

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 (Virtual)

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 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 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

Mayor Parker called on Fire Chief Jim Davis to provide an update on the single fire vehicle accident involving four firefighters from Fire Station No. 3. that occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Deputy City Manager Mark McDaniel recognized Kevin Gunn, IT Solutions Director, for receiving the 2023 Golden Gov Award City Executive of the Year.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1798](#) City Use of External Consultants and Auditors - Jo Ann Gunn, Financial Management Services Assistant Finance Director

[24-1799](#) Fort Worth Employee Retirement Fund - Actuarial Impact of Proposed Assumptions - Linda Webb, Fort Worth Employee Retirement Fund Executive Director and Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director

[24-1800](#) Mayor's Community Workshops and 2023 Neighborhood Awards - Michelle Gutt, Communications & Public Engagement Director

Michelle Gutt provided a brief summary of the workshops and stated that finalists for the awards would be announced tomorrow. She added more information would be forthcoming at an upcoming Council Work Session.

[24-1801](#) Protesting a TABC License or Permit Application - Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney, summarized the limited process that government officials and members of the public could use to protest a license or permit. She also advised on the impact to childcare facilities and possible variance considerations brought before the Council.

[24-1802](#) Vision Zero Update - Chelsea St. Louis, Transportation and Public Works Senior Capital Projects Officer and Kelly Porter, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

Chelsea St. Louis, TPW Senior Capital Projects Officer and Kelly Porter, TPW Assistant Director, provided a summary on the Vision Zero Update.

**2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions
for February 13, 2024, Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding changes in memberships on boards and commissions for the February 13, 2024, Council Meeting.

**3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for February 13, 2024,
Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for the February 13, 2024, Council Meeting.

**4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for February 13, 2024,
Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for February 13, 2024, Council Meeting.

**5. Presentation on AllianceTexas Economic Impact – Mike Berry, Hillwood
President**

Mike Berry, Hillwood President, provided a presentation on Alliance Texas Economic Impact.

**6. Employee's Retirement Fund of the City of Fort Worth – Actuarial Audit –
Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director and Mike Ribble, Gallagher
Services**

Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director, provided background on the audit and advised that the findings were presented to the members of the Employees' Retirement Fund Board in draft format to allow them to respond to the findings which were included in today's summary. She introduced Mike Ribble from Gallagher Services who provided an overview of the audit.

**7. Presentation on City Benefits Including Mental Health for Civil Service and
General Employees – Joanne Hinton, Human Resources Manager**

Presentation was made by Joanne Hinton, Human Resource Manager.

Council Member Beck asked staff to look at Employee Health Centers and if there was a possibility of it being expanded to children, outside of illness, to make it easier on families. She also asked of the possibility for City employees to have access to community centers that specifically have work out facilities at no cost or a reduced fee.

**8. Briefing on Equity and Fiscal Impact of City Services – Christina Brooks,
Diversity and Inclusion Director**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**9. Briefing on 2024 Housing Tax Credit Applications – Victor Turner,
Neighborhood Services Director**

Presentation was made by Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Department Director. He responded to questions posed by Council Members.

**10. Payroll Improvements Update - Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager and
Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager**

Presentation was made by Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, and Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager. Paula Conaway, Police Department, provided additional information. They responded to questions posed by Council Members.

Mayor Parker requested staff provide an Informal Report in the upcoming months to update the Council on the status of the improvements.

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

Council Member Blaylock requested an Informal Report pertaining to the TCEQ air quality permit process and the potential City's role in monitoring.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an Informal Report pertaining to restructuring of the Future City Hall team members that will include a Council Member to address complaints received by Tanyan Farley.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an Informal Report pertaining to each Council District being provided with large maps depicting community centers, streams, creeks, rivers, floodplains, schools, neighborhood and homeowners' associations, etc.

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report pertaining to increasing the PayGo budget to address infrastructure improvements.

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report or presentation pertaining to how the City could use Bond dollars to address the gap in housing services (as those done in Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston).

Council Member Nettles requested an Informal Report pertaining to the ordinance that allows Code Compliance to enter private property to tag junk vehicles.

Council Member Flores requested an Informal Report or presentation pertaining to considering adding an option on the FW App to report gun shots.

Council Member Flores requested staff revisit the process to ensure any piece of Art given to the City gets preserved and not overlooked, especially in historic areas.

Council Members Lauersdorf and Martinez requested the status of selection of vendors for the Veteran Owned and Small Business Initiative and an update on the Disparity Study.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested a briefing on policies of Waste Management/Knight Services regarding collection service policies/practices.

Council Member Williams requested an Informal Report pertaining to business uses that tend to proliferate together (e.g., Dollar Stores, car washes, vape shops, liquor stores, etc.) reviewing distance requirements and zoning.

Council Member Williams requested an Informal Report pertaining to the Alice Wage and Stability Wage and what compression costs would be to adjust compression throughout the City for an increase in \$21.17 per hour and \$25.95 per hour.

Mayor Parker requested an Informal Report pertaining to Water cut-off process/policies.

Mayor Parker requested an Informal Report pertaining to how many fully automated car washes have gone up in the City in the past three years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.