

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020

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
Council Member Dennis Shingleton, District 7
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the regular session of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pastor Calvin Williams from Kingdom Advancement Ministries

The invocation was provided by Pastor Calvin Williams, Kingdom Advancement Ministries.

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 Allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas were recited.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Byrd, that the minutes of the City Council Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2020, be approved. Motion passed 9-0.

1. [20-0517](#) Minutes - January 14, 2020 Work Session
2. [20-0518](#) Minutes - January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting

ITEMS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Cooke requested that M&Cs 02-0038 and 02-0043 be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED OR WITHDRAWN BY STAFF

There were no items to be continued or withdrawn by staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Bivens made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Jordan, that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended. Motion passed 9-0.

A. General - Consent Items

3. [M&C 20-0046](#) Authorize Temporary Closure of Loving Avenue from Northwest 31st Street to West Loraine Street from February 17, 2020 through July 17, 2020 for Construction Activities (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2)

Motion: Approved.

4. [M&C 20-0048](#) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$204,283.36 from the 2014 Bond Fund and Authorize the Execution of Amendment No 3 to a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols Inc., in an Amount not to Exceed of \$98,042.00 for a Total Revised Contract Amount of \$482,667.00 for Additional Engineering Services in the Six Points Urban Village Project and Update the FY 2020-2024 CIP (2014 Bond Program) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9)

Motion: Approved. Appropriation Ordinance No. 24019-01-2020

5. [M&C 20-0051](#) Adopt Resolution Approving the Tarrant County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan, January 2020 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved. Resolution No. 5179-01-2020

C. Land - Consent Items

1. [M&C 20-0045](#) Authorize the Execution of a Lease Agreement with the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce for Office Space in the Fort Worth Business Assistance Center at 1150 South Freeway (COUNCIL DISTRICT 8)

Motion: Approved.

2. [M&C 20-0049](#) Authorize Acquisition of a Right of Way Easement Interest in Approximately 0.839 Acres of Land, Located at 2620 Keller Hicks Road in the William McCowen Survey, Abstract No. 999, Tract 11B, Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas, from Property Owned by Ryan G. and Amanda D. Aldis for the North Riverside Drive Improvement Project for a Total Purchase Price of \$403,325.00 and Pay Estimated Closing Costs in the Amount Up to \$2,000.00, for a Total Cost of \$405,325.00 (2018 Bond Program) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7)

Motion: Approved.

E. Award of Contract - Consent Items

1. [M&C 20-0040](#) Authorize Execution of an Amendment to a Communications Services Agreement with the City of Saginaw for Expanded Services of the City of Fort Worth's Public Safety Radio System at No Cost to the City of Fort Worth (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved.

2. [M&C 20-0044](#) Authorize Execution of Agreement with ReliaStar Life Insurance Company in an Amount not to Exceed \$420,000.00 for Stop Loss Insurance for the City's Health Benefits Plan with an Effective Date of January 1, 2020 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved.

3. [M&C 20-0047](#) Authorize Execution of a Unit Price Contract with The Fain Group, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$5,000,000.00 for Task Order Construction Services for the Installation of Projects Relating to Paving, Sidewalk and Railroad Safety Improvements (2018 Bond Program) (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved.

4. [M&C 20-0050](#) Authorize Execution of Interlocal Agreement with Tarrant County for Participation in the Fort Worth's Citizen Drop Off Station Program (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved.

5. [M&C 20-0052](#) Authorize Application for and Acceptance of, If Awarded, a Grant From the Texas Department of Transportation in an Amount Up to \$3,600,000.00 for Design, Engineering and Construction Services for the Replacement of Airfield Lighting and Rehabilitation of Taxiways and Runway 17R/35L at Fort Worth Spinks Airport, Authorize the Transfer of Up to \$400,000.00 for the City's Match Requirement, Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Grant Related Agreements with the State of Texas, Represented by the Texas Department of Transportation, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6)

Motion: Approved. Resolution No. 5180-01-2020 and Appropriation Ordinance No. 24020-01-2020

6. [M&C 20-0053](#) Authorize Execution of a Contract with Gra-Tex Utilities, Inc., in the Amount of \$2,953,127.10, for the 2018 Water Line and Sanitary Sewer Replacement WSM-L contract and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (COUNCIL DISTRICT 6)

Motion: Approved. Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 24021-01-2020 and 24022-01-2020

PRESENTATIONS BY THE CITY SECRETARY - CONSENT ITEMS

1. [20-0416](#) Notice of Claims for Alleged Damages and/or Injuries

End of Consent Agenda.

