

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION ON THE FY2023 BUDGET AND
PROPOSED TAX RATE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2022**

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (Video)
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

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

1. Call to Order – Mattie Parker, Honorable Mayor

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session on the FY2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at 10:20 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2022, in the City Council Conference Room 2020, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

2. Opening Comments – David Cooke, City Manager

David Cooke, City Manager, made opening comments.

3. Fire Staff Study Update – David Cooke, City Manager

Presentation was made by David Cooke, City Manager and Chief Davis, Fire Department.

Council recommended forming a committee that included Council Member Flores, representatives from City Management Team, Fire Department, Med Star and the Fire Fighters Union 440 to exam the study and report back on recommendations to Council.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens left the meeting at 10:58 a.m. and returned at 11:24 a.m.

4. Budget Response Review – David Cooke, City Manager

a. 23-015 – Fire Station Geography

There were no questions on Budget Response 23-015.

b. 23-016 – Council Staffing

David Cooke, City Manager provided a summary of Budget Response 23-016.

— Council Member Crain recommended updating the number of calls and emails received to include those received into the individual email accounts in addition to the District email account.

— Council recommended the following:

- Budget for an additional FTE for each Council Office.
- Provide a salary range that those new employees could be hired.
- Provide more flexibility for the Council to determine if the new hire should be full or part-time.
- Eliminate the additional shared support position.
- Budget for the shared communications support position.

Mayor Parker recessed the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Mayor Parker reconvened the meeting at 1:35 p.m. Mayor Pro tem Bivens did not return following the recess.

c. 23-017 – Property Tax and Valuation History

David Cooke, City Manager provided a summary of Budget Response 23-017.

5. Wrap-up Discussion & Schedule Forward – David Cooke, City Manager

City Manager David Cooke announced the public comment on the budget would be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, and the adoption of the tax rate and budget is scheduled for September 27, 2022.

6. Closing Comments – Mattie Parker, Honorable Mayor

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker closed the City Council Budget Work Session on the FY2023 Budget and Proposed Tax Rate at 1:56 p.m., on Friday, September 9, 2022.