

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5 (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
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8 (arrived at 1:10 p.m.)
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 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 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 Jesica McEachern to recognize the service of Manya Shorr, Library Director.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0681](#) Architectural Design Selection Process - Steve Cooke, Property Management Director or Brian Glass, Property Management Assistant Director

[23-0682](#) Economic Development Program Agreement with Sinclair Digital Services, Inc. - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

[23-0684](#) Extending Community Center Hours of Operation - Dave Lewis, Park and Recreation Interim Director and Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Kelli Pickard, Park and Recreation and Monique Hill, Neighborhood Services provided a summary of the Informal Report.

Council Member Beck requested information on actions being taken to prepare for staffing resources for the community centers.

Council Member Crain requested information on expanding the gang prevention programs into the Las Vegas Trail community.

Mayor Parker requested information on the feasibility of using partners to provide additional programming and hours for the centers.

[23-0685](#) Fort Worth Central City Stormwater and Water Project Costs and Reimbursement Plan - Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director and Jan Hale, Water Deputy Director

Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager provided an update for the Informal Report.

[23-0686](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director

[23-0687](#) Overview of Leave Benefits for Parental Needs - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director provided a summary of the Informal Report.

[23-0688](#) Police Pay and Turnover - Harold Cates, Human Resources Manager

[23-0689](#) Regulating Sale of Alcohol Near Child-Care Facilities - Daniel Leal, Development Services Assistant Director and Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

Daniel Leal, Development Services provided a summary of the Informal Report.

2. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for April 25, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the M&C Log for April 25, Council Meeting.

3. Update on Tarrant County College – Dr. Elva LeBlanc, Tarrant County College

Presentation was given by Dr. Elva LeBlanc, Tarrant County College.

4. Briefing about Gun Violence Unit – Deputy Chief Mark Barthen, Police

Briefing was provided by Mark Barthen, Deputy Chief, Police Department.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the number of gun owners who had multiple guns stolen.

Council Member Beck requested information on ways to encourage residents to report stolen guns as a crime prevention program.

5. Community Engagement Office Update – Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer and Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement Director

Presentation was provided by Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer and Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement.

Council Member Flores recommended providing subject matter experts on how to revise bylaws to the neighborhood and home owner associations.

6. Briefing on Solid Waste Technology – Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director and Steve Kellar, Waste Management Public Sector Manager

Briefing was provided by Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Office and Steve Kellar, Waste Management.

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

Council Member Blaylock requested a report on police response times specifically calls requesting police response, the average response time by priority, by patrol district and by council district (reflecting the new council districts).

Council Member Blaylock requested a report on preventative patrol time and impact on crime statistics, the amount of time is being spent on preventative measures and what other safe cities are doing in that area.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on recommendations for partnering with the school districts and other community partners to provide meals to children during the summer break.

Council Members Crain and Beck requested a report on the TCU Overlay and recommendations on zoning changes, conservation districts, historic preservation districts and building codes that may need to be amended to help preserve existing neighborhoods including the implications of changes to the overlay and who would need to be involved in discussion.

Mayor Parker requested information on how text messages to 911 are handled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.