative to reading and dyslexia.

Fantasy Reynolds, representing R4 Foundation, appeared before Council relative to literacy.

Bob Williams appeared before Council relative to building permits.

Trenace Dorsey Hollis, representing Parent Shield of Fort Worth, appeared before Council relative to a state of emergency.

George Chiles appeared before the Council relative to behind the POA signs.

Melony Watson appeared before Council relative to our children matter.

Rodney Williams appeared before Council relative to local law enforcement.

Julie Amendola, representing Trinity River Farm and Equestrian Center, appeared before Council relative to safety and security on Randol Mill Rd.

Nicholas Ditto, representing Fort Worth STEAM Academy, appeared before Council relative to Fort Worth Education.

Abdul Karriem completed a speaker card relative to building and zoning issues and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Betty Ligon appeared before Council relative to protected bike corners - E 4th/1st bike lane (CPN 102601) phase two.

Alex Jimenez appeared before Council relative to reading literacy.

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

Naomi Dillard, representing Carter Riverside Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to Riverside Recreation Center at Sylvania Park.

Wesley Kirk, representing Support Fort Worth Art, appeared before Council relative to investing in the future of the arts in Fort Worth.

The following speakers appeared before Council relative to Highland Hill community concerns:

Jerome Johnson, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association
Eunice Givens, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association
Laura Meeks, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association
William Johnson, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association
Gloria Shepert, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association
Makil Austin

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to public comments.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to boa.

Cliff Sparks appeared before Council relative to Miller St. and child care.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana, Police policy and procedures and lack thereof.

Aubrey Barree appeared before Council via conference call relative to the Highland Hills meeting from July.

David Martinez appeared before Council Via conference call relative to Fort Worth TV and a solution to the drunk driving having check points.

Liz Badgley appeared before Council relative to gun violence.

Teena James appeared before Council relative to gun violence.

Mar'Tayshia James appeared before Council via conference call relative to youth.

Pastor Kyev Tatum, representing New Mount Rose Baptist Church, appeared before Council relative to the state of Black Fort Worth.

Jack Bowen appeared before Council relative to injured MPO.

Carolyn M. Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to tba.

Bill Burgan completed a speaker card relative to the library, parks, and Vets day and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was could not be reached.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.