

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

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
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7 (Via Video)
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette S. 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 1:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, 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

There were no upcoming or recent events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

David Cooke, City Manager called on Jannette Goodall to introduce Katherine Cenicola as the New Election/Council Support Coordinator and Tammi Castillo as the New Boards and Commissions Coordinator.

David Cooke, City Manager called on Valerie Washington to recognize William Rumuly for Earning Statewide Honor for “Court in the Community”. Recognition was given by Juan Perez, Texas Municipal Court Clerk Association.

David Cooke, City Manager called on Lauren Prieur, Interim Transportation Public Works Director to recognize TPW’s Ashley Hagen for Exemplary Customer Service.

Mayor Parker announced that the update from Dr. Ramsey would be taken out of order.

3. Update on Future Vision for Fort Worth Independent School District - Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Fort Worth Independent School District

Presentation was made by Dr. Angelica Ramsey, Fort Worth Independent School District.

c. Informal Reports

[23-001](#) 101588 University Drive Construction Phasing to Minimize Traffic Impact - Lauren Prieur

[23-002](#) 2023 Housing Tax Credit Applications - Victor Turner

[23-003](#) Annual Development Activity Report - DJ Harrell

[23-004](#) Appointment of 1300 Gendy Task Force - Fernando Costa

[23-005](#) Central Library Hours Reduction - Manya Shorr

[23-006](#) City of Fort Worth Internship Program - Dianna Giordano

Council Members Flores and Beck requested recommendations on implementation of a robust internship program that includes paid internships and possible grant programs and methods to assist City departmental participation in the NextGen Youth Development Program.

[23-007](#) Fort Worth Meacham Airport Master Plan Update - Roger Venables

[23-008](#) October 2022 - Sales Tax Update - Richard Zavala

[23-009](#) Removal and Enforcement of Bandit Signs - Brandon Bennett

Council Member Flores requested staff circle back with him on clarification of bandit signs.

[23-010](#) Update on MedStar EMS Response Planning - Ken Simpson, Dr. Jeff Jarvis, and Chief James Davis

[23-011](#) Update on Police and Fire Payroll Improvements - Valerie Washington

[23-012](#) Will Rogers Memorial Center ARPA-Funded Capital Projects Update - Mike Crum

[23-013](#) Staffing Levels in Police 9-1-1 Communications Division - Robin Krouse

Mayor Parker reminded staff to use Mayor and Council as a resource.

[23-014](#) Strategy for Recruitment and Promotion of Diverse Police Officers - Julie Swearingin

[23-015](#) Acquisition of Panic Buttons for Childcare Providers - Robert Alldredge

[23-016](#) Critical Police Incidents, January 2021 through December 2022 - Robert Alldredge

[23-017](#) Curfew Ordinance for Minors - Robert Alldredge and William Rumuly

[23-018](#) Policy Advisory/ Review Committee Update - Robert Alldredge

[23-019](#) Update on Axon Police Technology Contract - Robert Alldredge

[23-020](#) Use of Decibel Meters to Enforce Noise Ordinance - Robert Alldredge

Council Members Flores and Beck requested a follow-up on this IR to provide a list of the models of decibel meter readers and the frequency schedule for calibrating the meters.

[23-021](#) Proposed Creation of New Downtown Zoning Classification - Central Business District Peripheral (“HP”) - Stephen Murray

[23-022](#) Report on the Policy and Procedures Relating to Opposition of a Zoning Case and Clarification on when a “Super-Majority” Vote is Required - Stephen Murray

[23-023](#) Proposed Registration Ordinance for Legal Short-Term Rentals - Dana Burghdoff

[23-024](#) Update on Panther Island Bridge Naming - Dana Burghdoff

2. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for January 31, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the January 31, 2023 City Council M&C Log.

4. Presentation on Botanic Garden Master Plan – Patrick Newman, Fort Worth Botanic Garden and BRIT

Presentation was given by Patrick Newman, Fort Worth Botanic Garden and BRIT.

5. Fort Worth Convention Center Phase 1 Advisory Committee Update – Mike Crum, Public Events and Bob Jameson, Visit Fort Worth

Presentation was made by Bob Jameson, Visit Fort Worth, Michael Bennett and William Johnson, Assistant City Manager.

Council Member Beck recommended analyzing the potential to completely close the pedestrian area to turn it into a true pedestrian area.

**6. Briefing on One-Second Collaborative to Prevent Youth Gun Violence –
Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge, Police and Leah King, United Way of Tarrant
County**

Presentation was given by Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge, Police Department and Regina Williams, Executive Vice President and Chief Impact Officer, United Way of Tarrant County.

7. FY 2022 Fiscal Close - David Cooke, City Manager

Presentation was given by David Cooke, City Manager.

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

Mayor Parker requested an update on the implementation of the Fire Study recommendations.

Council Members Flores and Beck requested a follow-up on IR 23-020 to provide a list of the models of decibel meter readers and the frequency schedule for calibrating the meters.

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens and Council Member Flores requested a briefing on the functions of the Communications and Public Engagement Department.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the formulation of the Intergovernmental Affairs Group.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the outdoor public events permitting process and when Council notification is required for events such as street closures.

Council Member Beck requested a report on implementing a policy relating to idling vehicles.

Council Member Beck requested information on how the City communicates zoning changes including signage and mail outs.

Council Member Beck requested information on the location of AED's in City facilities; other cities that have regulated their placement in private facilities and grants available to assist with the cost of the equipment.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the requirements for issuing a moratorium on new development in certain areas.

Council Member Flores requested a list of development projects that do not require zoning changes by dollar amount.

Council Member Blaylock requested a list of outstanding requests by Council (Staff Action Tracking).

Council Member Williams requested an update on the policy relating to shopping carts.

Council Member Williams requested an update on the capture of methane gas for energy production at the landfill.

Council Members Nettles and Williams requested an analysis of extending the ours of community and recreation centers.

Council Member Nettles requested an analysis on decriminalizing possession of marijuana.

Council Members Flores and Beck requested recommendations on implementation of a robust internship program that includes paid internships and possible grant programs and methods to assist City departmental participation in the NextGen Youth Development Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.