# CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

### **Present:**

Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3 (via video)
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 4
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

## **Absent:**

Mayor Mattie Parker 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 Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

# **INVOCATION - Pastor Helen Collin-Epps, Morning Star Prayer Center**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Helen Collin-Epps, Morning Star Prayer Center.

# 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**

Motion: Council Member Beck made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the Work Session meeting of January 24, 2023, the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of February 7, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 7-0.

<u>23-0015</u> Minutes - January 24, 2023 Work Session

23-0018 Minutes - February 7, 2023 Work Session

23-0019 Minutes - February 7, 2023 Public Comment

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)

23-0088 Public Comments

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to BAU.

Bruce Datcher, representing Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, appeared before Council relative to Cares Act funding in diverse and vulnerable communities in Fort Worth.

Letitia Wilbourn, representing Echo Heights Stop Six Environmental Coalition, appeared before Council relative to the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Chris Voigt appeared before Council relative to New City Council Headquarters Project over budget fifty million dollars.

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Kyev Tatum, representing New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Worth and the Ministers Justice Coalition of Texas, appeared before Council relative to the history and legacy of police brutality in the Fort Worth black community.

Ashley Boylan appeared before Council relative to police brutality against her family.

Cynthia Flint Crawford, representing Blake Meadows Homeowners' Association and Surrounding Harmony Hills Community, appeared before Council relative to a neighborhood gas leak on January 18, 2023.

Robert Harvey appeared before Council relative to the first amendment and the Fort Worth Police Department.

Carolyn Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to Fort Worth.

Terry Roach appeared before Council relative to justice and good government.

Mary Goodman appeared before Council relative to the Comprehensive Plan for zoning in Echo Heights.

Charlie Lanza appeared before Council relative to policing.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.