

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

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**Present:**

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3 (via Video)  
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4  
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6  
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8  
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9  
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10 (via Video)  
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11 (via Video)

**Absent:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7

**Staff Present:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro tem Bivens called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:07 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**INVOCATION - Pastor Stephen Blandino, 7 City Church**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Stephen Blandino of 7 City Church.

**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**

Council Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles that the Special Called and Council meetings of September 17, 2024, the Work Session and Special Called meetings of September 24, 2024, and the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of October 8, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Mayor Parker, council Members Crain and Hill absent.

[24-4604](#) Minutes - September 17, 2024 Special Called Meeting

[24-4606](#) Minutes - September 17, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4647](#) Minutes - September 24, 2024 Work Session

[24-4648](#) Minutes - September 24, 2024 Special Called Meeting

[24-4670](#) Minutes - October 8, 2024 Work Session

[24-4671](#) Minutes - October 8, 2024 Public Comments

Council Member Crain joined the meeting via video.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[24-4673](#) Public Comment

Chris Wood appeared before council relative to more guidance.

Willie Starr appeared before Council relative to the rental agreement with Dickies Arena.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Daniel Haase appeared before Council relative to the 2026 Bond Election.

Bishop Kirkland, representing St. Mark Church, appeared before Council relative to community issues.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to a first hand look at city leadership.

Justin Sharp appeared before Council relative to the Trinity River basketball court.

JD Jimmerson completed a speaker card relative to request for meetings to not be canceled for public input and noise at 1616 NW 35th and was recognized by Mayor Pro tem Biven but was not present in the chamber.

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

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to decorum II.

Jazmine Woolfolk appeared before Council relative to the homeless problem.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to for the record.

Jermaine Donald appeared before Council relative to the basketball court conditions for Trinity Park in Fort Worth.

Tara Rice appeared before Council via conference call relative to general comments.

Zuri White appeared before Council via conference call relative to general comments.

Carolina Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to tba.

James Smith completed a speaker card relative to Atatiana Jefferson and was recognized by Mayor Pro tem but was not present in the Chamber.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Bivens adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.