

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4 (via video)
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9 (via video)
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11 (via video)

Absent:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6

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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Council Member 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 Blaylock made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles that the Special Called Work Session and Council meets of August 13, 2024, Work Session and Public Comment meetings of August 20, 2024, Council and Special Called Work Session meetings of August 27, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Mayor Pro tem Bivens and Council Member Williams absent.

[24-4463](#) Minutes - August 13, 2024 Special Called Work Session

[24-4504](#) Minutes - August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4537](#) Minutes - August 20, 2024 Work Session

[24-4539](#) Minutes - August 20, 2024 Public Comment

[24-4541](#) Minutes - August 27, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4543](#) Minutes - August 27, 2024 Special Called Work Session

PUBLIC HEARING

[24-4544](#) (ALL) Conduct a Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Christianne Simmons ; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearings)

Mayor Parker opened the public hearing.

a. Report of City Staff

Christianne Simmons, FW Lab, appeared before Council and provided a staff report.

b. Public Comment

Adrian Smith appeared before Council in opposition to Item 24-4544.

Jane Hull completed a speaker card undecided in regards to Item 24-4544 and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Chamber.

c. Council Action

Motion: Council Member Crain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the public hearing be closed. Motion passed 9-0, Mayor Pro tem Bivens and Council Member Williams absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

[24-4535](#) Public Comments

Pete Geren appeared before Council relative to public comments.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

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

Chris Wood appeared before Council relative to missing sign.

Marialina Tillman, representing Watervue Tenants Association, completed a speaker card relative to Tenants Association and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was unable to be reached.

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

Gary Cumbie appeared before Council relative to Gateway Park.

Rodney Williams appeared before Council relative to thanking law enforcement.

Payton Jackson, representing NTWJ, appeared before Council relative to Code Compliance.

JD Jimmerson appeared before Council relative to the City Noise Ordinance, NW 35th Street.

Robert Rogers appeared before Council relative to thanks to the Mayor and Member of the Council.

Carla Brown appeared before Council relative to dyslexia.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to boa.

Sayed Bilqees Syed appeared before Council relative to TAD Board appointment.

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

Bob Williams appeared before Council relative to lights.

Daniel Bennett appeared before Council relative to TAD.

Brooke Ligon appeared before Council relative to East First bike lane.

Abiola Agoro appeared before Council relative to calling for accountability.

David Martinez completed a speaker card relative to taxes and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Chamber.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.