

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

Present:

Mayor Betsy Price (virtual)
Mayor Pro tem Jungus Jordan, District 6
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Gyna Bivens, District 5 (virtual)
Council Member Dennis Shingleton, District 7
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8 (virtual)
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro tem Jordan called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, in City Council Conference Room 290 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager

a. Changes to the City Council Agenda

City Manager Cooke to withdraw M&Cs 20-0409, 20-0430, 20-0432, and 20-0434 from the consent agenda to hear from speakers.

Council Member Kelly Allen Gray will recognize the Friends of Tandy Hills and Donors for the Broadcast Hill Acquisition.

M&C 20-0383 is a donation and Wanda Conlin and Don Boren will be present.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke will call on Veronica Villegas, Diversity and Inclusion, to report on the Juneteenth events.

The next Council meeting is June 23, 2020, and will be last meeting before the July summer break. Our next meeting will be August 4, 2020.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no recognitions.

d. Informal Reports

[20-10425](#) April 2020 - Sales Tax Update - Terry Hanson

[20-10426](#) COVID19 - Contact Tracing - Brandon Bennett

[20-10427](#) Final Results of Pricing and Ratings on Bonds within the 2020 Debt Plan - Reginald Zeno

[20-10428](#) Information on Bank Wire Transfers - John Samford

[20-10429](#) Lease of City Owned Property to Support Innovative Mobility and Transportation Solutions at Alliance - Roger Venables

[20-10430](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[20-10431](#) Pioneer Tower Iconic Public Art Project Update - Martha Peters

[20-10432](#) Reinstatement of Water Bill Delinquency Processes and Fees - Chris Harder

[20-10433](#) Update on Procurement Cards - Cynthia Garcia

[20-10434](#) Update on 2020 100x25 CFW Reading Instruction Program - Gleniece Robinson

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[M&C 20-0287](#) Authorize Execution of a Five-Year Tax Abatement Agreement with Antonio Rodriguez and Maria G. Rodriguez for the Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling of Approximately 1,697 Square Feet and Having a Cost of at Least \$156,300.00 on Property Located at 2717 Virginia Court in the Vintage Riverside Neighborhood and Within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Area Four (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9) (Continued from a Previous Week)

Moving forward.

[M&C 20-0289](#) Authorize Execution of a Five-Year Tax Abatement Agreement with Kimberly E.D. Bass for the Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling of Approximately 2,515 Square Feet and Having a Cost of at Least \$315,000.00 on Property Located at 5225 Cox Street, in the Stop Six Sunrise Neighborhood and Within Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Area Six (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5) (Continued from a Previous Week)

Moving forward.

[ZC-20-050](#) (CD5) Ron Mon, 2408 Wilspoint Court; From: "E/SSO" Neighborhood Commercial/Stop Six Design Overlay To: "A-5/SSO" One Family/Stop Six Design Overlay 0.12 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Moving forward.

4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- COVID-19 Updates and Data - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance
- Reopening Plan and Budget Update - David Cooke, City Manager

Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services, provided an update on the Emergency Household Assistance Program.

Robert Sturns, Economic Development, provided an update on the Grant Program for Small Business/MWBEs impacted by COVID-19.

The Council recessed the Work Session at 9:55 a.m.

The Council reconvened the Work Session at 11:28 a.m.

5. Update on Community Marches - Ed Kraus, Police

6. Presentation on Proposed Economic Development Agreement with Ariat International, Inc. – Robert Sturns, Economic Development

Robert Sturns, Economic Development, provided an update on the proposed Economic Development Agreement with Ariat International, Inc. The next step is a public hearing on the creation of a reinvestment zone for tax abatement which is scheduled for August 4, 2020.

7. Briefing on Findings and Recommendations from 2020 Disparity Study – Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion and Colette Holt, Colette Holt & Associates

Colette Holt, Colette Holt & Associates, and Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion, gave a briefing on the 2020 Disparity Study and Business Equity Ordinance amendments. The amendments will be on the Council's August 4, 2020, agenda for action.

8. Update on the 2020 Census and Redistricting – Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement and Fernando Costa, City Manager's Office

Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement briefed the Council on the Census progress to date, planned outreach and new schedule. Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, briefed the Council on the formation of a Redistricting Task Force.

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

Mayor Price - Update on the reading program in August or September

Council Member Bivens - Use of a PR firm to help us get our COVID-19 prevention information; Game Room update

Council Member Zadeh - Timeline on recommendations for independent police oversight and Meet and Confer timeline and what will happen in June/July

Council Member Flores - Short Term Rentals - restrictive covenants and monitoring and an update on Transit Moves, CARES Act funding and Stockyards shuttle

There was not a need for an Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Pro tem Jordan adjourned the meeting at 1:49 p.m.