

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

Present:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Arrived at 1:18 p.m.)
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

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 1:16 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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

There were no upcoming or recent events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant City Manager Dana Burghdoff and Deputy Fire Chief Richard Harrison to recognize Bob Morgan, Fort Worth Fire Department, for receiving the 2024 Excellence Award from the Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1817](#) Federal Housing Programs Update - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Sharon Burkley, Neighborhood Services Community Development Planning Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1818](#) General Obligation Bonds for Affordable Housing - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer and Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, and Chad LaRoque, Neighborhood Services Housing Development Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1819](#) Priority Repair Program - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Sharon Burkley, Neighborhood Services Community Development Planning Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1820](#) Programs and Policies to Reduce Evictions - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

[24-1826](#) Update on Family Homelessness - Tara Perez, Neighborhood Services, Human Services Manager

Tara Perez, Neighborhood Services Human Services Manager, provided a staff report.

Council Member Hill requested she be provided with the Overflow Plan for Families needing shelter this summer.

[24-1821](#) Fort Worth Municipal Court Judicial Reappointment and Chief Judge Recommendation - Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Valerie Washington, and retired Chief Judge Danny Rodgers, provided a staff report.

[24-1822](#) Meet and Confer Negotiations with the Fort Worth Police Officers Association - William Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager William Johnson provided a staff report.

[24-1823](#) Ordinances and Practices Related to the Planting of Native Trees and Native Landscaping - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director, provided a staff report.

Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director, provided additional information.

[24-1824](#) Proposed Panther Island Form-Based Code Text Amendment for North Main Sub-District - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director, and Assistant City Manager Dana Burghdoff, provided a staff report.

[24-1825](#) Status of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Plan - Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director

[24-1827](#) Updated Marketplace Availability Analysis for Business Equity, Veteran, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Firms - Christina Brooks, Diversity & Inclusion Director

Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1828](#) Upper Lebow Flood Mitigation - Flood Infrastructure Fund Financial Assistance Application - Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director, provided a staff report.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for April 9, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in memberships on boards and commissions for the April 9, 2024, Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for April 9, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for the April 9, 2024, Council meeting.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for April 9, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for the April 9, 2024, Council meeting.

5. Update on Noise Ordinance - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief and Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

Presentation was made by Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, and Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney.

6. Update on Development Streamlining – Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager

Presentation was made by Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager.

7. Presentation on Congregate Living - Lashondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director, Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Presentation was made by Lashondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director, Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney, and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief.

8. Presentation on 2024 Debt Financing Plan - Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services CFO and John Samford, Financial Management Services Assistant Finance Director

Presentation was made by John Samford, Financial Management Services Assistant Finance Director.

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

Council Member Nettles requested an informal report pertaining to adding a proposition on Affordable Housing to the 2026 Bond Election.

Council Member Nettles requested an update on the recommendations from the Race and Culture Task Force.

Council Member Flores requested a report on the Noise Mitigation Plan (for the Stockyards).

Council Member Lauersdorf requested an informal report on the potential of assessing tax liens on businesses for illegal dumping.

Council Member Williams requested an informal report on the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Bivens adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.