# CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

# TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

# **Present:**

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

Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

### Absent:

Mayor Mattie Parker

#### **Staff Present:**

David Cooke, City Manager Leann Guzman, City Attorney Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro tem Bivens called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:04 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

# **INVOCATION - Pastor Marcus Brecheen, Gateway Church**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Marcus Brecheen, Gateway 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 Crain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Beck, that the minutes of the Election Canvass meeting of May 17, 2022, the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of May 17, 2022, and the Regular meeting of May 24, 2022, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Mayor Parker absent.

22-225 Minutes - May 17, 2022 Election Canvass

<u>22-1990</u> Minutes - May 17, 2022 Work Session

<u>22-1991</u> Minutes - May 17, 2022 Public Comment

<u>22-1992</u> Minutes - May 24, 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)

22-1967 Public Comments

Mr. Bob Willoughby, 617 Fay Boulevard, appeared before Council relative to the City Council.

Mr. Thomas Torlincasi, 1515 6th Avenue, appeared before Council relative to accountability and transparency in the Police Department.

Ms. Kheri Hines, Memphis, Tennessee, appeared before Council via conference call relative to Chesapeake lawsuits and royalties.

Ms. LaSondra Huggins, 8504 Ohara Lane, completed a Public Comment card via conference call relative to redistricting and day-to-day living and was recognized by Mayor Pro tem Bivens but was could not be reached by phone.

Mr. Tuan Phan, representing The Phan Foundation, 9829 Jericho Lane, appeared before Council relative to the development of permanent supportive housing.

Mr. Daniel Haase, 1670 Watson Road West, appeared before Council relative to the Twilight Zone and the similarities to current mindsets.

Mr. David Mendes, representing the Northwest Fort Worth Neighborhood Alliance, 6016 Red Drum Drive, appeared before Council relative to short term rentals in neighborhoods.

Mr. James Smith, 1208 East Allen Avenue, appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson, high weeds, and building trust.

Mr. Manuel Mata, 815 West Richmond Avenue, appeared before Council relative to property seizures in low-income neighborhoods and gun violence.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Bivens adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in honor of the 19 victims who lost their lives in Uvalde on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.