

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

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
Melissa Brunner, Assistant to the 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 1:38 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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

City Manager Cooke announced that Item 9 on this agenda was inadvertently listed. This item is scheduled to be on the April 4th Work Session Agenda.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on William Johnson to introduce Lauren Prieur as the new Transportation and Public Works Director. She is the first woman to fill this position for the City of Fort Worth.

City Manager Cooke called on Brandon Bennett to introduce Chris McAllister as the new Code Assistant Director.

City Manager Cooke called on Dianna Giordano to introduce Holly Moyer as the new Assistant Director for Human Resources.

City Manager Cooke called on Lauren Prieur to recognize the Transportation and Public Works team that received the award from FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System.

City Manager Cooke called on Dave Lewis to make the announcement that Bunche Park received the Lone Star Legacy Park designation.

c. Informal Reports

[23-047](#) Ad Hoc Fire Staffing Committee Update and Timing to Provide Staffing Recommendations to City Council - Mark McDaniel

Valerie Washington provided information, not Mark McDaniel.

[23-048](#) Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Bond Financing Package - Chris Poinsatte, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

Council Member Jared Williams recused himself from discussion due to his wife's involvement through her employment.

[23-049](#) Enforcement of Marijuana Laws in Texas - Laetitia Brown

[23-050](#) Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Project, to be Known as Casa de Suenos, in Las Vegas Trail Neighborhood - Victor Turner

[23-051](#) Preparation of 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan for Submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Victor Turner

[23-052](#) Office of Police Oversight Monitor Director Recruitment Process - Dianna Giordano

[23-053](#) Reappointment of Substitute Judges - Danny Rodgers

[23-054](#) Tarrant County 911 District and the Transition to Next Generation 911 Technology - Valerie Washington

[23-055](#) Update on the Timeline for Street Light Repair and Replacement - Lauren Prieur

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an overview.

[23-056](#) Water Account Transfer Process - Chris Harder

2. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for March 21, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant Zoning Cases for the March 21, 2023, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for March 21, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for March 21, 2023 Council Meeting.

4. Presentation on Alliance Economic Impact – Mike Berry, Hillwood

Presentation was given by Mike Berry.

5. Update on Tarrant Area Food Bank – Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services; and Julie Butner, Tarrant Area Food Bank

Council Member Williams recused himself from discussion on this item due to his employment.

Presentation was given by Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services, and Julie Butner, Tarrant Area Food Bank.

6. Briefing on Commercial Development Study – Dana Burghdoff, City Manager’s Office and Travis Clegg, Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth

Presentation was given by Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, and Travis Clegg of the Real Estate Council of Greater Fort Worth.

**7. Presentation on Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Carhartt Inc. –
Cherie Gordon, Economic Development**

Presentation was given by Cherie Gordon, Economic Development.

**8. Presentation on FY22 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report / Year-end
Results – Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services and Tony Rousseau,
Financial Management Services**

Presentation was given by Reginald Zeno and Tony Rousseau of Financial Management Services.

**9. Community Engagement Office Update – Reyne Telles, City Manager’s Office;
Michelle Gutt and Amethyst Sloane, Communication and Public Engagement**

No presentation at this meeting. This will be covered at the April 4, 2023, Work Session.

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

Council Member Nettles requested a presentation on Marijuana possession as a follow-up to the Decriminalizing Marijuana report including impacts changing the policy of cite and release from 2 ounces to 4 ounces.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an overview of all street lights with a complete list of street light improvements completed.

Council Members Crain, Blaylock, Williams and Beck requested a follow-up briefing on progress of items of concern resulting from the Commercial Development Study including an update on inspectors, the steps required to create the “one stop shop” and best practices relating to organizational structure from other cities and options for process improvements with the Fort Worth organizational structure.

Council Member Flores requested a report on feasibility of implementing improved street light technology capable of assisting in the triangulation of gunfire.

Council Member Beck requested further information on procedures on Police officers following CPIs or triggering events, a list of triggering events and the resources available to assist them following an event.

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report on providing options for posting start times on agendas for meetings immediately following another meeting.

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report with a listing of all Council Proposals that have been presented to Council in the last 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.