CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
PUBLIC COMMENT 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 Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Council Member Cary Moon, District 4

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Laetitia Brown, Interim City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pastor Parish Lowery, Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

The invocation was provided by Pastor Parish Lowery, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.

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

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Council Member Beck made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crain, that the minutes of the Work Session and the Public Comment meeting of February 1, 2022, the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 8, 2022, and the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council Public Hearing on Redistricting Map Proposed by the Redistricting Task Force on February 8, 2022, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Council Member Moon absent.

22-1970 Minutes - February 1, 2022 Work Session

22-1971 Minutes - February 1, 2022 Public Comment Meeting

22-1972 Minutes - February 8, 2022 Council Meeting

22-2044 Minutes - February 8, 2022 Special Called Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council Public Hearing on Redistricting Map Proposed by the Redistricting Task Force

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Black History Month - Council Member Chris Nettles

Council Member Nettles read a poem about Rosa Parks by an anonymous author.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

22-1961 Public Comments

Mr. Bob Willoughby, 617 Fay Boulevard, appeared before Council relative to the City Council and elections and provided a video.

Ms. Barbara Brewer, 12340 Dogwood Springs Drive, completed a Public Comments card relative to Fort Worth Proposition F, crime, cross walks, and redistricting and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Thomas Torlincasi, 1515 6th Avenue, appeared before Council relative to City Council, police reform, and the Police Officers' Association.

Mr. George Chiles, 74, 2901 Travis Avenue, appeared before Council relative to freedom of speech.

Ms. Dena Ashton, representing Lake Como NAC, 5725 Geddes Avenue, appeared before Council via conference call relative to the redistricting map.

Mr. Wendell Campbell, 5325 Bonnell, appeared before Council requesting that Lake Como be included in District 6 from District 3.

Ms. Katie Crum, 3801 Arundel Avenue, appeared before Council relative to the Fort Worth Police Department's gross incompetence. Mayor Parker directed her to speak Police Chief Noakes after the meeting.

Mr. Kenneth Bowens, 300 South Hulen Street, Suite 124, completed a Public Comments card relative to community action issues and was recognized by Mayor Parker but did not wish to address Council.

Mr. Bruce Miller, 3932 Weyburn Drive, appeared before Council via conference call relative to redistricting.

Ms. Byrwec Ellison, 4600 Briarhaven Road, appeared before Council via conference call relative to redistricting.

Mr. James Smith, 1208 East Allen Avenue, appeared before Council relative to a perplexing narrative.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m., in memory of Mr. Sal Espino, Jr., who passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.