

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Mayor Pro tem Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3  
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4  
Council Member Deborah Peoples, District 5  
Council Member Dr. Mia Hall, 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 (arrived at 1:58 p.m.)  
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

**Staff Present:**

William Johnson, Assistant City Manager  
Leann Guzman, City Attorney  
Jannette S. 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 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the City Council Work Session Room of the Fort Worth City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

**1. Report of the Assistant City Manager - William Johnson, Assistant City Manager**

**a. Upcoming and Recent Events**

There were no upcoming or recent events.

**b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)**

William Johnson, Assistant City Manager, called upon:

- Jessica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, to introduce Matt Carter, Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo President and General Manager, to announce the 2026 Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo and present the Council with their badges.
- Brian Daugherty, Director of Code Compliance Department, for naming of the North Animal Campus in honor of Henry.
- Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, to recognize United Way Department Coordinators.

**c. Informal Reports**

[26-0001](#) 2026 Debt Plan - Bond Pricing Results - Reginald Zeno, Chief Financial Officer

[26-0002](#) Texas Comptroller Transparency Stars - Reginald Zeno, Chief Financial Officer

[26-0003](#) African American Museum Funding Update - Kacey Thomas, Neighborhood Services Director

Kacey Thomas, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief update at the request of Council Member Peoples.

[26-0004](#) Property Tax Exemption Requests for Existing Affordable Housing Properties - Kacey Thomas, Neighborhood Services Director

Kacey Thomas, Director of Economic Development, provided a brief update at the request of Council Member Beck.

[26-0005](#) Appointment of Substitute Hearing Officer - William Rumuly, Municipal Court Director

[26-0006](#) City of Kennedale Interlocal Agreement to Support Salt Road Repair Project - Jim Keezell, Environmental Services Assistant Director

[26-0007](#) Guidelines on Panhandling and Responsible Giving - Monica Martin, Police Deputy Chief

Council Member Peoples thanked staff for their work on this issue.

[26-0008](#) Installation of Panic Alarms in Local YMCA's - Buck Wheeler, Police Deputy Chief

Buck Wheeler, Deputy Chief of Police, answered Council questions.

[26-0009](#) Insurance Procurement - Cost Savings Achieved - Donnette Murphy, Financial Management Services Property and Casualty Manager

[26-0010](#) Naming the North Animal Campus in Honor of Henry - Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director

[26-0011](#) November 2025 Report on the Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

Chad Mahaffey, Deputy Chief of Police, answered questions from Council.

[26-0012](#) Update on Proposed Zoning Amendments to Alleviate the Proliferation of Certain Business Uses (Liquor or Package Stores, Retail Smoke Shops and Credit Access Businesses) - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, and Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, answered questions from Council.

[26-0013](#) Lease Amendment for 350 West Belknap Street Jail Facility - Chad Mahaffey, Police Deputy Chief

[26-0014](#) Proposed Nomination of the Former Power Plant at 411 North Main Street for Highly Significant Endangered Landmark Designation - Lorelei Willett, Development Services Historic Preservation Officer

Lorelei Willett, Development Services Historic Preservation Officer, provided a brief overview at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Flores.

## **2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for January 13, 2026 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on boards and commissions for January 13, 2026, Council Meeting.

## **3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for January 13, 2026 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for January 13, 2026, Council Meeting.

## **4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for January 13, 2026 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding M&C Log for January 13, 2026, Council Meeting.

## **5. Presentation on Library and Community Center Gallery Space - Midori Clark, Library Director**

Presentation was provided by Midori Clark, Library Director.

- Council Member Hall recommended including local artists or groups in the discussions to get their feedback on what is needed.
- Council Member Martinez recommended including City Hall as a possible location for art displays.
- Council Member Lauersdorf requested that the selection process for the Public Art Program be reviewed to provide more opportunities for local artists to participate in the Program.
- Mayor Pro Tem Flores recommended talking to Artes de la Rosa about serving as a possible art display location.
- Mayor Parker recommended reviewing options to use underutilized space at the libraries and community centers as shared art space made available to local artists.

**6. FY2025 Unaudited General Fund Performance – Christianne Simmons, Chief Transformation Officer & Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer**

Presentation was provided by Christianne Simmons, Chief Transformation Officer, and Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer.

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

Council Member Beck requested a report on comparison with peer cities both in Texas and outside of Texas on spending for arts and cultural events and funding options used.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the creation of a registration program for door-to-door salesman.

Council Member Nettles requested a report on how the Fort Worth App handles uploading of photos.

Council Member Nettles requested a report on hours for the Neighborhood Police Officers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.