

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 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 Alan Blaylock, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8 (arrived at 6:14 p.m.)
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, 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, May 17, 2022, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pandit Murali Krishna, Hindu Temple of Greater Fort Worth

The invocation was provided by Pandit Murali Krishna, Hindu Temple of Greater Fort Worth.

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 Crain made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Bivens, that the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of May 3, 2022, and the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 10, 2022, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Council Member Nettles absent.

[22-1987](#) Minutes - May 3, 2022 Work Session

[22-1988](#) Minutes - May 3, 2022 Public Comment

[22-1989](#) Minutes - May 10, 2022 Council Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)

[22-1966](#) Public Comments

(Council Member Nettles took his place at the dais.)

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals:

Mr. Daniel Haase, 1670 Watson Road West

Ms. Jessica Black, 2119 Riverfront Drive, Arlington, Texas

Mr. Malikk Austin, 6008 Meredith Lane, appeared before Council via conference call relative to violence in the city.

Mr. Thomas Torlincasi, 1515 6th Avenue, appeared before Council relative to division by calculation, Central Division B. Policy and not general orders, and control of Council meetings.

Mr. Adrian Smith, 3625 San Rose Drive, appeared before Council relative to reading each subject on the Council agenda.

Mr. David Mendes, 6016 Red Rum Drive, appeared before Council relative to the short-term rental ordinance.

Mr. Rick Herring, 1801 Bolton Street, appeared before Council relative to public art proposed for Bonnie Brae Avenue.

Mr. Ken Hicks, 1801 Bolton Street, completed a Public Comment card relative to North Riverside Drive street lamps and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Mr. Bob Willoughby, 617 Fay Boulevard, appeared before Council relative to the City Council, neighborhood associations, and the Fort Worth Police Officers' Association.

Ms. Brenda Helmer, 4836 Birchman Avenue, appeared before Council relative to the short-term rentals.

Ms. Janet Williamson, 3570 Norfolk Road, appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. James Smith, 1208 East Allen Avenue, appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson and transparency.

Ms. Jill Freer, 2916 Merrimac Street, appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. Jarrod Roecker, 829 Timberoaks Drive, Azle, Texas, appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. Jim Delong, 8704 Granite Court, appeared before Council relative to bridges.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.