

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
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 Charles Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (via video)
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10

Staff Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pastor Alanzo Winston, Worth Hills Church of Christ

The invocation was provided by Pastor Alanzo Winston, Worth Hills Church of Christ.

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

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Bivens made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of May 2, 2023, the Council meeting of May 9, 2023, the Joint Council and Fort Worth Employees' Funding Board, Work Session, and Special Called Meeting for the Election Canvas meetings of May 16, 2023, and the Council meeting of May 23, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 10-0.

[23-0040](#) Minutes - May 2, 2023 Work Session

[23-0042](#) Minutes - May 2, 2023 Public Comment

[23-0044](#) Minutes - May 9, 2023 Council Meeting

[23-0367](#) Minutes - May 16, 2023 Joint City Council and Fort Worth Employees' Retirement Fund Board Meeting

[23-0046](#) Minutes - May 16, 2023 Work Session

[23-0048](#) Minutes - May 16, 2023 Special Called Meeting (Election Canvass)

[23-0050](#) Minutes - May 23, 2023 Council Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)

23-0094 Public Comments

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to the removal of the Pride Badge from the 2023 Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge:

Sara Fairley-Luna

Puckmaren Glass

Cantor Sheri Allen
Greg Hughes
Amy Ramsey, representing Defense of Democracy
Kathy Hall
Melody Ellison
Celeste Holbrook
Reed Bilz, representing the Tarrant Justice Network
Natalya Cherry, representing Brite Divinity School
Jonah Murray
Reverend David Grebel, representing Celebration Community Church
Lauren Ivy Chiong
Robert Vann
Merl Glasscock

Tenel Tayar, representing Fifth Corner, appeared before Council relative to zoning docket ZC-23-068.

Jack Bowen appeared before Council relative to slow response to approve a Flock Safety cam on an easement to one entrance to the neighborhood.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to an oath.

Gerald Banks Sr. appeared before Council relative to profiling, police brutality, wrongful arrest/killing, wrongful prosecution, ending qualified immunity, etc.

Angela Blochowicz appeared before Council relative to the Hemphill corridor.

Cristina Plascencia Snoke appeared before Council relative to the Tax Abatement application at the former OLV school property.

Roy Lee Richards appeared before Council relative to “No Mo May.”

Adrian Smith appeared before Council via conference call relative to the continual incompetence of Chief Neil Noakes and disregard for lives by the Fort Worth Police Department.

Stephen Chacko appeared before Council relative to Hemphill.

Loretta Snoke-Huezo completed a speaker card relative to public comment and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Elva Camacho appeared before Council vis conference call relative to City issues and all agendas.

Kyev Tatum, representing New Mpount Rose Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Worth, appeared before Council relative to the state of black Fort Worth in Morningside.

Payton Jackson appeared before Council relative to zip codes.

Ricardo Avitia appeared before Council relative to public comments.

Hedy Pena appeared before Council relative to various.

Jason Pena appeared before Council relative to various.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to overgrown alleyways, Atatiana Jefferson, and Manuel Mata.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.