

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

Present:

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 (in at 6:57 pm)
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Council Member Flores called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:53 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Shannon Michael, First Congregational United Church of Christ

The invocation was provided by Reverend Dr. Shannon Michael, First Congregational United Church of Christ.

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 Crain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the minutes of the Council meeting of August 22, 2023, the Budget Work Session meeting of August 24, 2023, the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of August 29, 2023, and the Budget Work Session meeting of September 7, 2023, be approved. Motion passed 7-0.

[23-0533](#) Minutes - August 22, 2023 Council Meeting

[23-0566](#) Minutes - August 24, 2023 Budget Work Session

[23-0567](#) Minutes - August 29, 2023 Work Session

[23-0568](#) Minutes - August 29, 2023 Public Comment

[23-0569](#) Minutes - September 7, 2023 Budget Work Session

(Council Member Williams 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)

[23-0572](#) Public Comments

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

Susan McKenzie completed a speaker card relative to bird hunting in North Fort Worth and was recognized by Council Member Flores but was not present in the Council Chamber.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to all speakers are equal but some speakers are more equal than others.

Donnell Ballard appeared before Council relative to shootings in Fort Worth.

Lizzy Beyou, representing United My Justice, appeared before Council relative to Trent Johnson's life matters too and so do the lives in the black community.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to a red ball.

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

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to the budget.

Mike C. completed a speaker card relative to childhood literacy and education and was recognized by Council Member Flores but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Aaron James appeared before Council relative to the budget.

Carolyn M Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to tba.

David Martinez appeared before Council relative to tax increase.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Tay Day Celebration and accountability the reality.

Joe Palmer appeared before Council relative to the hearings for budget and tax rate.

Elva Camacho, representing Tarrant County Republican Hispanic Assembly, appeared before Council relative to taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Flores adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.