

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4 (via video)
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 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 6:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pastor James Lepine, Paradox Church

The invocation was provided by Pastor James Lepine of The Paradox 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.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens recognized Boy Scout Troop Master Jones and the Boy Scouts from Troop 216 who were working on their Citizenship in the Community badge.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Council Member Crain made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Bivens, that the minutes of the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of June 6, 2023, the Council meeting of June 13, 2023, the Special Called Meeting for the Election Canvas meeting of June 20, 2023, and the Council meeting of June 27, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 11-0.

[23-0438](#) Minutes - June 6, 2023 Work Session

[23-0440](#) Minutes - June 6, 2023 Public Comment

[23-0442](#) Minutes - June 13, 2023 Council Meeting

[23-0444](#) Minutes - June 20, 2023 Special Called Meeting (Election Canvass)

[23-0446](#) Minutes - June 27, 2023 Council Meeting

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)

[23-0449](#) Public Comments

Letitia Wilbourn appeared before Council relative to the Comprehensive Plan and other community concerns.

Richard Perez, representing Northside FW Air with Echo Heights Environmental, appeared before Council relative to the environmental impact of polluting businesses that border residential areas.

Jim Schermbeck, representing Downwinders at Risk, appeared before Council relative to the Echo Heights Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Julie Ledford, representing HNA, appeared before Council regarding community engagement and neighborhood associations.

Daniel Haase appeared before Council relative to the East Lancaster Avenue progress report.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to what is the price of unity.

Jeralynn Jackee Cox appeared before Council relative to restricting the number of industrial zoning permits in East Fort Worth and installing air quality monitors near polluting businesses city wide.

James McBride, representing F.O.C.U.S., completed a speaker card relative to Police Reform and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chambers.

Jim DeLong, representing Changing Your City, appeared before Council relative to a same tune different key.

Adrian Smith completed a speaker card relative to BAU and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chambers.

Teena James, representing EchoHeights StopSix Environmental Coalition, appeared before Council relative to Echo Heights.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.