

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

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 at 1:08 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 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

City Manager David Cooke called on Heidi Swartz and Leslie Casey with the Cowtown Marathon to provide an update on plans for the marathon.

Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement presented a PowerPoint slide on the proposed meeting schedule for the 2022 Bond and Charter Election. A copy of the schedule has been distributed to Council.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Mayor Parker recognized Cyndee Ann Garza with Neighborhood Services.

City Manager David Cooke called on Robert Sturns to introduce Ori Fernandez as the new Economic Development Assistant Director.

c. Informal Reports

[22-019](#) Strategic Planning for Future COVID-19 Surges - Brandon Bennett

[22-020](#) 2022 Debt Financing Plan Overview - Reginald Zeno

[22-021](#) Award of Defense Economic Assistance Adjustment Grant for the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth - Dana Burghdoff

[22-022](#) Proposed Future Land Use Change for Casino Beach - Dana Burghdoff

[22-023](#) Proposed Naming Process for Trinity River Vision Bridges - Dana Burghdoff

[22-024](#) Economic Development Q1 2022 Update - Robert Sturns

[22-025](#) Overview of Economic Development Corporations and Proposed Creation of Economic Development Fund - Robert Sturns

[22-026](#) Cancer Mitigation Efforts in the Fire Department - Chief James Davis

[22-027](#) Female Fire Recruitment, Fitness Requirements and Hiring Data - Chief James Davis

Council Member Beck - Requested information on the wash out rate for male cadets; and information on the make-up of the recruitment team including the ability for non-firefighters to serve.

[22-028](#) Farrington Field Redevelopment Study - Fernando Costa

[22-029](#) Fictitious License Plates - Deputy Chief Pedro Criado

Council Member Crain - Recommended that an option to report fictitious plates be included on the MyFortWorth app.

[22-030](#) Fund Allocation of \$11M from General Fund to Provide Additional Funding for Arterial Projects in the 2022 Bond Program - William Johnson

[22-031](#) Lakeland Addition Inholdings and the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge - Richard Zavala

[22-032](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[22-033](#) Proposed 2022 Comprehensive Plan - Eric Fladager

[22-034](#) Proposed Update of the Panther Island Form-Based District Development Standards and Guidelines - Daniel Leal

Council Member Flores - Requested information on the stakeholder process for this project.

Mayor Parker - Requested staff to ensure we include private partnership opportunities.

[22-035](#) May 2022 Election Outreach Plan - Michelle Gutt

[22-036](#) Ways to Watch City Council Meetings - Michelle Gutt

Council Member Nettles - Requested staff continue to explore the options for providing livestreaming of meetings on Facebook.

4. Questions Regarding City Council Action Items for February 22, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council Action Items for the February 22, 2022, Council Meeting.

5. Presentation on AllianceTexas Economic Impact – Mike Berry, Hillwood

6. Briefing on Strategy to Reduce Violent Crime – Chief Neil Noakes, Police

Council Member Nettles - Provide an itemized analysis of the allocation of Crime Control and Prevention funding; funding allocated to the areas experiencing high violent crimes; and a list of organizations the Police Department are working with and the communities they serve.

Council Member Flores - Requested information on the percentage of crimes involving firearms that are possessed and obtained illegally.

Council Member Beck - Requested information on what other Cities such as El Paso are doing to combat violent crime.

Council Member Crain - Requested recommendations on expanding the neighborhood patrol operations teams.

7. Update on Solid Waste Fund Sustainability – Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance

8. Briefing about Registration of Community Organizations — Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement

9. Briefing on 2022 Housing Tax Credit Application for the Gala at Ridgmar - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services

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

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens - Requested information on how the City handles popup businesses/entertainment events.

Council Member Williams - Requested a report on cancer mitigation efforts relating to PFAS chemicals used in firefighting foam.

Council Member Moon - Provide an update on when Code Compliance can close a business for health and safety reasons.

Council Member Williams - Requested an update on improvements to the Development permitting processes.

Council Member Nettles - Requested an analysis on the feasibility of the City purchasing hotels or motels that have been closed and the ability to repurpose them for other uses.

Mayor Parker and Mayor Pro tem Bivens - Provide recommendations on the use of the CCPD to provide advice and guidance to the City on violent crime reduction.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.