

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (Via 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 (arrived at 2:05 pm)
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

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order 1:49 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke announced the last meeting of the year will be December 13, 2022. The first Council meeting in the New Year will be January 10, 2023, at 6 p.m.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa to announce that Christina Brooks won three awards: The Golden Shovel Award, the BuyThoseThatBuyUs Award and the Corporation/Public Sector Entity of the Year Award.

City Manager Cooke called on Christina Brooks to recognize the following City employees who completed the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access) Certification Training. The employees were:

- Selena Ala, City Manager's Office
- Rebekah Doyle, Parks and Recreation Department
- Neaita Franklin, Information Technology Solutions
- Andrew Goodman, Human Resources Department
- Tonja Truevillian, Fire Department
- Sonia Singleton, Neighborhood Services
- James Turner, Parks and Recreation Department

City Manager Cooke called on Valerie Washington to introduce Dr. Jeffrey L. Jarvis as the new EMS System Medical Director and Chief of Medical Officer for Medstar Mobile Healthcare.

c. Informal Reports

[22-173](#) Adoption of the City of Fort Worth's 2023 Federal Legislative and Administrative Agenda - TJ Patterson, Jr.

[22-174](#) September 2022 - Sales Tax Update - Richard Zavala

[22-175](#) Amendment to Tax Abatement Agreement with Raider Express - Robert Sturns

Council Member Beck requested information on the employment performance numbers.

[22-176](#) Extension of Employment Completion Deadline for Smart Action LLC Chapter 380 Agreement - Robert Sturns

[22-177](#) Competitive Grants for the Arts Program Update - Eric Fladager

[22-178](#) Follow-Up to IR 22-167 Curfew Ordinance for Minors - Danny Rodgers

Council Member Beck requested an update on clearing curfew violations involving minors who do not have access to a parent or guardian and information on options for resolving non-appearances.

[22-179](#) Fort Worth Tarrant County Innovation Partnership - Carlo Capua

[22-180](#) Firearms Taken in Application of the Violent Crime Strategy - Robert Alldredge

[22-181](#) Mental Health Training Provided for All Fort Worth Police Officers - Robert Alldredge

Council Member Beck recommended the Department consider making additional Mental Health Training mandatory.

[22-182](#) Police and Fire Department Internal and External Boards - Robert Alldredge

Council Member Beck recommended the Department consider adding a committee dedicated to increasing diversity to better understand the barriers to entry into the profession.

[22-183](#) Priority of Responses to 9-1-1 Calls about Threats of Violence at Childcare Facilities and Elementary Schools - Robert Alldredge

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens and Council Member Williams requested information on the use of CCPD funds for panic buttons for childcare facilities.

[22-184](#) Reasonable Distances from which Residents May Observe Police Activity at Crime Scenes and Traffic Stops - Robert Alldredge

[22-185](#) Training Opportunities Available for Fort Worth Police Officers by Rank - Robert Alldredge

[22-186](#) Pay Adjustments for Retention, Recruitment and Market Competitiveness - Dianna Giordano

[22-187](#) Transportation & Public Works (TPW) Director Recruitment Process - Dianna Giordano

[22-188](#) ROW Ordinance - Citations for Contractor Violations - Michael Owen

Council Member Crain requested a report on the issuing citations and removal of signs in the Right of Way.

[22-189](#) Update on Broadcasting of City Council Meetings - Michelle Gutt

Mayor Parker recommended developing a policy on how the City will handle responding to comments posted on Facebook for streaming Council Meetings.

2. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for December 13, 2022, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the Zoning Cases for December 13, 2022, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for December 13, 2022, Council Meeting

Council Member Crain stated that number 43 on the M&C Log should be District 3.

4. Update on Future City Hall – Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group

Presentation was made by Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an inventory list of remaining furniture available for donation be sent to Council.

5. Briefing on Selection of Fiscal Year 2023 Target Area for Neighborhood Improvement Program — Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services

Presentation was made by Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services.

6. Briefing on Regulation of Boarding Homes – Robert Alldredge and Christopher Gorrie, Police; and Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance

Presentation was made by Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge, Christopher Gorrie, Police Department and Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a list of known boarding homes by district be sent to the Council.

7. Briefing on Short Term Rental – Dana Burghdoff, City Manager’s Office

Presentation was made by Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager

Council recommended staff bring back an ordinance amending the Code relating to the registration of Short Term Rentals.

8. City Council Requests for Future Agenda Items and/or Reports

Council Member Beck: an update to Informal Report 22-178 on the clearing curfew violations involving minors who do not have access to a parent or guardian and information on options for resolving non-appearances.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens and Council Member Williams requested a report on the ability to use CCPD funds to provide panic buttons to child-care facilities.

(Council Member Williams left at 4:00 p.m.)

Council Member Crain requested a report on options for citations and removal of signs in the Right of Way.

Council Member Beck requested an update on the status of 911 staffing, call volume and response times.

Council Members Nettles and Beck requested an update on implementation of the Police technology contract including which pieces of technology have been implemented, any changes to policies or procedures resulting from the implementation and an update on the implementation of license plate readers.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens and Council Member Beck requested an update on the Tax Abatement Policy including a comprehensive list of current tax abatement and progress towards agreement requirements such as construction dollars spent, number of jobs added to the area, average salary of the positions, ability to include in the policy geographical requirements relating to agreement requirements, and employment performance numbers.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the City's role and responsibilities for providing oversight for the Tarrant Appraisal District.

Council Member Nettles requested a report of CPI's since January 2021 to present and any exact findings resulting from CIPs.

Council Member Firestone requested a Report on the Residential Parking Permit Program and options for implementing a "mail-in" system that allows residents to apply for a permit and the procedure for appealing tickets for expired permits.

Council Member Flores and Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested a report on the status of the Community and Public Engagement Department including the number of meetings attended and staff availability to cover the meetings.

Council Member Flores requested an update on a previous Informal Report from October 18, 2022, relating to decibel meter readers.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on crime activity around the various dollar stores.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on the diversity of the top four positions in each department.

Mayor Parker requested a briefing on the Policy Advisory Board and recommendations from the Chief of Police relating to the Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.