

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 Charlies 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:**

Jesus Chapa, City Manager  
Leann Guzman, City Attorney  
Jannette S. Goodall, 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 1:02 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 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 - Jesus "Jay" Chapa, City Manager**

**a. Upcoming and Recent Events**

There were no upcoming and recent events.

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

City Manager Jesus Chapa called on D.J. Harrell to recognize Jennifer Ezernack as Ambassador of the Year 2024.

City Manager Jesus Chapa called on Robert Sturns to introduce Lance Randall as Economic Development Deputy Director.

**c. Informal Reports**

[25-0027](#) Metal Theft Unit Update - AT&T Telecommunications Cable Theft - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief and Anthony White, Police Sergeant

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested IR 25-0027 be taken first.

[25-0021](#) Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Bond Financing Package 2025 and Chapter 3 Updates to the DFW Airport Code of Rules and Regulations - Chris Poinsette, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

[25-0022](#) 2025 Housing Tax Credit Resolution Recommendations - Chad LaRoque, Neighborhood Services Housing Development Manager

Council Member Hill requested a summary of the report.

[25-0023](#) Congregate Living Facilities for Persons with Disabilities - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director and Melinda Ramos, Deputy City Attorney

Council Member Beck requested a summary of the report.

[25-0024](#) Proposed Council-Initiated Zoning Changes for Certain Properties Along Montgomery Street and for the Botanic Garden in Council District 7 - LaShondra Stringfellow, Development Services Assistant Director

Council Member Hill thanked staff for their work on this item.

[25-0025](#) Engagement of a Consultant to Advise City on Selection of a Master Developer for Commerce Street Property - William Johnson, Assistant City Manager

Council Member Hill thanked staff for their work on this item.

[25-0026](#) Funding of Will Rogers Memorial Center Coliseum Renovation Project, Phase 1 - Michael Crum, Public Events Director

Mayor Pro Tem Bivens requested a summary of the report.

[25-0028](#) Nextdoor App Information - Robert Alldredge, Police Executive Assistant Chief

[25-0029](#) Request for Proposal Process (RFP) for Insurance Broker of Record for the Human Resources Risk Management Division - Richard Jones, Human Resources Assistant Director

## **2. Questions Regarding Changes in Membership on Boards and Commissions for February 11, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding changes in membership on boards and commissions for February 11, 2025, Council Meeting.

## **3. Questions Regarding Significant Zoning Cases for February 11, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding significant zoning cases for February 11, 2025, Council Meeting.

## **4. Questions Regarding City Council M&C Log for February 11, 2025 Council Meeting**

There were no questions regarding City Council M&C Log for February 11, 2025.

## **5. Public Health Update - Dr. Brian Byrd, Tarrant County Public Health Director**

Presentation was provided By Dr. Brian Byrd, Tarrant County Public Health Director and Russ Jones, Tarrant County Epidemiologist.

## **6. Alliance Economic Impact Report – Mike Berry, Hillwood President**

Presentation was provided by Mike Berry, Hillwood President.

**7. Fort Worth Sister Cities Annual Update – Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, Kippen de Alba Chu, Fort Worth Sister Cities President/CEO and Cindy Johnson, Fort Worth Sister Cities Chairwoman of the Board of Directors**

Presentation was provided by Valerie Washington, Assistant City Manager, Kippen de Alba Chu, Fort Worth Sister Cities President/CEO.

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

Council Member Beck requested a report on the authority of the Historic Landmark Commission and how it compares with Commission's from other Texas Cities.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the costs of additional police towers.

Council Member Nettles requested an update on security procedures for New City Council Chambers.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the process for reporting vandalism to vehicles.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the process and cost for installation of cameras on street lights and signs.

Council Member Nettles requested information on the process for reporting and addressing illegal buildings specifically on vacant lots.

Council Member Crain requested information on the process for Informal Reports and tracking the status of the reports.

Council Member Crain requested a report on the regulation of the use of drones.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.