

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 4
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (Via Video)
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8 (in at 6:10p.m.)
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette S. 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 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Father John Shanahan, Vicar at St. Andrew Catholic Church

The invocation was provided by Father John Shanahan, Vicar at St. Andrew Catholic 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

[23-0100](#) Minutes - December 13, 2022 Council Meeting

Motion: Council Member Beck made a motion, seconded by Council Member Flores, that the Regular meeting of December 13, 2022, be approved. Motion passed 6-0, Council Members Crain, Firestone, and Nettles absent.

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

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)

[23-0086](#) Public Comments

Dan Haase appeared before Council relative to words from the past.

Karl Bradley appeared before Council relative to community concern.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Charles Harris appeared before Council relative to South Seminary Addition, sewer/septic issues at 9428 Ronald Drive.

Judith Harris, representing JPAR Real Estate, appeared before Council relative to South Seminary Addition sewer extension requests.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to accountability.

The following individuals appeared before council relative to short term rentals:

Pam Hudson

Adrienne Bennett, representing Fort Worth Short Term Rentals Alliance

Cassie Warren

Tracey Amaya

Paul Chaplo

Patrice Jones, representing BAM 104 Southside Community Garden, appeared before Council relative to public comments.

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to gun violence.

Gerald Banks Sr. completed a speaker card relative to profiling, police brutality, wrongful arrest/killing, wrongful prosecution, end qualified immunity, dictatorship and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Police accountability/Atatiana Jefferson at Hillside Community Center.

Malikk Austin appeared before Council relative to State of the City.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to United We Stand.

Bishop Kirkland completed a speaker card relative to community and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Kara Smith completed a speaker card relative to South Seminary Addition sewer and water lines and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Tabitha Williams completed a speaker card relative to curfew and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Rebekah Travis appeared before Council relative to boarding houses in Fort Worth.

Pamela Young appeared before Council relative to the youth curfew ordinance.

Rodney McIntosh, representing Christ The Risen King Church, appeared before Council via conference call relative to Rodney McIntosh.

Oscar Henriquez appeared before Council relative to the youth ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m., in honor of Richard Philip Oestricher, who passed away Sunday, January 15, 2023, and Joe Guzman, who passed away Monday, January 16, 2023.