

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (via video)
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Katherine Cenicola, Administrative Services Manager

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 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Samuel Macias, First United Methodist Church

The invocation was provided by Council Member Chris Nettles.

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 Lauersdorf made a motion, seconded by Council Member Hill that the Budget Work Session, Work Session, and Public Comment meetings of May 7, 2024, the Joint City Council Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund Board, and the Council meetings of May 14, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Council Members Williams and Blaylock absent and Mayor Pro tem Bivens away from dais.

[24-4347](#) Minutes - May 7, 2024 Budget Work Session

[24-4349](#) Minutes - May 7, 2024 Work Session

[24-4351](#) Minutes - May 7, 2024 Public Comment

[24-4353](#) Minutes - May 14, 2024 Joint City Council / Fort Worth ERF Board

[24-4355](#) Minutes - May 14, 2024 Council Meeting

Mayor Pro tem Bivens joined via WebEx.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

[24-4357](#) Public Comments

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Leslie Sykes appeared before Council via conference call relative to loud music and cars peeling out on Rosedale.

Lalara Hall appeared before Council relative to speaking about help for non-profit organization.

Danial Haase appeared before Council relative to bicycle and pedestrian safety near Gateway Park.

Rita Ramon appeared before Council relative to government.

Bryce Jones, representing No Hate in Texas, appeared before Council relative to LUCA's use of public facilities.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to behind the times.

Reed Bilz appeared before Council relative to an event on June 8th.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to What's Going On?

David Martinez appeared before Council relative to FWISD consolidation plan.

Angi DeFelippo, representing Tarrant County AFLCIO, appeared before Council relative to the budget and employee minimum wage.

Peyton Adams, representing SEIU, appeared before Council relative to SEIU Texas airport service workers.

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

Danielle Tucker, representing Hillside Neighborhood, appeared before Council relative to Hillside problems.

Homer Blocker III appeared before Council relative to gun violence.

Alonda Massey, representing the Hillside Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the park playground.

Andrew Teeter, representing the DSA, appeared before Council relative to raising the minimum wage to 20 dollars.

Jherre Williams, representing the Historic Southside Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to neighborhood issues needing to be addressed.

Karle Palomares appeared before Council relative to the budget.

James Baker-Murphy completed a speaker card relative to community event and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

David Christie, representing the Arlington Fire Department, appeared before Council relative to the proposed route of the Northside III 54" Water Main project.

Charles Blitz appeared before Council relative to the LUCA event on City property.

Adrian Smith completed a speaker card relative to board and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Robert Vann appeared before Council relative to hate groups request to use Fort Worth public venues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m. in honor of Benjamin Fortson who passed away on May 19, 2024.