

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

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 Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Katherine Cenicola, Administrative Services Manager

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, January 9, 2024, 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 called on Assistant City Manager Valerie Washington who introduced Fire Chief Jim Davis, Police Chief Neil Noakes and Craig Trojacek who provided an update on the Sandman Hotel explosion.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke announced Mark McDaniel as the new Deputy City Manager and Christianne Simmons as the FWLab's new Chief Transformation Officer.

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant City Manager Jesica McEachern to introduce Midori Clark as the new Library Director.

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant Library Director Marilyn Marvin to recognize the Library employee who received an award for Amplify817.

City Manager Cooke called on Chief Neil Noakes to announce the upcoming retirement of Assistant Police Chief Joseph M. Sparrow after 28 years of service.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1784](#) 2026 Bond Program Planning Overview - Eric Fladager, FWLab Assistant Director

Eric Fladager, FWLab Assistant Director, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1785](#) Central Arlington Heights Redevelopment - Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1786](#) City Council Notification of Alcohol License and Permit Applications - DJ Harrell, Development Services Director

DJ Harrell, Development Services Director, provided a summary of the report.

Council Member Flores requested staff to evaluate if it is feasible to add childcare facilities to alcohol distance checks.

Council Member Beck requested to know the TABC License protest process.

[24-1787](#) Civic Education Opportunities Offered to Schools - Lawrence Thompson, Education Strategies Manager and Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement Director

Lawrence Thompson, Education Strategies Manager and Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement Director, provided a summary of the report.

[24-1788](#) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) and NCTCOG Regional Air Quality Improvement Plan Update - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Interim Director and Kelly Porter, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

[24-1789](#) Locally-Preferred Alternative Recommendations for the Eastside Transportation Plan - Kelly Porter, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

[24-1790](#) Closing the Live Release Rate and Communication Gaps - Chris McAllister, Code Compliance Assistant Director

Chris McAllister, Code Compliance Assistant Director, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

Mayor Parker requested frequent IR updates on this issue.

[24-1791](#) Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Bond Financing Package 2024 - Chris Poinsatte, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Executive Vice President and CFO

[24-1792](#) Fire, Police, and MedStar Strategies for Addressing Fentanyl Abuse - Jim Davis, Fort Worth Fire Chief and Neil Noakes, Fort Worth Police Chief

Chief Neil Noakes, Police Chief, Deputy Chief David Carabajal, and Ken Simpson with Medstar provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1793](#) Process to Move Council Elections to November - Denis McElroy, Assistant City Attorney

[24-1794](#) Proposal to Amend the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone Basic Incentives and Tax Abatement Policy so as to Repeal the Developer's Option to Make Certain Payments in Lieu of Providing On-Site Affordable Housing - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

[24-1795](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for 1405 and 1409 Weiler Boulevard South of Brentwood Stair Road in Council District 11 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1796](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Changes for 4550 Village Creek Road and 4519 Moorview Avenue in Council District 11 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

[24-1797](#) Valet License and Parking Meter Rental Processes - Peter Elliott, Transportation and Public Works Administrative Services Manager

Peter Elliott, Transportation and Public Works Administrative Services Manager addressed questions from the Council.

Council Member Crain requested staff explore shut down valet parking permits.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for January 23, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on boards and commissions for the January 23, 2024, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for January 23, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for the January 23, 2024, Council Meeting.

4. Fort Worth Independent School District Update – Dr. Angélica M. Ramsey, Fort Worth Independent School District Superintendent of Schools

This presentation will be rescheduled to a later date.

5. Eastside Transportation Plan Alternatives - Lauren Prieur, Transportation and Public Works Director, Kelly Porter, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director, Michael Morris, North Central Texas Council of Governments and Richard Andreski, Trinity Metro President and CEO

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6. Presentation on Business Equity Program - Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director, Margo Posey, Business Equity Advisory Board Chair, Michelle Green Ford, Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce President, Anette Landeros, Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce President and Scot Bennett, Beck Group Fort Worth Regional Director

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7. Good Natured Green Space Update – Mark McDaniel, Green Space Champion

Presentation made by Mark McDaniel, Deputy City Manager and Brent Brown, BC Workshop.

8. FY23 Fiscal Close – David Cooke, City Manager and Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Officer

Presentation made by David Cooke, City Manager.

Council Member Nettles requested a list of capital projects under consideration in the excess funds from FY23.

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

Council Member Beck and Council Member Martinez requested a presentation on noise ordinance by zoning district; what buffers look like between zoning districts; what noise looks like in the entertainment zones; methods other cities use to report noise violations other than calling 911; how police officers on patrol can respond to violations without a complaint.

Council Member Flores requested staff to look at ways to incentivize developers to build dog parks in multi-family housing to encourage residents to adopt pets.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on fireworks over the last five years, including a heat map of hot spots across the City.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.