

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
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

**Absent:**

Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3  
Council Member Charlie Lauersdorf, District 4

**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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**INVOCATION - Pastor Patrick Winfield, The Potter's House Fort Worth**

The invocation was provided by Pastor Patrick Winfield, The Potter's House Fort Worth.

**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 Beck made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Bivens, that Council Meeting of January 30, 2024, and the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of February 6, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Council Member Crain and Lauersdorf absent.

[24-4042](#) Minutes - January 30, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4062](#) Minutes - February 6, 2024 Work Session

[24-4064](#) Minutes - February 6, 2024 Public Comment

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[24-4068](#) Public Comments

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Cindy Boling appeared before Council relative to thank you to Visit Fort Worth.

Judy Taylor appeared before Council relative to thank you to Visit Fort Worth.

Torchy White, representing Historic Carver Heights, appeared before Council relative to thank you to Visit Fort Worth.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to which record do I believe.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson and Manuel Mata.

Jerome Carlos Johnson, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to concerns about City services: Police, Code Compliance, Transportation and Public Works, Parks and Recreations, etc.

Yolanda Battle, representing Highland Hills Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to Happy-to-Help the City of Fort Worth, Highland Hills community.

Mar'Tayshia James, representing EHSSEC, appeared before Council relative to industry verses neighborhood.

Wesley Kirk appeared before Council relative to community engagement about the redevelopment of the Fort Worth Community Arts Center.

David Martinez, representing the Carter Park Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the Ciquio Vasquez Park and the Patrick Zamarripa Baseball Complex.

Teena James appeared before Council relative to zoning.

The following individuals appeared before Council relative to a ceasefire resolution in Palestine:

Waleed Abdelhamid  
Ian Layden (conference call)  
Mohammed Farooqi  
Faryall Tayyab  
Arsalan Jaffery  
Raunaq Alam

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m. in honor of Bobbie Wygant, who passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024.