

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Via Video)
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 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

City Manager David Cooke announced that the Northwest Community Center groundbreaking will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 10 a.m. located at 8375 Blue Mound Road.

City Manager David Cooke announced that the next Council Meeting will be on November 29, 2022, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Schedule notes for the Thanksgiving Holiday include:

- Most city offices, including City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th and 26th. Emergency Services will be available as usual.
- There will be no garbage service on Thanksgiving Day. If your normal garbage pickup day is on Thursday, your pickup will shift to Friday; Friday service slides to Saturday. Normal pickup schedules resume the following Monday.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates or employee recognitions.

c. Informal Reports

[22-164](#) FY2023 Street Sweeping Program Update - Brandon Bennett

[22-165](#) Residential Solid Waste Collection Route Adjustments - Valerie Washington and Brandon Bennett

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report on where the communication breakdown occurred and how it can be prevented in the future.

[22-166](#) Adoption of the City of Fort Worth's 2023 State Legislative Agenda - T.J. Patterson, Jr.

Council Member Crain requested that language be added to the Legislative Agenda to include support for funding that allows for continued recovery and growth of small businesses.

[22-167](#) Curfew Ordinance for Minors - Robert Alldredge

David Cooke called on Chief Alldredge to correct the public hearing dates listed in the Informal Report. The public hearings dates are: November 29th and December 13th.

Council Member Beck and Mayor Parker requested information on methods to clear the backlog of cases involving curfew violations.

Council Member Flores requested information on the number of schools located around the areas where curfew violations occur.

Council Member Nettles requested information on how the City communicates information about the curfew ordinance and information on who and how curfew violations are reported.

[22-168](#) Economic Development Q4 2022 Update - Robert Sturns

[22-169](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[22-170](#) Parking Arrangements - Morning Council Meeting - Monty Hall

Council Member Beck requested that free parking be expanded to include everyone who attends the daytime Council Meetings.

[22-171](#) Translation Guidelines Used for Meetings and Information - Michelle Gutt

[22-172](#) Update on Panther Island Path Forward - Dana Burghdoff

2. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for November 29, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C Log for November 29, 2022, Council Meeting.

3. Presentation on Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Beauty Manufacturing Solutions Corp. – Cherie Gordon, Economic Development

Presentation was made by Cherie Gordon, Business Development Coordinator, Economic Development Department.

4. Update on Open Space Conservation Program - Brandi Kelp, Transportation and Public Works

Presentation was made by Brandi Kelp, Senior Planner, Transportation and Public Works Department.

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

Council Member Williams requested a report on the current 911 Response Prioritization Policy and Best Practice when Responding to Threats at Childcare Facilities and Elementary Schools.

Council Member Blaylock requested a report on the study relating to property near Gateway Park issued by the Urban Plan Institute.

Council Member Crain requested a presentation of the Institute for Justice Report on Fort Worth relating to creation of small business.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the status of the short-term rentals.

Council Member Nettles requested an update on access to the City Council meetings via the City's main webpage.

Council Member Nettles requested a report on streaming City Council Meetings on Facebook.

Council Member Nettles requested a report on the policy on reasonable distance for marking off crime scenes and if the policy differs for individuals who are recording the scene.

Council Member Nettles requested a report on the on-going training provided for Police employees and the types of trainings provided for the various ranks.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the number of firearms taken off the streets as part of the Fort Worth Safe Program by the broken down by those over and under 17.

Council Member Beck requested a list of internal and external advisory bodies (formal and informal) that are used by the Police Department and Fire Department to request feedback on services.

Mayor Parker requested a report on status of increasing the paid parental leave for City employees.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.