

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 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 (Arrived remotely at 3:26 p.m.)
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Remote)
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Macy Hill, District 7

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 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 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

There were no upcoming and recent events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates and employee recognition(s).

c. Informal Reports

[24-1806](#) 2019-2023 Fireworks Calls for 4th of July and New Years - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Council Member Flores asked for clarification on the report specifically regarding the number of citations issued and the use of the MyFW app.

[24-1807](#) Automatic Car Washes Permitted Since January 2020 - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[24-1808](#) Fort Worth Public Art and Private Development Review Processes - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

Council Member Flores asked how quickly this would be implemented.

[24-1809](#) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Action Plan - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Council Member Beck asked for clarification on how we use Community Development Block Grant money to aid and respond to homelessness.

[24-1810](#) Homelessness Update - Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager

[24-1811](#) Interlocal Agreement for 350 Belknap Arrestee EMS Care and Transport - Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager

Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1812](#) Office of Police Oversight Monitor Launches Community-Police Mediation Program - Bonycle Sokunbi, OPOM Police Oversight Director

Bonycle Sokunbi, OPON Police Oversight Director, and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1813](#) Process for Addressing Junked Vehicles - Shannon Elder, Code Compliance Assistant Director

Council Member Nettles asked for clarification on the Junked Vehicle policy.

Council Member Martinez requested Code Compliance create an educational campaign on junked vehicles in conjunction with the Police Department.

[24-1814](#) School Traffic Congestion Issues - Ty Thompson, Development Services Assistant Director and Martin Phillips, Transportation Public Works Assistant Director

Ty Thompson, Development Services Assistant Director, and Martin Phillips, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director, provided a summary of the report and addressed questions from the Council.

[24-1815](#) Siting of Municipal Solid Waste Facilities - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Interim Director

[24-1816](#) Update on Use of Water Department's MYH2O Portal - Chris Harder, Water Director

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for March 19, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in memberships on boards and commissions for the March 19, 2024, Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for March 19, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for the March 19, 2024, Council meeting.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for March 19, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for the March 19, 2024, Council meeting.

5. Presentation on 2023 Community Survey Results – Amethyst Sloane, FWLab Performance Manager and Chris Tatham, ETC Institute President and CEO

Presentation made by Amethyst Sloane, FWLab Performance Manager, and Chris Tatham, ETC Institute President and CEO.

6. Presentation on Street Maintenance Funding – Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, Lane Zarate, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director and Trey Shanks, Freese and Nichols VP and Principal Infrastructure Management Consulting

Presentation made by Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, Lane Zarate, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director, and Trey Shanks, Freese and Nichols VP and Principal Infrastructure Management Consulting. They addressed questions and concerns from the Council.

Council Member Flores requested a breakdown of the transportation fee rate calculations.

Council Member Beck requested clarification on the desired outcome of this fee.

Council Member Nettles requested staff look at different transportation fees for senior citizens and nonprofits, including churches.

Council Member Williams requested a report on all monthly fees charged to residents.

7. FY2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services CFO and Tony Rousseau, Financial Management Services Assistant Finance Director

Presentation made by Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services CFO, and Tony Rousseau, Financial Management Services Assistant Finance Director. They addressed questions from the Council.

8. Presentation on Panther Island Strategic Vision – Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, Aaron Abelson, HR&A Advisors Inc Managing Partner, Cary Hirschstein, HR&A Advisors Inc Managing Partner and Justin Garrison, Lake Flato Architects Director of Urban Design and Planning

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Council Member Beck recommended to include the neighbors in the West 7th area in future discussions.

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

Council Member Beck requested an update on ARPA funds.

Council Member Beck requested an informal report on installing baby boxes in our safe haven places.

Council Member Bivens requested an updated report on the Stop Six Revitalization Plan MOU.

Council Member Nettles requested an update on the negotiations for the meet and confer agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.