

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
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

**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 1:28 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 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**

David Cooke, City Manager, announced the Council Retreat will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023 starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Fort Worth Convention Center, Room 200.

**b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)**

David Cooke, City Manager, thanked Richard Zavala for serving as Interim Director for Planning and Data Analytics.

David Cooke, City Manager, introduced Mark McDaniel and the new Interim Director for Planning and Data Analytics.

David Cooke, City Manager, called on Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager and Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director to recognize the following recipients of the Emerging Local Government Leaders Top 100 Government Influencers for 2022.

- Manya Shorr, Library Director
- Martha Collins, Business Development Coordinator

David Cooke, City Manager, called on Reggie Zeno, Chief Financial Officer to introduce Jo Ann Gunn as the new Assistant Director in Purchasing, Financial Management Services.

David Cooke, City Manager, called on Chris Harder, Water Department Director to introduce Jan Hale as the new Water Deputy Director and to recognize Mary Gugliuzza, Fort Worth Water's Media Relations and Communications Coordinator who has been elected Vice President of the American Water Works Association.

David Cooke, City Manager, called on Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director to announce the February 16th Black History Program.

**c. Informal Reports**

[23-025](#) 2021 Tarrant County Bond Program Interlocal Agreements - Lauren Prieur

[23-026](#) City's Role and Responsibility for Providing Oversight to Appraisal Districts - Richard Zavala

[23-027](#) November 2022 - Sales Tax Update - Richard Zavala

[23-028](#) Fort Worth Human Relations Commission's Movies That Matter Program - Christina Brooks

Council Member Nettles requested a list of movies shown since 2010 as part of the Movies that Matter program.

[23-029](#) Office of Outdoor Events Permitting Process - Michael Crum

Council Member Beck recommended that Council receive courtesy notification prior to the issuance of Outdoor Event Permits specially when street closures or changes to rules on consumption of alcohol are involved.

[23-030](#) Overview on Performance of Active Incentive Agreements - Robert Sturns

[23-031](#) Update on Economic Development Incentive Policies - Robert Sturns

[23-032](#) Residential Solid Waste Collection Re-Route Update - Brandon Bennett

## **2. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for February 14, 2023, Council Meeting**

Council Member Flores inquired on the status of ZC-22-165 and 22-204.

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens inquired on the status of ZC-22-198.

## **3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for February 14, 2023, Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding the M&C Log for the February 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

## **4. Recent Activity Update by Trinity Metro – Rich Andreski, Trinity Metro**

Presentation was given by Rich Andreski, Trinity Metro

Council Member Flores expressed concerns relating to safety at the bus stop located at NW 18th Street and Texas 199.

## **5. Briefing on 2023 Housing Tax Credit Applications – Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services**

Presentation was given by Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services.

**6. Update on the Office of Police Oversight Monitor and Briefing on the Proposed Policy Advisory Board – Valerie Washington, City Manager’s Office and Chief Neil Noakes, Police**

Presentation was given by Valerie Washington, City Manager’s Office and Neil Noakes, Police Department.

Council Member Nettles recommended Council be given time to digest the information and the briefing come back to Council for further discussion.

Council Member Nettles recommended consideration of additional members of the Advisory Board come from the age group of 20-35.

Council Member Beck requested a list of the Advisory Board Members.

Council Member Beck recommended staff consider an option that increases the number of members by three additional, which would provide for 9 vacant positions that could be appointed by Council.

**7. Future City Hall Scope and Budget Update - David Cooke, City Manager and Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group**

Presentation was given by David Cooke, City Manager and Tanyan Farley, Athenian Group.

**8. 2023 Debt Finance Plan - John Samford and Alex Laufer, Financial Management Services**

Presentation was given by John Samford and Alex Laufer, Financial Management Services.

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

Council Member Beck requested a report on the Human Relations Commission including the number of vacancies, its charge and current membership.

Council Member Beck requested a report on the Amber Alert System.

Council Member Beck requested information on the City’s Noise Ordinance and if noise from mufflers was included in the ordinance.

Council Member Flores requested an analysis of amending the City Code to increase the distance between a day care facility (especially if the facility has an educational component or is associated with a school district) and a restaurant that sells alcohol.

Council Member Crain requested a report on the process for water utility customers transferring water service and registration for the Code Red Program for customers transferring service.

Council Member Crain requested a report on recommendations for including code of conduct requirements, reporting conflict of interest, removal of board and commission members and required continued training for board members.

Mayor Parker requested recommendations for a transition plan for board and commissions following the May Election.

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested recommendations on options for implementing software that identifies geographical location of speakers on zoning cases; how close the speaker resides in relation to the zoning case.

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested a report on options for developing an interactive map that shows the location of City infrastructure projects.

Mayor Parker requested an update on the litter abatement and street sweeping activities.

Council requested an update on the selection of the Police Advisory Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.