

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

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**Present:**

Mayor Mattie Parker  
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2 (Remote)  
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  
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant 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 at 1:33 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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**

Assistant City Manager Valerie Washington introduced Sonny Saxton as the City's new Emergency Communications and Management Director. Mr. Saxton provided a brief update on last week's weather response.

**b. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)**

City Manager David Cooke called on:

- Chief Jim Davis who introduced Ashley Clement as Fire's Deputy Director.
- Chief Davis recognized Fire Battalion Chief Sherri Hauch for her retirement on January 9, 2025.
- Chief Davis recognized Fire Lieutenant Donna York for her part in consoling MedStar and family when one of their young men passed away.
- Assistant City Manager Dana Burghdoff called on D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director, to introduce a new member of his leadership team; Cannon Henry as Development Services Assistant Director.
- Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director, introduced Richard Jones as the new Human Resources Assistant Director.
- Reyne Telles, Chief Communications Officer, recognized FWTV for winning the 2024 Top-Ranked Video at the Texas Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (TATOA).

**c. Informal Reports**

[25-0001](#) Amplified Music Within a City of Fort Worth Park - Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director

[25-0002](#) Auto Theft Update - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

[25-0003](#) Forestry Hazard Abatement Program - Richard Zavala, Park and Recreation Director

Richard Zavala, Park & Recreation Director, provided a synopsis of the program.

[25-0004](#) 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan for Use of CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV/CV3) Funds Substantial Amendment: Request for Proposals (RFP) Update - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director

[25-0005](#) CDBG Multifamily Rental Rehabilitation Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director

[25-0006](#) Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program Proposal, Action Plan and Substantial Amendment - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director

[25-0007](#) Update on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and Housing Affordability Strategy - Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director

Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director, provided an overview.

[25-0008](#) “No Water” Incidents Involving Code Compliance and Neighborhood Services Participation - Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director, Kacey Bess, Neighborhood Services Director and Chris Harder, Water Director

[25-0009](#) Code Compliance Commercial Property Fines - Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director

[25-0010](#) Officer-Initiated Versus Citizen-Initiated Code Complaints - Brian Daugherty, Code Compliance Director

[25-0011](#) Library Fiscal Year 2024 Performance Measures Update - Midori Clark, Fort Worth Public Library Director

[25-0012](#) Mobile Vending Unit Operations in Fort Worth - Wyndie Turpen, Environmental Services Assistant Director

Wyndie Turpin, Environmental Services Assistant Director, provided an overview.

[25-0013](#) Monthly Report on the Release of Area from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) by Petition of Landowner or Resident - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[24-0014](#) September 2024 - Sales Tax Revenue Update - Christianne Simmons, FWLab Chief Transformation Officer

[25-0015](#) Sidewalk Waivers - D.J. Harrell, Development Services Director

[25-0016](#) Moving a Million Master Transportation Plan Status Update - Kelly Porter, Transportation and Public Works Assistant Director

[25-0017](#) Park and Recreation Director Recruitment Process - Leila Peeples, Human Resources Assistant Director

[25-0018](#) Results for Incentive Agreements Reviewed in FY 2024 - Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director

[25-0019](#) Update on Citywide Classification and Compensation Study - Dianna Giordano, Human Resources and Civil Service Director

Dianna Giordano, Human Resources Director, provided an overview.

[25-0020](#) Youth Golf Fees and Access at City Golf Courses - Dave Lewis, Park and Recreation Deputy Director

Dave Lewis, Park and Recreation Deputy Director, provided an overview.

**2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for January 14, 2025 Council Meeting**

**3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for January 14, 2025 Council Meeting**

Mayor Pro tem Bivens stated that she would continue Zoning Docket No. ZC-24-147.

**4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for January 14, 2025 Council Meeting**

**5. Trinity Metro Update – Jesica McEachern, Assistant City Manager and Rich Andreski, President/CEO of Trinity Metro**

**6. Presentation on FY2024 Financial Closeout – David Cooke, City Manager**

**7. Emergency Medical Services Collective Bargaining Update – Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager**

**8. Update on High ImpACT Program and General Fund Programs Related to Homelessness - Mark McDaniel, Deputy City Manager, Bethany Warner, Intergovernmental Relations Manager and Tara Perez, Directions Home Manager**

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

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report of the inventory of parks by type of facility and amount of investment we are putting into each facility.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report to get a better understanding of the Fort Worth Nature Center, how the fees are structured; and what it costs to operate the Center annually.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report on street striping update; status of where we are and if the material is holding up.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report update on the Entertainment District Study.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report regarding performing background checks on employees who interact with children.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report update on software that helps the City analyze the cost of development and the return of investment.

Council Member Beck requested an Informal Report update on Economic Development Agreements reflecting if developers receive funding from the City, they cannot choose to accept the housing vouchers for the homeless.

Council Member Beck requested a presentation on what is the big water planning for the future as major developments to the west and north; what is being done to ensure that there is safe drinking water; ability to put out any potential fires.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested an IR update on Nextdoor; has Police gained the capability to edit Nextdoor.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens requested a follow-up on the relationship between the School Resource Police Officers (SROs) and Neighborhood Police Officers; responsibility of SROs once children leave schools.

Council Member Martinez requested an IR a plan to reduce the shooting of firearms within the City limits.

Council Member Nettles requested an IR with information on mobile Police towers; how many are on hand and where they are deployed in the City.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.