

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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 (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 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 1:04 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 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 David Cooke made the following announcements:

- The Fort Worth Police Memorial will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at the police and fire memorial, 2201 West Seventh Street.
- FWPD will have a promotional ceremony for approximately 40 members promoting the ranks of Captain and below on Friday, May 5, at 10 a.m. at the Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex, 505 West Felix Street.

City Manager David Cooke recognized Council Member Williams who announced the Ben and Meg Arbour memorial bench dedication and street topper unveiling on Wednesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. at Summer Creek Ranch Park, 8501 Bentwater Lane.

City Manager David Cooke called on Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Officer to announce the Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Employee Social from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates or employee recognitions.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0690](#) Downtown Library Update - Marilyn Marvin, Library Interim Director

Marilyn Marvin, Interim Library Director provided a summary of the report.

Note: The name of the company listed in the Informal Report should be DART Interest, LLC instead of DART Industries.

[23-0691](#) Efforts to Reduce High-Speed Traffic, Reckless Driving, Street Racing, and Other Hazardous Behavior along Arterial Streets - Robert Alldredge, Executive Assistant Police Chief and Chelsea St. Louis, Transportation Public Works Senior Capital Projects Officer

Robert Alldredge, Assistant Police Chief provided a summary of the report.

Council Member Beck requested cost estimates on implementation of street reflectors in intersections as a deterrent to vehicles doing donuts in the intersections.

[23-0692](#) Smart Street Lights and Gunshot Detection as Collaborative Technologies - David Carabajal, Deputy Police Chief and Julius White, Transportation and Public Works Senior Capital Projects Officer

David Carabajal, Deputy Police Chief, and Julius White, Transportation and Public Works, provided a summary of the report.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens recommended staff discuss the topic with Roy Hudson.

Council Member Flores requested a boundary map of the Historic Northside West of the Stockyards map identified in the report.

[23-0693](#) Use of Flock Camera Search Functions - David Carabajal, Deputy Police Chief

David Carabajal, Deputy Police Chief, provided a summary of the report.

[23-0694](#) Towing Management Contract - Mark Barthen, Deputy Police Chief

[23-0695](#) Quantity of Multifamily and Detached Multifamily Unit Development in Current and Future Council Districts - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director

[23-0696](#) Options for Posting Start Times on Agendas - Jannette Goodall, City Secretary and Leann Guzman, City Attorney

Jannette Goodall, City Secretary, provided a summary of the report.

[23-0697](#) Project Management Services at Will Rogers - William Johnson, Assistant City Manager

William Johnson, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the report.

[23-0698](#) Staffing of Community Centers and Aquatic Facilities - Dave Lewis, Park and Recreation Interim Director and Sonia Singleton, Neighborhood Services Assistant Director

[23-0699](#) Streetlight Program Status Update - Martin Phillips, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

2. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for May 9, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the Significant Zoning Cases for May 9, 2023.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for May 9, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C Log for May 9, 2023.

4. Results of Commercial Development Study and Steps Required to Create a One Stop Shop – Dana Burghdoff, City Manager’s Office Assistant City Manager

This presentation was withdrawn and will be rescheduled for a future Council Work Session.

5. Briefing on the Fort Worth Lab (FWLab) – Mark McDaniel, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

Presentation was made by David Cooke, City Manager, and Mark McDaniel, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a list of employees who have completed the Lean Six Sigma training.

6. Intergovernmental Strategies – Reyne Telles, City Manager’s Office Chief Communication Officer and Carlo Capua, Chief of Strategy and Innovation

Presentation was made by Reyne Telles, Chief Communication Officer, and Carlo Capua, Chief of Strategy and Innovation.

7. Overview of Credit Rating Agency Meetings - John Samford, Financial Management Services Assistant Director and Alex Laufer, Accounting Services Supervisor (Dependent on Information Availability from Rating Agencies)

This presentation was withdrawn and will be rescheduled for a future Council Work Session.

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

Council Member Nettles requested a report on the public engagement plan for hiring of the Police Monitor.

Council Member Firestone requested a report on the concert held at Panther Island on April 23rd including why it was allowed to be held so close to neighborhoods, were proper permits obtained, did it comply with the noise ordinance, why it was allowed to go to midnight.

Council Member Williams requested information on the authorized strength needed in the Police Department to enhance street patrol operations.

Council Member Williams requested information on the City's street maintenance schedule for arterials.

Council Member Crain requested a report on the requirements and costs to open a small business in Fort Worth.

Council Member Crain requested information on the how the noise ordinance and neighborhood setback requirements have when reviewing and approving permits for fireworks displays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.