A. General - Removed from Consent Agenda

1. [M&C 20-0038](#) Adopt Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 “Human Relations”, Article II: “Human Relations Commission” and Article III: “Discrimination” of the Code of the City of Fort Worth Texas to Reflect the Organizational Changes Related to the Creation of the Diversity and Inclusion Department, to Align Personnel Policies and Procedures with City Practices, to Add Provisions Relating to the Investigation of Complaints of Discrimination in Housing, Employment and Public Accommodations, and to Align Investigative Methods and Procedures with Federal Processing Criteria and Current Vernacular (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

The following individuals appeared before Council in opposition to M&C 20-0038:

Ms. Mindia Whittier, 4108 Bellaire Drive, South

Ms. Elizabeth Roper, 5654 Glenmont Court

Motion: Council Member Moon made a motion, seconded by Council Member Byrd, that M&C 20-0038 be approved and Ordinance No. 24023-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 8-0, with one abstention from Council Member Bivens.

2. [M&C 20-0043](#) Adopt Ordinances Increasing Appropriations in the Risk Management Fund by \$1,305,000.00, with \$1,275,000.00 for a Transfer to Capital for Implementation of the Cancer Prevention Program and \$30,000.00 for Continued Implementation of the Active Shooter Program, and in the General Capital Projects Fund by \$1,275,000.00 from Transferred Funds (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Mr. Michael Glynn, 3805 Lankford Trail, appeared before Council in support of M&C 20-0043.

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Byrd, that M&C 20-0043 be approved with appreciation and Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 24024-01-2020 and 24025-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS, INTRODUCTIONS, ETC.

1. Presentation of Proclamation to Joe Pothoff for his Service on the Tarrant Appraisal District Board

Mayor Price presented a proclamation to Mr. Joe Pothoff for his service on the Tarrant Appraisal Board, and she introduced Mr. Jeff Law, County Chief Appraiser, Tarrant Appraisal District.

2. Presentation of Recognition for Kendyll Locke, Crowley Independent School District

Mayor Pro tem Jordan and Council Member Allen Gray presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Kendyll Locke, Crowley Independent School District (ISD) for his academic achievements and as being one of two delegates to represent Texas in Washington for their Senator Youth Program. The delegates will work directly with Senators Cornyn and Cruz. Dr. Michael D. McFarland, Superintendent for Crowley ISD was also there to congratulate Mr. Locke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF

1. Upcoming and Recent Events

Mayor Price, Mayor Pro tem Jordan, and Council Members Flores, Byrd, Bivens, Allen Gray and Zadeh announced upcoming and recent events within the City and various Council districts.

2. Recognition of Citizens

There was no recognition of citizens.

3. Approval of Ceremonial Travel

There was no approval of ceremonial travel.

PRESENTATIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL

There were no changes on boards and commissions.

**PRESENTATIONS AND/OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND/OR CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES - NONE**

There were no presentations and/or communications from boards, commissions, and/or City Council committees.

RESOLUTIONS

1. [20-0642](#) A Resolution Designating the Rosemont Neighborhood as the Neighborhood Improvement Program Target Area for Fiscal Year 2020 and Supporting the Use of \$3,100,000.00 in Capital Funds for the Program

Mr. Stephen Hayes, representing Seminary Hills Neighborhood Association, Fort Worth, appeared before Council in opposition to the resolution and provided a handout.

The following individuals appeared before Council in support of the resolution:

Mr. Phillip Breedlove, 3812 Livingston Avenue

Mr. Fernando Peralta Berrios, representing Las Familias Rosemont Neighborhood Association, 3812 Gordon Avenue

Ms. Susan Barker, 3404 Townsend Drive

Mr. Alonzo Aguilar, 3725 Stuart Drive

Motion: Council Member Zadeh made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shingleton, that Resolution No. 5181-01-2020 be adopted with enthusiasm. Motion passed 9-0.

2. [20-0643](#) A Resolution Supporting Efforts to Eliminate the Use of e-Cigarettes, Vaping and Other Tobacco Products by Teens

The following individuals appeared before Council in support of the resolution:

Dr. Sreenivas Gudimelta, representing the American Heart Association, 6621 Cherry Hills Drive

Ms. Melinda Johnson, Chair, American Heart Association, Fort Worth

Ms. Lasondra Huggins, 8504 Ohara Lane, completed a speaker card in opposition to the resolution and was recognized by Mayor Price but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Motion: Council Member Byrd made a motion, seconded by Council Member Moon, that Resolution No. 5182-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

C. Purchase of Equipment, Materials, and Services

1. [M&C 20-0042](#) Authorize the Execution of an Agreement in the Amount of \$4,464,308.00 with Bell Textron Inc. for the Purchase of a Bell 505 Helicopter for the Police Department using existing CCPD Capital Projects Fund Appropriations and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the General Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of \$876,808.00 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Ms. Mindia Whittier, 4108 Bellaire Drive South, appeared before Council undecided relative to M&C 20-0042.

