

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Video)
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7 (Video)
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Laetitia Brown, Interim City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, 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 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

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

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

Thursday, January 6 at 3 p.m., City Council Conference Room 2020 - The Redistricting Task force will meet to evaluate proposed maps and select top five for further review by outside council.

Thursday, January 13th at 6 p.m., City Council Chamber - The Redistricting Task force will conduct a Public Hearing on proposed maps.

Monday, January 17th, Most city offices, including City Hall will be closed in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Emergency services will be available as usual.

City Manager Cooke called on Cannon Henry, Chair of the MLK, Jr./Juneteenth Employee to share the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration activities.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates and employee recognition(s).

c. Informal Reports

[22-001](#) October 2021 - Sales Tax Update - Mark McAvoy

[22-002](#) Distribution of Food and Clothing Along East Lancaster Avenue - Tara Perez

[22-003](#) Priority Repair Program and Community Action Partners - Victor Turner

[22-004](#) Summer Reading Program Update - Lawrence Thompson

2. Questions Regarding City Council Action Items for January 11, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council Action Items for the January 11, 2022, Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for January 11, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Zoning Cases for the January 11, 2022, Council meeting.

4. Briefing on Programs to Reduce Homelessness - Tara Perez, City Manager's Office and Lauren King, Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

5. Update on Economic Development Strategic Plan – Jay Chapa, City Manager’s Office, Robert Sturns, Economic Development and Jon Roberts, TIP Strategies

Council Members Beck, Crain and Firestone - Provide an update on how the City compares with peer cities on Economic Development projects (both in and out of Texas), funding for economic development projects including funding sources and how other cities apply the funds.

6. Presentation on Municipal Court Programs and Outreach Strategies - William Rumuly and Chief Judge Danny Rodgers, Municipal Court

7. Presentation on City Charter Election - Leann Guzman and Denis McElroy, Law

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

Council Members Beck and Crain - Provide an update on the City’s efforts in addressing the issue of paper license plates and schedule a briefing from the Regional Transportation Council on their initiatives including paper license plates.

Council Member Williams - Provide a status update on COVID-19.

Council Member Williams - Provide an update on efforts by the City to reduce gun violence.

Council Member Flores - When appropriate provide an update on enforcement of game rooms.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m.