

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**

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**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  
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6  
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7  
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8  
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9  
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10  
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

**Staff Present:**

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

**1. Call to Order - Mattie Parker, Mayor**

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the Special Called City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**2. Opening Remarks - David Cooke, City Manager**

**a. Informal Reports**

[23-0728](#) Truth in Taxation: Submission of 2023 No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval Tax Rates - Ashley Clement, FWLab Assistant Finance Director

[23-0729](#) Truth in Taxation: Submission of 2023 Certified Appraisal Roll and Certified Collection Rate - Ashley Clement, FWLab Assistant Finance Director

### **3. Presentation of City Manager's Recommended FY2024 Operating & Capital Budgets - David Cooke, City Manager**

Council had the following requests:

- Council Member Flores provide additional information on funding for Transportation and Public Works to ensure funding is available for the replacement of cast iron pipe projects.
- Council Member Flores provide information on the proposed fees for extra garbage bags or overflowing carts.
- Council Member Lauersdorf provide details on the increase in police patrol employees.
- Council Member Lauersdorf provide information on funds required for MedStar transition.
- Council Member Martinez requested an additional budget townhall meeting be added for District 11.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested additional details on how staffing needs for the two animal service locations is calculated.
- Council Member Blaylock requested additional information on the Truth in Taxation Statement prior to the Budget Work Shop on Thursday.
- Council Member Nettles requested time for discussion on the Informal Reports that were included today.
- Council Member Beck and Mayor Parker requested a detailed schedule for the upcoming budget workshops.
- Council Member Beck requested information on sales tax trends including a comparison of sales tax to property tax and a comparison to other major cities.
- Council Member Beck requested information on how the 4-cent reduction was selected.
- Council Member Beck requested additional information on the new department being proposed.
- Council Member Beck requested a presentation on the Fire and Police Department new positions to show the plans for recruiting and filling the new positions.
- Council Member Beck requested information on what was included in the increased funding for homelessness.

- Council Member Beck requested information on the increase funding for the FWLab including what outcomes are expected.
- Council Member Beck and Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested that information and presentations relating to budget discussions be provided to Mayor and Council prior to being shared with media.
- Mayor Parker recommended increased communication to the public on investments being made by the City in areas such as transportation, animal control, police, fire and homelessness.
- Mayor Parker requested a discussion on if the City is on pace to handle the growth being experience by the City.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.