

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

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**Present:**

Mayor Betsy Price  
Mayor Pro tem Dennis Shingleton, District 7  
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2  
Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3  
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4  
Council Member Gyna Bivens, District 5  
Council Member Jungus Jordan, District 6  
Council Member Kelly Allen Gray, District 8  
Council Member Ann Zadeh, District 9

**Staff Present:**

David Cooke, City Manager  
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney  
Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, in City Council Conference Room 290 of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

**1. Report of the City Manager - David Cooke, City Manager**

**a. Changes to the City Council Agenda**

There were none.

**b. Upcoming and Recent Events**

There were none.

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

City Manager David Cooke called on Jay Chapa, Assistant City Manager, to announce that Mike Crum, from Charlotte North Carolina, has been hired as the new Public Events Director and will start in February.

Mr. Cooke gave an update on the Police Monitor process. Three candidates will be coming in for final interviews - Edward Harness, Kim Neal and Denise Rodriguez.

**d. Informal Reports**

[19-10344](#) Implementation of Compliance Guidelines for Construction in Downtown Fort Worth - Sevanne Steiner

[19-10345](#) Sales Tax Rate of Fort Worth Crime Control and Prevention District - Denis McElroy

**2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members**

There were no questions or comments.

**3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting**

[ZC-19-061](#) (CD2) H. S. Churchill Trust, Gary Sibley, 806 & 816 Churchill Road; From: PD 1023 Planned Development for all uses in "C" Medium Density Multifamily; site plan approved To: Amend PD 1023 Planned Development to increase height to three stories and increase unit count to 45 units; site plan included, 1.92 acres (Recommended for Denial by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Moving forward.

[SP-19-015](#) (CD9) John K Williams, 1852 E. Northside Drive; To: Amend PD 399 site plan to increase the height and overall square footage of attached signage site plan included 8.13 acres (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Meeting)

Moving forward.

#### **4. Overview of Significant Zoning Cases - Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning and Development**

Mr. Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of significant zoning cases. He also noted that a floor amendment would be coming for ZC-19-180 to the definition of Small Box Discount Store as follows: dedicate less at least than 15% of floor area or shelf space to fresh foods and vegetables.

#### **5. Presentation of Open Space Acquisition Program – David Cooke, City Manager and Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works**

City Manager David Cooke and Jennifer Dyke, Transportation and Public Works presented the Open Space Acquisition Program. They covered 1) why preserve open space; 2) planning and potential acquisition areas, and 3) how to fund acquisitions. Next Steps include: contract with Trust for Public Land; building a tool to identify and prioritize open space, develop policy; engage the public; and begin process to utilize funding from Gas Well Trust Funds.

#### **6. Presentation of Solid Waste Budget and Fee Update – Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance**

Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director, reviewed policies, fees and revenues related to the Solid Waste Fund and what actions are currently underway. Next steps - complete operational and financial audits with consultant (Operational December 2019 and Landfill April 2020) and report back to Council in second quarter FY 2020.

#### **7. Update on Potential City Charter Amendments for May, 2020 Election – Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney and Mary Kayser, City Secretary**

City Secretary Mary Kayser and City Attorney Sarah Fullenwider provided an update on potential items for a Charter election in May 2020. They reviewed items that were brought forward by the Charter Review Task Force for the 2016 Charter Election but did not make it on the ballot. Three potential items suggested by Council Members were also presented and discussed. The consensus of the Council was to not go forward with a Charter Election in May of 2020.

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

Council Member Jordan - Presentation on Park Fees

Council Member Bivens - Street Lights - it is dark on the highways and neighborhood streets

Council Member Allen Gray (from Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee) - housing vouchers

- Staff from Neighborhood Services reported that we are not allowed to swap or use another jurisdictions unused vouchers, is that true?
- Arlington is not using all of their vouchers and are sending them back, can we find a way to swap with them?
- Is there a way to create a regional partnership via Tarrant County so Fort Worth and Arlington could work together, and vouchers stay in the assigned region?

Council Member Moon - 1) Centralizing Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and 2) Platting at the end of a project

Council Member Flores - Dispatcher training and pay information.

**9. Executive Session (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ROOM 290) - SEE ATTACHMENT A**

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.