

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 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 (Arrived at 1:30 p.m.)  
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  
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant 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 1:12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 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)**

City Manager Cooke recognized Assistant City Manager Jesica McEachern who recognized the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Department for receiving the 2023 Outstanding Community Partner Award from the Girl Scouts.

**c. Informal Reports**

[23-0700](#) Automatic External Defibrillators Program - James Davis, Fire Chief and Steve Cooke, Property Management Director

[23-0701](#) Code Compliance Priority Response Policy - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director

[23-0702](#) Convenience Fee Increase for Pay-By-Phone Parking Service - Martin Phillips, Transportation Public Works Assistant Director

[23-0703](#) Expansion of CFW Internship Program - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[22-0704](#) Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[23-0705](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director

[23-0683](#) Proposed Formation of Historic Fort Worth Stockyards, Inc. - Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager and Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

[23-0706](#) Renaming the Training Room at the Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods after Lucille Bishop Smith and Erecting a Tribute Wall - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

**2. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for May 23, 2023, Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C Log for the May 23, 2023, Council meeting.

**3. Ten Year Review of Tax Rates, Property Values, Assessed/Net Taxable Values and Exemptions - Mark McDaniel, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer**

Presentation was made by Mark McDaniel, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer.

**4. Overview of Credit Rating Agency Meetings – Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer**

Presentation was made by Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer.

**5. Presentation on Proposed Economic Development Program Agreement with Cassco Land Company – Michael Hennig, Economic Development Manager**

Presentation was made by Michael Hennig, Economic Development Manager.

**6. Office of Police Oversight Monitor Director Recruitment and Communication Plan - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director and Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager**

Presentation was made by Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director.

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

Council Member Nettles requested Informal Reports regarding the following:

- Information pertaining to the number and location of Police watch boxes.
- Report on the impact of the new tax revenue and how it impacts the budget.
- How MedStar's new prioritization system affects the Fire Department's dispatching. How many calls were downgraded that did not require a response from the Fire Department and the types of emergencies.
- Update on proposed changes on the Community Oversight Board.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested Informal Reports regarding the following:

- Report from Code Compliance from January to the middle of the year on the types of calls they had to make; whether they were proactively reported or citizen complaints filed, by district.
- Report on the 36 cameras in Stop 6 to include if they are still in use in that geographical area or if they have been re-deployed throughout the City.

Council Member Beck requested Informal Reports regarding the following:

- Report on what security is being provided in community centers. What can be done to enhance security?
- Report on the City's vehicle take home car policy to include number of cars by department, distance restrictions pertaining to residences, who pays for fuel and maintenance, and enforcement to ensure compliance.

Council Member Williams requested an Informal Report regarding traffic and NPO levels/needs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.