

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

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**Present:**

Mayor Betsy Price  
Mayor Pro tem Jungus Jordan, District 6  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3  
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4  
Council Member Gyna Bivens, District 5 (Video)  
Council Member Dennis Shingleton, District 7  
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8 (Video)  
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9 (Video)

**Staff Present:**

David Cooke, City Manager  
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney  
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 8:31 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 (formerly Room 290) of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager**

**a. Changes to the City Council Agenda**

- M&C 20-0962 will be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda there is a speaker on the item.
- M&C 20-0907 the public hearing will be opened, receive any public comment, and then continued to January 12, 2021
- ZC-20-137 will be continued to February 2, 2021 at which time it will have a companion annexation.

**b. Upcoming and Recent Events**

This morning's Council meeting for 2020 and the next Council meeting will be on January 12, 2021. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday and New Year and added that City Hall will be closed on December 25, 2020, and January 1, 2021.

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

- Mayor Price recognized Kelli Pickard for Camp Connection receiving the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) North Region Committee's Choice Award.
- Kevin Gunn introduced to new Assistant Directors in IT Solutions, Mark DeBoer and Donlen Ruffin.
- Sarah Fullenwider announced the retirement of Deputy City Attorney Gerald Pruitt at the end of December 2020 after 20 years with the City.
- Mark McAvoy announced Kate Beck's departure from the City.
- Valerie Washington announced the retirement of Fire Assistant Chief Landon Stallings after 35 years with the City.

**d. Informal Reports**

[20-10521](#) Application to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for Participation in Texas Emergency Rental Assistance Program (TERAP) Responding to Coronavirus Pandemic - Victor Turner

[20-10522](#) Construction Traffic Noise and Travel Route - Lauren Prieur

[20-10523](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[20-10524](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Properties Located Along Crowley Road and North Crowley Road in Council District 6 - Beth Knight

[20-10525](#) October 2020 - Sales Tax Update - Terry Hanson

[20-10526](#) Reorganization in TIF Accounting and PID Administration - Reginald Zeno

[20-10527](#) Speed Tables Follow Up - Tanya Brooks

[20-10528](#) Police Response to Violent Crime - Chief Ed Kraus

[20-10529](#) Update on Chief of Police Position Search - Jay Chapa

## 2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

Council Member Bivens addressed the importance of transparency pertaining M&Cs 20-0940, 20-0973 and 20-0974 to preclude accusations of misappropriation of CARES Act funding.

Council Member Moon expressed appreciation to staff for their expeditious processing of an M&C pertaining to purchase of equipment that was tied to a significant discount saving taxpayer dollars.

## 3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[M&C 20-0907](#) (CD 6) Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider the Amended and Restated Service and Assessment Plan for Fort Worth Public Improvement District 17 – Rock Creek Ranch and Adopt Ordinance Approving the Amended and Restated Service and Assessment Plan for the Fort Worth Public Improvement District 17 – Rock Creek Ranch, Which Includes Amended Assessment Rolls (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: John Samford; b. Public Comment; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Act on M&C)

Staff is still negotiating at this time; may be continued to January 12, 2021.

[ZC-20-007](#) (CD8) Artel Inc., D&KW Properties, 5600 - 6200 blocks South Freeway & 800 - 1000 blocks Loop 820; From: "A-5" One-Family, "E" Neighborhood Commercial, "I" Light Industrial To: "J" Medium Industrial (Applicant request); PD/I Planned Development for all uses in "I" Light Industrial with a 40 ft. landscaping buffer, 50 ft. building setback, 8 ft. screening fence, no truck traffic on the eastern most driveway; site plan included (Zoning Commission recommendation) 99.50 acres (Recommended for Approval as Amended by the Zoning Commission to PD/I with development standards for 40 ft. landscaping buffer, 50 ft. building setback, 8 ft. screening fence and no truck traffic on eastern driveway; site plan included) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Will move forward.

Mayor Price advised that in the interest of time, Item 4 would be presented during the Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

- a. COVID-19 Updates and Data - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance
- b. CARES Act Funding Update - Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services
- c. Fort Worth CARES Emergency Household Assistance Program and NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) Assistance Program - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services
- d. Preserve the Fort - Robert Sturns, Economic Development

#### **8. Presentation on Proposed Purchase of 100 Energy Way for New City Hall - Jay Chapa, City Manager's Office**

Mayor Price moved this presentation up on the agenda.

#### **5. Overview of Significant Zoning Cases - Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Development Services**

Mr. Wheaton-Rodriguez advised that his overview was not needed but he would address any concerns by the Council. There were no concerns from Council.

**6. National Finals Rodeo Wrap-Up - Michael Crum, Public Events and Bob Jameson, Visit Fort Worth**

Mayor Price advise that this presentation would be added to the Recognition of the National Finals Rodeo Event Leadership Team at the Council meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**7. Briefing on T3 Initiative – Mattie Parker, Tarrant To & Through Partnership**

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

Council Member Jordan - Staff presentation on New Water Meter Rates.

Council Member Flores - Update of COVID-19 testing numbers related to National Finals Rodeo Events/Locations.

Council Member Zadeh - Update on Dark Skies/Lights Out Initiative; Translation Services During Public Meetings; Briefing on services provided by Community Action Partners.

Meeting was recessed at 10:08 a.m. and reconvened at 1:28 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.