

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker (Arrived at 2:01 p.m.)
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7 (Arrived at 1:57 p.m.)
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

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

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 at 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke called on Fire Chief Jim Davis to give an update on the scrap yard (Texas Industrial Scrap Metal) fire that occurred on August 16, 2024.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Assistant City Manager Jesica McEachern recognized the 2024 Emerging Leaders Class.

Police Oversight Director Bonycle Sokunbi introduced Eric Sullivan as the new Assistant Director for the Office of Police Oversight Monitor

Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa recognized Kacey Bess as the new Director for Neighborhood Services.

Neighborhood Services Director Kacey Bess recognized Pam Sexton as the new Interim Assistant Director for Housing and Community Development effective August 26, 2024; Michelle Doonkeen as the new Assistant Director for Social Services effective September 9, 2024; and Brian Brown for his services as Interim Assistant Director, pending Michelle's arrival.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1878](#) Cowtown Coliseum License Agreement Amendment - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

[24-1879](#) Proposed Master Developer Selection for Evans and Rosedale Urban Village Request for Expressions of Interest - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, provided an overview.

[24-1880](#) Update on Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budgets for Operating PIDs and Tourism PID - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

[24-1881](#) Historic Preservation Incentives to Support Small Businesses - Justin Newhart, Development Services Planning Manager

Justin Newhart, Development Services Planning Manager, provided an overview.

[24-1882](#) How Police Calls are Prioritized, How Many Calls Go Unanswered, and the Number of False Alarm Calls Dispatched - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, provided an overview.

[24-1883](#) Policy of Designated Delivery Routes for Delivery Drones - Roger Venables, Aviation Director

Roger Venables, Aviation Director, provided an overview.

[24-1884](#) Property Management Director Recruitment Process - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

[24-1885](#) Subrogation and Collections Process for the City of Fort Worth - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

[24-1886](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for Property Bounded by Clay Mountain Trail, Sandshell Boulevard, Corrine Drive, and North Freeway (Interstate 35 West) in Council District 4 - Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager

[24-1887](#) Water Utility FY2025 Recommended Budget and Rates - Chris Harder, Water Director

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for August 27, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on boards and commissions for the August 27, 2024, Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for August 27, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C Log for August 27, 2024.

4. Presentation on Proposed Economic Development Program Agreement for Westbend Phase II – Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, provided a staff report.

5. Presentation on Proposed Interlocal Agreement with the University of Texas at Arlington for Establishment of New Campus Development at Walsh Ranch – Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, provided a staff report.

6. Animal Care and Control Update - Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director and Chris McAllister, Code Compliance Assistant Director

Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director, and Chris McAllister, Code Compliance Assistant Director, provided a staff report.

Council Member Hill recommended including the Chuck Silcox Animal Shelter in upcoming bond election. She also suggested the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee move to a Council appointment process. She proposed creating a 501(c)(3) public charity support organization that is part of the City of Fort Worth.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report of the number of animal cruelty cases per District.

7. Presentation on Police Meet and Confer - William Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager William Johnson provided a staff report.

Council Member Nettles requested information on other City Departments that have received a 10 percent or more increase in employee salaries and information on the budget impact of Meet and Confer on future fiscal years.

Council Member Williams requested information on the dollar amount for addressing compression in the Meet and Confer Agreement.

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

Council Member Martinez requested an Informal Report pertaining to gunshot detection activity in the City and how hot spots are being addressed.

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report on what is being used in the Police Department to protect officers when working accidents.

Council Member Flores requested separate Informal Reports staff exploring the fiscal impact to the budget to add Cesar Chavez Day and Veteran's Day as City holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.