

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT 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 (Arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Council Member Macy Hill, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 10 (via video conference)
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
Jannette 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 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Pastor Damon Halliday, Keystone Fellowship

The invocation was provided by Pastor Damon Halliday, Keystone Fellowship.

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 Council Member Nettles that the Council meeting of May 21, 2024, Budget Work Session, Work Session, and Public Comment meetings of June 4, 2024, the Council meeting of June 11, 2024, the Special called Budget Work Session of June 18, 2024, and the Council meeting of June 25, 2024, be approved. Motion passed 9-0, Mayor Pro tem Bivens and Council Member Williams absent.

[24-4431](#) Minutes - May 21, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4433](#) Minutes - June 4, 2024 Budget Work Session

[24-4435](#) Minutes - June 4, 2024 Work Session

[24-4437](#) Minutes - June 4, 2024 Public Comment

[24-4439](#) Minutes - June 11, 2024 Council Meeting

[24-4441](#) Minutes - June 18, 2024 Special Called Budget Work Session

[24-4443](#) Minutes - June 25, 2024 Council Meeting

Council Member Williams took his place at the dais.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

[24-4444](#) Public Comments

Chris Wood appeared before Council relative to getting the run around from Fort Worth Detective and Officers.

Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Reed Bilz appeared before Council relative to boards and commissions.

Charles Bilz appeared before Council relative to the downtown library.

Rita Ramon completed a speaker card relative to government and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Thomas Hamilton completed a speaker card relative to speed bumps and was recognized by Mayor Parker but was not present in the Council Chamber.

Jim DeLong appeared before Council relative to situational ethics.

George Chiles appeared before Council relative to behind the POA signs.

Homer Blocker III appeared before Council relative to the community.

Rosemary Galdiano, representing Worth Heights Neighborhood Association, appeared before Council relative to the FW Public Library.

Jean Batty appeared before Council via conference call relative to University Drive at TCU.

Jane Hull appeared before Council relative to tyrants.

Bishop Kirkland, representing St. Mark Church, appeared before Council relative to police issues.

Julie Griffin appeared before Council relative to the crisis intervention team.

Rick Herring, representing Friends of Gateway Park, appeared before Council relative to Gateway Park 2026 bond funding.

Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to TMS.

Manuel Mata appeared before Council relative to police officer.

James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson, Sonya Massey, and police conduct.

Wesley Kirk appeared before Council via conference call relative to save the future of the arts in Fort Worth.

Carolina Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to TBA.

Nan Terry appeared before Council relative to mental health and the budget.

Bill Burgan, representing E William Burgan Auctions, appeared before Council relative to the library.

Jerald Miller appeared before Council relative to the municipal court.

Karla Palomares appeared before Council relative to the FY2025 Budget.

Liz Badgley appeared before Council relative to jail deaths and police brutality.

Jae Nam, representing Tarrant County Central Labor Council, appeared before Council relative to City worker wages.

David Martinez appeared before Council relative to the car park in Southside.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.