

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024

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 Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Jeanette Martinez, District 11

Absent:

Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Katherine Cenicola, Administrative Services Manager

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 1:51 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 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

There were no upcoming and recent events.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

City Manager Cooke called on William Johnson, Assistant City Manager, to recognize Police, Fire and Medstar employees, for saving the life of a police officer at Bob Bolen.

City Manager Cooke called on Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager, to recognize city employees for being great partners in film permitting and promoting filming in Fort Worth by Visit Fort Worth/Fort Worth Film Commission.

City Manager Cooke called on Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, to recognize the City's first UTA MPA Cohort Graduates.

City Manager Cooke called on Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, to recognize Amy Connolly and Teanna Thompson for being Selected as Top 100 Influencers in Local Government by Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL).

City Manager Cooke called on Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, to introduce Kyle McClure as the New Assistant Director for the Golf & Athletics Division.

City Manager Cooke called on Mike Crum, Public Events Director, to introduce Interim Assistant Director Allison McNamara, and Interim Operations Manager Claude Humphrey, at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1849](#) 2024-2025 Action Plan for Use of Federal Housing and Community Development Grant Funds - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Interim Director

Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Interim Director, and Sharon Burkley, Neighborhood Services Community Development Planning Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1850](#) 2024 Debt Plan - Rating Outcomes and Bond Pricing Results - Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services Chief Financial Officer

[24-1851](#) Adoption of New Neighborhood Empowerment Zones - Sarah Odle, Neighborhood Development Coordinator

Sarah Odle, Neighborhood Development Coordinator, and Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1852](#) Child Care Services and Academic Progress - Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1853](#) Commercial Ownership of Single-Family Residential Properties - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer, provided a staff report.

Council Member Beck requested staff to provide notices to residents about tax relief opportunities.

Mayor Parker requested staff to put out a City news story about and possible future presentation on commercial ownership of single-family residential properties.

[24-1854](#) Registration Policy for Community Organizations - Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement Manager and Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer

Michelle Gutt, Communication and Public Engagement Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1855](#) Squatting Laws in Texas - Matt Murray, Senior Assistant City Attorney

[24-1856](#) Stormwater Criteria Manual, Floodplain Ordinance, and Grading Permit Ordinance Updates - Stephen Nichols, Transportation and Public Works Senior Capital Projects Officer

Stephen Nichols, Transportation and Public Works Senior Capital Projects Officer, provided a staff report.

Council Member Beck requested staff to provide fence examples to the neighborhood.

[24-1857](#) Update on Redevelopment of Community Arts Center - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, provided a staff report.

[24-1858](#) Crime Free Multi-Housing Program - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief and Police Officer Brittany Jones

Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, and Police Officer Brittany Jones, provided a staff report.

[24-1859](#) Overview of Property Maintenance Responsibilities and Resources for Owners of Vacant Property - Shannon Elder, Interim Code Compliance Director, Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney, Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief and Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

Shannon Elder, Interim Code Compliance Director, and Robert Alldredge Police Executive Assistant Chief, provided a staff report.

[24-1860](#) Semi-Truck and Trailer Parking in Neighborhoods - Shannon Elder, Interim Code Compliance Director and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Shannon Elder, Interim Code Compliance Director, and Robert Alldredge Police Executive Assistant Chief, provided a staff report.

Council Member Martinez requested staff to get citation numbers from Police for semi-truck and trailer parking in neighborhoods.

[24-1861](#) Short-Term Rental Registration Ordinance - Shannon Elder, Interim Code Compliance Director

[24-1862](#) Update on Door-to-Door Vendors - Janie Scarlett Morales, Development Services Assistant Director and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Janie Scarlett Morales, Development Services Assistant Director, and Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, provided a staff report.

[24-1863](#) Options to Recycle or Donate Items from Old City Hall - Marilyn Marvin, Interim Property Management Director and Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1864](#) Process to Receive Proposals for the Development and Operations of a Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Facility at the Southeast Landfill - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

[24-1865](#) Trinity River Waterwheel Initiative Update - Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1866](#) Proposed Council Initiated Zoning Change for 4812 Parker Henderson Road in the Echo Heights Neighborhood, Located in Council District 11 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

[24-1867](#) The Proliferation of Certain Uses and Applicable Zoning Regulations - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director, LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director and Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney, provided a staff report.

Council Member Beck requested staff look at reducing smoke shop usage and distance.

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for June 11, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on Boards and Commissions for June 11, 2024, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for June 11, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for June 11, 2024.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for June 11, 2024, Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for June 11, 2024.

5. Presentation on Fireworks Safety – Neil Noakes, Police Chief and James Davis, Fire Chief

Presentation was made by Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief, and James Davis, Fire Chief.

6. Briefing on Police Technology – Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

Presentation was made by Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief.

7. Take Home Vehicle Policy Update – Marilyn Marvin, Property Management Director and Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

Presentation was made by Jessica McEachern, Assistant City Manager, and Neil Noakes, Police Chief.

8. Overview of Small Area Plan Criteria and Selection – Eric Fladager, FWLab Assistant Director

Presentation was made by Eric Fladager, FWLab Assistant Director.

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

Council Member Hill requested a presentation or update on current spay/neuter ordinance including citation fee for noncompliance; report on the new managed intake program; current live release rate; report on how medical records are maintained on animals in the shelters' care; policy and procedures on how animals are assessed, treated, and euthanized; and a list of cities that are leaders in shelter best practices and their live release rates.

Council Member Martinez requested an IR on how the City can limit the number of sex offenders living in one house.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.