

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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
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

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order 2:14 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, in the City Council Conference Room 2020 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager

a. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke called on Juan Paredes, Clerk of Municipal Court, to announce Municipal Court Week, November 6th-10th. The opening ceremony was on Monday, November 6, 2023.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

There were no organizational updates and employee recognitions.

c. Informal Reports

[23-0763](#) August 2023 - Sales Tax Revenue Update - Clay Pearson, FWLab Interim Chief Transformation Officer

[23-0764](#) Business Equity Program - Christina Brooks, Diversity and Inclusion Director

[23-0765](#) Chief Judge Judicial Recruitment and Appointment Process - Danny Rodgers, Municipal Court Chief Judge

[23-0766](#) FY2023 (TY2022) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Annual Report - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Significant Zoning Cases for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding Changes in City Council M&C Log for November 14, 2023, Council Meeting.

5. Presentation on Filling Police Vacancies - Executive Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge, Police

Presentation was made by Executive Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge.

6. Presentation on Proposed 2024 Housing Tax Credit Policy – Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director

Presentation was made by Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Director.

7. City Council Requests for Future Agenda Items and/or Reports

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested information on options for moving City General Municipal Elections to the uniform November Election Date.

Council Member Martinez requested information on what the City is doing to control the cat population, what can we do to help the situation, how do we improve communication about what we are doing to reach the 90% no-kill and how we close the gap.

Council Member Martinez requested information on options for including Council resolutions as an option for recognizing residents.

Mayor Parker and Council Member Martinez requested information on the options available for adopting low performing schools and outreach options to all of the school districts in Fort Worth, specifically those serving the most at-risk students on what resources are needed.

Council Members Crain and Beck requested a presentation on the various ordinances relating to Short Term Rentals, Boarding Homes, Lodging Home and TEC Overlay, etc. including when each apply, differences, enforcement and timeline for resolution of complaints.

Council Member Williams requested a follow-up presentation on Informal Report 23-0764 - Business Equity Program and specifically what we are doing and recommendations for what additionally could be done.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested information on what City programs are currently in place for Veterans and how a resident can access the program.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested information on incentive options the City could offer to veteran owned businesses and service disabled veteran owned businesses.

Council Member Blaylock requested an update on the City's Payroll System.

Council Member Crain requested information on what Development Services has done regarding the recommendations from the Super Justice Report especially relating to grease traps.

Council Member Crain requested information on Development permitting fees and options for Council to assist Small Businesses.

Mayor Parker requested staff work with her office to Schedule a Homelessness Workshop in conjunction with Tarrant County Homeless Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.