

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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 Gyna Bivens, District 5
Council Member Dennis Shingleton, District 7
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9

Absent:

Council Member Cary Moon, District 4

Staff Present:

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

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in City Council Conference 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

There were no changes.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager David Cooke announced there will be a performance at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber by the VOICES of Fort Worth acapella choir

lead by Director, Dr. Jerome Bierschenk.

Mr. Cooke also announced that the Tuesday, March 10th Council meeting is cancelled. (NLC - Washington, March 8th-11th and FWISD Spring Break, March 9th-13th) The next Council meeting scheduled is on *Tuesday, March 17th*.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager David Cooke announced Dana Burghdoff as Assistant City Manager, officially dropping the Interim title and announced that Jay Chapa is now the Deputy City Manager.

Mayor Price announced Laken Rapier's 40 under 40 Recognition

Deputy City Manager, Jay Chapa introduced Kim Neal as the Police Monitor and Denise Rodriguez as Deputy Police Monitor.

d. Informal Reports

[20-10373](#) The 2019 Neighborhood Awards - Michelle Gutt

[20-10374](#) Changing "Citizen Presentations" to "Public Presentations" on the City Council Meeting Agenda - Mary Kayser

[20-10375](#) Mowing Contracts 2020 - Richard Zavala

[20-10376](#) Municipal Court Director Search Update - Valerie Washington

[20-10377](#) Update on Open Space Preservation, Proposed Acquisition of Broadcast Hill, and Proposed Contract with Trust for Public Land - Jennifer Dyke

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

City Manager David Cooke noted that M&C 20-0139 is related to ongoing work on the Trinity River Vision project. Mayor Price asked that he comment on this M&C during the Council Meeting.

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[M&C 20-0090](#) Ratify Application for and Authorize Acceptance of a Grant from the Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency Under the Fiscal Year 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Operations and Safety Grant, in the Amount of Up to \$428,864.00, Authorize Transfer in the Amount of \$42,886.00, as Required, for the City's 10% Cost Match from the Risk Financing Fund to the Grants Operating Federal Fund, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS) (Continued from a Previous Week)

Moving forward.

[M&C 20-0069](#) Conduct Public Hearing, Authorize Execution of Municipal Services Agreement and Adopt Ordinance for the Proposed Owner-Initiated Annexation of Approximately 18.4 Acres of Land in Tarrant County, Known as 8350 Wagley Robertson Road and 0.46 Acres of County Right-of-Way, Located North of Bailey Boswell Road Along the Western Edge of Wagley Robertson Road, in the Far Northwest Planning Sector, AX-19-013 (FUTURE COUNCIL DISTRICT 7) (Continued from a Previous Week)

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

Moving forward.

[ZC-20-002](#) (CD7) CFI Farm Properties, LLC, 9200 - 9500 blocks Saginaw Boulevard, 7800 block Wagley Robertson Road; From: "AG" Agricultural, "A-10" One-Family, "A-7.5" One-Family, "E" Neighborhood Commercial To: "A-5" One-Family 145.16 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Will be continued to March 17, 2020.

[ZC-20-003](#) (CD7) CFI Farm Properties, LLC, 8000 - 8100 blocks Wagley Robertson Road; From: Unzoned, "AG" Agricultural To: "A-7.5" One-Family and "A-5" One-Family 19.06 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Will be continued to March 17, 2020.

[ZC-20-019](#) (CD8) Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County, 1105 - 1215 (odds) E. Lancaster Avenue; From: "MU-2" High Intensity Mixed-Use To: "PD/MU-2" Planned Development for all uses in "MU-2" High Intensity Mixed-Use with waivers to required primary street frontage, office parking ratio, parking lot screening height, Individual street-oriented entries for street level residential units, and primary residential entrance spacing; site plan included 0.97 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Moving forward.

4. Overview of Significant Zoning Cases - Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning and Development

Mr. Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of significant zoning cases.

5. Update on Coronavirus from City Officials and Tarrant County Public Health Officials – Chief Jim Davis, Fire and Russ Jones, Tarrant County Public Health Epidemiology Manager

Fire Chief Jim Davis and and Russ Jones, Tarrant County Public Health Epidemiology Manager provided a briefing on Coronavirus and public health strategies.

6. Briefing on Proposed Improvements to Heritage Park – Fernando Costa, City Manager’s Office, Andy Taft, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. and Missy Gale, M. Gale & Associates

Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa; Andy Taft, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc; and Missy Gale, M. Gale & Associates provided a briefing on proposed improvements to Heritage Park and Paddock Park. Included in the briefing were the vision, funding sources, budget and next steps.

7. Presentation on the Best Place for Kids and Working Parents Initiative – Mattie Parker, Mayor and Council Office, Sara Redington, Miles Foundation and Cheraya Pena, Best Place for Kids

Mattie Parker, Mayor and Council Office; Sara Reddington, Miles Foundation; and Cheraya Pena, Best Place for Kids briefed the Council on the Best Place for Kids and Working Parents Initiative.

**8. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
– Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services**

Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services presented the Fiscal Year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan - 1) reconciliation of major project funding and any surplus funds; 2) IR on volunteers ability to drive city vehicles, particularly Fire canteen

Council Members Bivens and Flores - IR on using speed plates as traffic calming devices

Council Member Bivens - Public Art in District 5

**10. Executive Session (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL,
ROOM 290) - SEE ATTACHMENT A**

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.