

**CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020**

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**Present:**

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

**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 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 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**

The correct title of the Resolution on the grant programs for Small Business/MWBEs is "Preserve the Fort". A corrected Resolution was provided to the Council and updated on the website.

**b. Upcoming and Recent Events**

City Manager Cooke updated the Council with the Schedule for meetings for June, 2020. June 2, 2020 Work Session at 3:00 PM and Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.; June 16, 2020, Work Session at 8:30 A.M. and Council Meeting at 10:00 A.M. and June 23, 2020, Work Session at 3:00 PM and Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

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

There were no updates or recognitions.

**d. Informal Reports**

[20-10408](#) Weekly Update on COVID-19 Advisory Committees - Fernando Costa

- Reopening the Economy: Chelsea Adler, Chief of Staff
- Small Business and Economic Recovery: Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director
- Education and Childcare: Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager
- Community Services: Dana Burghdoff, Assistant City Manager

[20-10409](#) Building Sanitizing - Steve Cooke

[20-10410](#) March 2020 - Sales Tax Update - Terry Hanson

[20-10411](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - D.J. Harrell

[20-10412](#) Retiree Health Plan Premiums - Brian Dickerson

[20-10413](#) Southwest Municipal Court Facility - Consolidating Services to the A.D. Marshall Public Safety and Courts Building - William Rumuly

[20-10414](#) The Fort Worth Permanent Fund Trust Amendment for Open Space Acquisition - Denis McElroy and John Samford

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

Council Member Byrd requested that M&C 20-0340 and M&C 20-0338 be removed from the consent agenda so that he could make some remarks.

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

[M&C 20-0162](#) Authorize Execution of a Five-Year Tax Abatement Agreement with Beanida Garza for the Construction of a Single-Family Dwelling of Approximately 1,821-Square Feet and Having a Cost of at Least \$190,150.00 on Property Located at 2908 Sarah Jane Lane in the Glencrest Neighborhood and Neighborhood Empowerment Zone and Reinvestment Zone Area Six (COUNCIL DISTRICT 8) (Continued from a Previous Week)

This item is moving forward.

## **4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

### **Grant Program for Small Business/MWBEs Impacted by COVID-19 - Robert Sturns, Economic Development**

Robert Sturns, Economic Development, outlined the "Preserve the Fort" grant program for small business/MWBEs impacted by COVID-19.

The Mayor recessed the Work Session at 9:53 a.m.

The Mayor reconvened the Work Session at 10:33 a.m.

### **Emergency Household Assistance Program - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services**

Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services, gave an update on the Emergency Household Assistance Program.

### **COVID-19 Updates and Data - Chief Jim Davis**

Chief Davis gave an update on COVID-19 statistics and metrics. He addressed the various considerations for the reopening of city facilities and businesses.

**Reopening Plan and Budget Update - David Cooke, City Manager**

City Manager Cooke provided an update on the reopening of City Facilities. We will follow the health data to ensure that the public and employees are safe. He also provided an update on the City's finances and outlook going forward.

City Manager Cooke called on Assistant City Manager Jay Chapa who provided an update on the demobilization of the homeless shelter at the Convention Center.

**5. Presentation on Meet & Confer Agreement with Fort Worth Police Officers Association - Jay Chapa, City Manager's Office**

Assistant City Manager Jay Chapa gave an update on the results of the Meet & Confer Agreement with the Fort Worth Police Officers Association. the agreement will be on the council's June 2, 2020, agenda for action.

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

Council Member Zadeh - Use of parking spaces and travel lanes and speed limits and crash data

Council Member Flores and Zadeh - speeding and speed limits

Council Member - Allen Gray - Outreach on the CCPD continuation election

Council Member - Bivens - lessons learned from COVID-19

Council Member - Jordan - Egrets and shovel ready infrastructure projects

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.