

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
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

Absent:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5

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 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 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

City Manager Cooke reminded City Council that *Kids Who Care* will perform a “Thank You” song at 5:55 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Mark McDaniel recognized ITS for their response during the global CrowdStrike issue.

Mark McDaniel introduced Brian Daugherty as new Code Compliance Director.

Jesica McEachern introduced Joel McKnight as new Parks and Recreation Assistant Director.

c. Informal Reports

[24-1868](#) July 2024 - Sales Tax Revenue Update - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

[24-1869](#) Broadband Enhancement Efforts Update - Kevin Gunn, IT Solutions Director

[24-1870](#) Creating Single Role EMS Positions within the Fire Department and Negotiations with the IAFF Local 440 - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1871](#) Fort Worth Spinks Master Plan Update - Roger Venables, Aviation System Director

Roger Venables, Aviation System Director, provided a staff report.

[24-1872](#) Proposed Zoning Text Amendment to Add Schools to 1,000-Foot Distance Requirement for Hotels - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

Council Member Beck requested staff to reach out to Visit Fort Worth to ensure all the areas that need to be exempt are listed and to reach out to current hotel owners and hotel permit holders of the process.

[24-1873](#) Public Safety Payroll Solution Recommendation - Mark McDaniel, Deputy City Manager

[24-1874](#) Reallocation of Unprogrammed Federal Grant Funds in the Amount of \$250,000 for Elderly and Homeless Services and Special Needs Support - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Interim Director

[24-1875](#) Update on 2024 Mosquito Surveillance Program and West Nile Virus Control Response - Wyndie Turpen, Environmental Services Interim Assistant Director

2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on Boards and Commissions for August 13, 2024, Council Meeting.

3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for August 13, 2024.

4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for August 13, 2024 Council Meeting

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for August 13, 2024.

5. Update on Landfill Gas – Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director

Presentation was made by Cody Whittenburg, Environmental Services Director.

6. Presentation on Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with GE On Wing, Inc. Support – Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator

Presentation was made by Cherie Gordon, Economic Development Coordinator.

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

Council Member Beck requested a review of what other cities do when it comes to variable tax rates for affordability; possibly implementing a sliding scale.

Council Member Flores requested an informal report on using the National Trust and Historic Preservation to support small historic businesses.

Council Member Flores requested an evaluation of golf cart use in entertainment districts and college campuses.

Council Member Lauersdorf requested an informal report on how aggressively we are going after insured motorist when they damage street signs and light poles.

Council Member Nettles requested an informal report on the grease trap ordinance relating to major kitchen versus smaller kitchens.

Council Member Nettles requested revisiting having metal detectors at the New City Hall facility.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m.