

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 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 Chris Nettles, District 8  
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10 (via video)  
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

**Absent:**

Council Member Macy Hill, District 7  
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

**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 29, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**INVOCATION - Pastor Stephen Blandino, 7 City Church**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Stephen Blandino, 7 City 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: Council Member Nettles made a motion, seconded by Council Member Crain, that the minutes of the Public Comment meeting of August 8, 2023, the Budget Work Session meeting of August 10, 2023, and the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of August 15, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 9-0.

[23-0527](#) Minutes - August 8, 2023 Council Meeting

[23-0536](#) Minutes - August 10, 2023 Budget Work Session

[23-0529](#) Minutes - August 15, 2023 Work Session

[23-0531](#) Minutes - August 15, 2023 Public Comment

**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)**

[23-0538](#) Public Comment

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

Bob Willoughby completed a speaker card relative to general comments and was recognized by Mayor Parker but could not be reached.

Irby Foster completed a speaker card relative to the budget and the street lighting budget and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the chambers.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to the warrior culture in Law Enforcement.

Dettra Hicks appeared before Council relative to the homeless.

Malikk Austin appeared before Council relative to the state of the City.

Liz Badgley appeared before Council relative to the importance of freedom of speech.

Bishop Kirkland appeared before Council relative to concerns.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to decorum.

Mr. Gerald Banks Sr., representing Equal Justice Now, appeared before Council relative to profiling, Police brutality, wrongful arrest/killings, wrongful prosecution, end qualified immunity, racism, abuse of power, etc.

Carolina Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to tba.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson the narrative and the appeal of officer Dean.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council via conference call relative to BOA.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.