Mr. Matt Zavadsky, 2900 Alta Mere Drive, completed a comment card in support of M&C 20-0042.

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bivens, that M&C 20-0042 be approved and Appropriation Ordinance No. 24026-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. [M&C 20-0039](#) Conduct a Public Hearing and Approve Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget to Increase the Budget in the Recruiting and Training Initiative by a Total of \$962,986.00 for a Police Recruit Class, Decrease the Fund Balance by the Same Amount, and Adopt Ordinance Amending the City's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to Reflect these Changes (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Loraine Coleman; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Approve Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2020 Crime Control and Prevention District Budget)

Mayor Price opened the public hearing.

a. Report of City Staff

Ms. Loraine Coleman, Performance and Budget Office, appeared before Council and provided a staff report.

b. Citizen Presentations

There were no Citizen Presentations.

c. Council Action

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shingleton, that the public hearing be closed, M&C 20-0039 be approved and Ordinance No. 24027-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

2. [M&C 20-0041](#) Conduct Public Hearing, Authorize Execution of Municipal Services Agreement and Adopt Ordinance for the Proposed Owner-Initiated Annexation of Approximately 412.02 Acres of Land in Tarrant County, Known as Cowley Management, LLC., Located at 12250 Old Weatherford Road, in the Far West Planning Sector, AX-19-012 (FUTURE COUNCIL DISTRICT 3)

(PUBLIC HEARING - a. Report of City Staff: Mary Elliott; b. Citizen Presentations; c. Council Action: Close Public Hearing and Approve the M&C)

Mayor Price opened the public hearing.

a. Report of City Staff

Ms. Mary Elliott, Development Services Department, appeared before Council and provided a staff report.

b. Citizen Presentations

Mr. Justin Light, 500 West 7th Street, Suite 600, completed a speaker card in support of M&C 20-0041 and was recognized by Mayor Price but did not wish to address Council.

Ms. Lasondra Huggins, 8504 Ohara Lane, completed an undecided speaker card relative to M&C 20-0041 and was recognized by Mayor Price but was not present in the Council Chamber.

c. Council Action

Motion: Council Member Byrd made a motion, seconded by Council Member Moon, that the public hearing be closed, M&C 20-0041 be approved, and Ordinance No. 24028-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

ZONING HEARING

2. [ZC-19-183](#) (CD3) Cowley Management for BOA Sorte, et al, 11600 - 12400 blocks Old Weatherford Road; From: Unzoned To: "A-5" One-Family 407.81 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Week)

The City Council, at its meeting of January 14-2020, continued Zoning Docket ZC-19-183:

Mr. Justin Light, 500 West 7th Street, Suite 600, completed a speaker card in support of Zoning Docket ZC-19-183 and was recognized by Mayor Price but did not wish to address Council.

Motion: Council Member Byrd made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Jordan, Zoning Docket ZC-19-183 be approved. Motion passed 9-0.

1. [ZC-19-161](#) (CD9) Sevanne Steiner/Charlotte Hogan, 914 N. Sylvania Avenue; From: "E" Neighborhood Commercial To: "MU-1" Low Intensity Mixed Use 0.21 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Week)

The City Council, at its meeting of January 14-2020, continued Zoning Docket ZC-19-161:

Ms. Sevanne Steiner, 6412 Shasta Trail, completed a speaker card in support of Zoning Docket ZC-19-161 and was recognized by Mayor Price but did not wish to address Council.

Motion: Council Member Zadeh made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shingleton, that Mayor and Council Communication ZC-19-161 be Approved. Motion passed 9-0.

There being no one else present desiring to be heard in connection with the recommended changes and amendments pertaining Zoning Ordinance No. 21653-02-2015 for the above-listed cases, Council Member Zadeh made a motion, seconded by Council Member Shingleton, that Zoning Ordinance No. 24029-01-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS

1. **20-0583** Citizen Presentations

Mr. Bob Willoughby, 6731 Bridge Street #125, appeared before Council relative to Code Compliance, City Council, the Mayor, Citizen Presentations, zoning, and the election.

Mr. Erik Richerson, 3318 S. Jennings Avenue, appeared before Council relative to Hemphill, bulk trash and panhandling.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to citizen presentations, inequality in Fort Worth, transparency, having more visible engagement with the Fort Worth Police Department, and blatant disparity:

Ms. Elizabeth Roper, 5654 Glenmont Court
Ms. Mindia Whittier, 4108 Bellaire Drive South

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ROOM 290) - SEE ATTACHMENT B

1. [20-0452](#) Executive Session B

ADJOURNMENT