

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

Present:

Mayor Betsy Price
Mayor Pro tem Jungus Jordan, District 6
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Gyna Bivens, District 5 (Virtual)
Council Member Dennis Shingleton, District 7 (left at 11:17 am)
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8 (Virtual)
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9 (Virtual)

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, in 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. Changes to the City Council Agenda

M&C 21-0202 - Tax Abatement will be continued to the May 4, 2021, Council meeting to meet state law requirements.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

Tarrant County will be holding a Bond Election in November 2021 and the city has some proposed projects that we would like to submit for consideration. For each project, the City will pledge matching funds on a 1:1 basis, subject to voter authorization of that funding in the City's May 2022 bond election.

Two public meetings are scheduled to allow Fort Worth residents to learn about the County bond program and the identified city projects:

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m. Meeting conducted via Webex.
Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. Meeting conducted via Webex.
Meetings will also be available online, on cable and on Facebook live.

On April 6, the City Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution of support for the county bond program. Commissioners Court approval is expected to come in the August-September time frame. As a reminder, Fort Worth plans its own city bond election in May 2022. Public meetings for the city's 2022 bond election will begin this summer.

Tuesday, March 30th there is not a scheduled Council meeting. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, April 6th.

Wednesday, March 31st at 1:00 p.m. Groundbreaking Ceremony for Fire Station #45 at 1950 Quail Grove Drive, FW, TX 76177 (287 & Harmon)

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Mayor Price to recognize the following employees 1. James Burgdorf 2. Bridgett Marable, Ernesto Castruita, Michael Frank, and Bradley Phillips

Council Member Bivens recognized Neighborhood Services and the Fire Department for their assistance at the Reserve at Bellvue

Valerie Washington recognized Shauna Shepherd, NFBPA North Texas to announce her new leadership role with the NFBPA organization and extend invitation to Mayor and Council to a Diversity and Inclusion event.

d. Informal Reports

[21-10551](#) COVID-19 Testing Update - Brandon Bennett

[21-10556](#) Responsibility for Clean-Up Under Bridges Downtown - Brandon Bennett

[21-10552](#) CyberSecurity and Water Treatment Processes - Chris Harder

[21-10553](#) January 2021 - Sales Tax Update - Mark McAvoy

[21-10554](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[21-10555](#) Relocation of Seminary South Branch Library to La Gran Plaza and Associated Changes to Library Services - Many Shorr

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

Council Member Bivens requested that M&Cs 21-0218 and 21-0219 be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[ZC-20-170](#) (CD 6) Fort Worth Deer Creek, LP, 9915 Crowley Road; From: “A-5” One-Family To: “R1” Zero Lot Line/Cluster, “E” Neighborhood Commercial 16.88 ac. (Recommended for Approval as Amended by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Moving forward.

4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- a. COVID-19 Updates and Data - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance
- b. Overview of American Rescue Plan Act 2021 - Reginald Zeno

5. Briefing on Proposed Redistricting Criteria and Procedures – Fernando Costa, City Manager’s Office

Assistant City Manager Costa reviewed the criteria and procedures from the Redistricting Task Force. Deputy City Attorney Leann Guzman reviewed the changes recommended by outside counsel. It was the consensus of the Council to accept the recommendations of the Redistricting Task Force but to acknowledge the recommendations to hire a map-drawing consultant and to appoint a charter review task force, but to defer action pending further consideration after the 2021 municipal elections.

The City Council recessed the City Council Work Session at 10:10 am.

The City Council reconvened the City Council Work Session at 11:22 am.

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

Council Member Allen Gray - an update on what can be done about homeless camps on private property.

Mayor Pro tem Jordan - update on Egrets and zoning for poker rooms.

Council Member Bivens - process for the TABC license for 4925 Rosedale St. and lessons learned from the Reserve at Bellevue situation after the winter storm.

7. Executive Session (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ROOM 2020) - SEE ATTACHMENT A

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.