

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

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**Present:**

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4  
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6  
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7  
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9  
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10  
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

**Absent:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3  
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8

**Staff Present:**

David Cooke, City Manager  
Leann Guzman, City Attorney  
Jannette Goodall, 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 1:12 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, 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**

There were no upcoming and recent events.

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

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant City Manager Dana Burghdoff to recognize D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director, for receiving the “GFWBA’s Spirit of Cooperation” Award.

City Manager Cooke called on D.J. Harrell to introduce Evan Roberts and LaShondra Stringfellow, the new Assistant Directors within the Development Services Department.

City Manager Cooke, called on Reyne Telles, Communications and Public Engagements Director, to introduce Vanessa Frias and Cameron Gorman, two new members of the Communications and Public Engagement team.

**c. Informal Reports**

[23-0760](#) Management Diversity Review - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[23-0761](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director

[23-0762](#) Trinity River Waterwheel Initiative - Cody Whittenburg, Interim Environmental Services Director

**2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for October 31, 2023, Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on Boards and Commissions for the October 31, 2023, Council Meeting.

**3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for October 31, 2023, Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for the October 31, 2023, Council Meeting.

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

Presentation was made by Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested staff consider ways to expand contracting opportunities that veteran and service owned disable companies.

Council Member Beck requested with staff to discuss options for uses for the green space surrounding the Future City Hall.

**5. Presentation on Zoning Notifications Policy/Procedure - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director and Stephen Murray, Development Services Planning Manager**

Presentation was made by D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director, and Stephen Murray, Development Planning Manager.

**6. Update on Global Fort Worth - Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager and Carlo Capua, Chief of Strategy and Innovation**

Presentation was made by Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, and Carlo Capua, Chief of Strategy and Innovation.

Council Member Hill encouraged staff to establish clearly defined roles and relationships between Global Fort Worth, Economic Development Partnership (EDP) and the Chamber.

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

Council Members Blaylock and Hill requested additional information on Global Fort Worth and similar programs in peer cities including funding for the programs in peer cities.

Council Member Hill requested information on the process which the City site selects and contracts with landfills.

Council Member Hill requested information on the amount spent, the names of the companies, and the projects worked on for any external audits or external consultants for the past fiscal year and the current fiscal year to date.

Council Member Hill requested a presentation by Economic Development Partnership (EDP) with the Chamber on how the City, EDP and Chambers are working together.

Council Member Beck requested an update from the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition and the City on state of homelessness in the City and to schedule quarterly updates to the Neighborhood Quality and Revitalization Committee.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested staff schedule meetings with the various school districts that touch the City and Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Council Member Flores adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.