

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

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2 (in at 6:08 p.m.)
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 4
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9 (via video)

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette S. Goodall, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Rev. Dr. Russ Peterman, University Christian Church

The invocation was provided by Reverend Dr. Russ Peterman, University Christian Church.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS - (State of Texas Pledge: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.")

The Pledges of Allegiances to the United States of America and the State of Texas were recited.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Mayor Pro tem Bivens made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the minutes of the Council meeting of February 28, 2023, the minutes of the Council Work Session and Public Comment meetings of March 7, 2023, the minutes of Council meeting of March 21, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 8-0, Council Member Flores absent.

[23-0023](#) Minutes - February 28, 2023 Council Meeting

[23-0024](#) Minutes - March 7, 2023 Work Session

[23-0025](#) Minutes - March 7, 2023 Public Comment

[23-0026](#) Minutes - March 21, 2023 Council Meeting

(Council Member Flores took his place at the dais.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS - The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)

[23-0090](#) Public Comments

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Peter Rokas completed a speaker card relative to poor neighborhoods and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Daniel Haase appeared before Council relative to the Water Gardens.

Angela McKinney appeared before Council relative to loud music.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to a bullet.

Gwendolyn Buffington appeared before Council relative to probation.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to the library:

Joe Guerrero, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association
Victoria Bargas, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association
Laura Rios, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association
Richard Gonzales, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to NA.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson and police accountability.

Kara Martinez completed a speaker card relative to the South Seminary Addition and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chambers.

Jerald Miller appeared before Council relative to the matters under the jurisdiction of the City Council.

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to the budgets.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.