

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (arrived at 1:13 p.m.)  
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  
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8 (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)  
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9  
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10

**Absent:**

Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

**Staff Present:**

Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager  
Leann Guzman, City Attorney  
Katherine Cenicola, Assistant 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 at 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the City Council Work Session Room of the Fort Worth City Hall, 100 Fort Worth Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

**1. Report of the City Manager - Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager**

**a. Upcoming and Recent Events**

There were no upcoming and recent events.

**b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)**

City Manager Jay Chapa called on:

- DJ Harrell to Recognize LaMonica Smith for Receiving the Excellence Award from the 2025 Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth's Legends of Tarrant County.
- Jesica McEachern to Recognize National Public Works Week, May 19 -25, 2025.
- Jesica McEachern to Recognize Texas Flood Awareness Week, May 19 -23, 2025.
- Midori Clark to Recognize National Library Workers Appreciation Day.
- Chief Davis to Recognize EMS Week and Fire Fighter Appreciation Day, May 4, 2025.

**c. Informal Reports**

[25-0059](#) Contract with The Marilla Group for Contracted Chief Communications Officer - Bethany Warner, Interim Chief Communications Officer

Bethany Warner, Interim Chief Communications Officer, provided a summary of the report.

[25-0060](#) Police Chief Recruitment Process - Leila Peeples, Human Resources Assistant Director

Victor Escobedo, Human Resources Manager, provided a summary of the report.

[25-0061](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Properties Along North, South and West Normandale Street between Loop 820 and Las Vegas Trail to "MU-1" Low Intensity Mixed-Use Zoning District in Council District 3 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director, provided a summary of the report.

**2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for May 13, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for May 13, 2025, Council Meeting.

**3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for May 13, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding significant Zoning Cases for May 13, 2025, Council Meeting.

**4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for May 13, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for May 13, 2025, Council Meeting.

**5. Crime Lab Update – Neil Noakes, Police Chief**

Presentation was made by Neil Noakes, Police Chief.

**6. Update on Special Districts – Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager**

Presentation was made by Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager.

**7. Update on West Side TIF - Michael Hennig, Economic Development Manager**

Presentation was made by Michael Hennig, Economic Development Manager.

Mayor Parker asked staff to look into adding West 7th back into the TIF and thinking strategically about who is on the TIF Board.

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

Mayor Pro Tem requested membership consistency between the Woodhaven TIF and Woodhaven Neighborhood Association.

Council Member Williams requested process for making Marshal's civil service employees.

Council Member Beck requested travel spent by department, including Mayor and Council.

Council Member Nettles requested update on keeping City's alleys clean.

Council Member Nettles requested information on Getting a district office in the Council Member's community.

Council Member Nettles requested the discretionary authority of Code Compliance relating to illegal infrastructure.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.