

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

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 Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Council Member Cary Moon, District 4

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Acting 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 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, in the City Council Chamber 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

City Manager Cooke advised:

He would withdraw M&C 21-0808 from the Consent Agenda and continue it to the November 9, 2021, Council meeting.

Announced that Council Member Beck would make a change to the District 9 board appointments to appoint Ms. Mariana Fletcher to the City Plan Commission/Capital Improvements Advisory Committee for Transportation Impact Fees, replacing Mr. Taylor Hansen.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke announced the following:

On Thursday, October 21, 2021, there will be a Special Work Session on redistricting at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2020.

On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, there will be the Joint Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council and Redistricting Task Force, at 9:00 a.m., at the Rockwood Golf Course Clubhouse

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021, there will be a Special Called City Council Meeting at 12:55 p.m. in Room 2020, to consider a resolution to cast votes for Tarrant County Appraisal District in accordance with Section 6.03 (K-1) of the Texas Tax Code.

November 2, 2021, will also be the start of the new Council Meeting Schedule.

- Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.
- Work Session at 1:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. for Public Comments.

Fort Worth Community Emergency Response Team is holding a 24-hour basic class at Bob Bolen Public Safety Complex, 505 W. Felix St. Class will be conducted 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on three Saturdays: October 30, 2021, November 6 and 13, 2021.

Rising Stars Youth Leadership Academy fall session orientation will be on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Fellowship Corner, 1601 New York Avenue.

Fifth annual Fort Worth Firefighters Chili Cook-off will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Downtown at General Worth Square, 900 Main St. Entry is free; tickets will be sold for chili and beverages. Proceeds benefit Fort Worth Firefighters Charities

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Mr. William Rumuly, Municipal Court Director, announced that Municipal Court Week was set for November 1-5, 2021, and invited everyone to attend various events.

Chief Judge Danny Rodgers announced that today was the first day back for jury trials.

d. Informal Reports

[21-10693](#) August 2021 - Sales Tax Update - Mark McAvoy

[21-10694](#) City of Fort Worth 2022 Tax Credit Policy: Proposed Changes - Amy Connolly

[21-10695](#) Homelessness and Permanent Supportive Housing in Fort Worth Compared to other Texas Cities and Proposed Initiatives to Combat Chronic Homelessness - Tara Perez

[21-10696](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[21-10697](#) Proposed Council-Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Properties Located in the Evans & Rosedale Urban Village - Daniel Leal and Amy Connolly

[21-10698](#) Proposed Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to Revise the Near Southside Design Standards - Daniel Leal

[21-10699](#) Update on Catalytic Converter Thefts - Chief Neil Noakes

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

Council Member Williams advised that he would be asking Council to approve ceremonial travel to Italy with Sister Cities.

Council Member Moon advised that he would be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky to represent the City and would ask another Council Member to request this ceremonial travel as he would not be present at the Council meeting.

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[M&C 21-0663](#) (CD 9) Authorize Execution of a Five-Year Tax Abatement Agreement with RAIMG, LLC, for the Construction of a Two-Story Mixed-Use Building Consisting of First Floor Office Space and Two Second Floor Apartments, with a Total of Approximately 3718 Square Feet, having a Cost of at Least \$691,083.00 on Property Located at 3113 Wayside Avenue in Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Six (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Will move forward.

4. Briefing on 2022 Proposed Federal Legislative and Administrative Program - T.J. Patterson, City Manager's Office; Kasey Pipes and Scott Corley, Corley Pipes

5. Presentation on Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with RSI North America for a Manufacturing Operation to be Located at 1501 Joel East Road – Kelly Baggett, Economic Development

6. Presentation on Solid Waste Fund Residential Waste Collection Services Contract Recommendation – Valerie Washington, City Manager's Office

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

Council Member Beck: Update expense associated with clearing homeless encampments and the tonnage removed from the camps.

Council Member Beck: Update on female recruitment for the Fort Worth Fire Department (number of recruits, graduation rates, and potential strengths/weaknesses).

Update on short-term rental properties (Airbnb); plans to monitor and if the City can enforce.

Information on gun violence over the past year.

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.