

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

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 Alan Blaylock, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, 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 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 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 Council Member Crain to introduce Mitch Whitten, Visit Fort Worth to present the new advertising campaign “Fort Worth, the Unexpected City” t-shirts to Council.

City Manager Cooke called on Dianna Giordano to announce the Citywide Job Fair being held on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates or employee recognitions.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0570](#) Emergency Alert System Available for Fort Worth Residents - Robert Medford

[23-0580](#) Update on MedStar EMS Reprioritization Efforts, Phase One - Ken Simpson, Medstar and Valerie Washington

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested staff provide a summary of the Informal Report.

Mayor Parker requested that staff meet individually with Council on the new system and add this item to a future agenda to allow Council time to fully discuss the re-prioritization system.

Council Member Beck requested an informal report on the relationship between the Fire Department dispatch process and the MedStar new prioritization process.

[23-0590](#) Fair Housing Exhibition - Christina Brooks

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested staff provide a summary of the report.

[23-0600](#) Fort Worth Public Library Fill the Bag Event Summary - Manya Shorr

[23-0610](#) January 2023 - Sales Tax Update - Richard Zavala

[23-0620](#) Management Diversity Review - Dianna Giordano

Council Member Beck requested a follow-up on the Management Diversity Review to provide an analysis of pay across the various bands within the City.

[23-0630](#) Authorize Amendment No. 1 to Economic Development Program Agreement with American Airlines, Inc. to Include Additional Property - Robert Sturns

[23-0640](#) Proposed Contract Amendment with CDFI Friendly America, LLC - Robert Sturns

[23-0650](#) Update on Fiscal Year 2023 Mid-Year Adjustments for Operating PIDs and Tourism PID - Robert Sturns

[23-0660](#) Assistance Available to Officers after Critical Police Incidents and Other Traumatic Events - Antione Williams

[23-0670](#) Diversity of Qualified Candidates for the Police Academy - Robert Alldredge

[23-0680](#) Flock Safety Cameras - David Carabajal

Council Member Flores requested a follow-up on the Flock Cameras and the advanced search capabilities of the cameras.

2. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for April 11, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding zoning cases for April 11, 2023, Council meeting.

3. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for April 11, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding the City Council M&C Log for April 11, 2023, Council meeting.

4. Visit Fort Worth Contract Renewal – Mike Crum, Public Events and Bob Jameson, Visit Fort Worth

Presentation was given by Mike Crum, Public Events Director and Bob Jameson from Visit Fort Worth.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens encouraged staff to look for additional ways to increase organizations of color coming to Fort Worth.

**5. Will Rogers Memorial Center Sheep and Swine Barn Design Agreement -
Mike Crum, Public Events**

Presentation was given by Mike Crum, Public Events Director.

**6. Briefing on the Boards and Commission Transition Recommendations
following the May 2023 Election – Denis McElroy, Law and Jannette Goodall,
City Secretary**

Presentation was given by Denis McElroy, Senior Assistant Attorney.

**7. Provide an Update on Litter Abatement Activity and Street Sweeping – Cody
Whittenburg, Code Compliance and Lauren Prieur, Transportation and Public
Works**

Presentation was given by Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director and Lauren Prieur, Transportation and Public Works Director.

**8. Municipal Election 2023 Outreach Update – Michelle Gutt, Communications
and Public Engagement and Reyne Telles, City Manager’s Office**

Presentation was given by Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer, and Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement.

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

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a report on roadway signage regarding panhandling.

Council Member Williams requested a progress report from Police and Transportation and Public Works on efforts to reduce high speed traffic, reckless driving, street racing and other safety concerns along major arterials and along high injury networks.

Council Member Williams requested an Informal Report on the feasibility of creating a listserv for residents to receive zoning notifications within a district.

Council Member Beck requested a report on how violations are prioritized and responded to by the Code Department.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.