

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020

Present:

Mayor Betsy Price
Mayor Pro tem Jungus Jordan, District 6
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3
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 3:06 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd, 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

City Manager David Cooke announced that the Council Meeting has been moved to Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 3:00 pm in order for more speakers to be heard and to not be impacted by the curfew if the Council chooses to extend it.

A Resolution on extending the curfew is on the Council's agenda for consideration.

Tax Abatement M&C 20-0357 will be continued to August 4, 2020.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

Police Chief Kraus gave an update on the curfew and the protests.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Assistant City Manager Dana Burghdoff recognized the Virtual Meeting team that put together the process for Boards and Commissions to meet virtually.

Mayor Price recognized Leann Guzman, Melinda Ramos and Chris Moseley for being named Top 100 lawyers by 360 West.

d. Informal Reports

[20-10416](#) 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

[20-10417](#) Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) Continuation Election - Awareness Efforts - Chief Ed Kraus

[20-10418](#) Street Racing Issues in Fort Worth - Chief Ed Kraus

[20-10419](#) Traffic Collisions & Traffic Fatalities - Chief Ed Kraus

[20-10420](#) Egrets in the Candleridge Neighborhood - David Creek

[20-10421](#) Fort Worth Fire Department (FWFD) Red Helmet Volunteer Program - Chief Jim Davis

[20-10422](#) Online Bill Pay and Payment Processing Enhancements - Chris Harder

[20-10423](#) Parklet Pilot Program for Outdoor Seating - Tanya Brooks

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

Council Member Moon may request that the Resolution on the donation of bikes be moved to a later date.

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting - NONE

4. Council Proposals

The sponsoring Council Members for all listed Council Proposals asked that the rules be suspended so that the Council Proposals can be acted on at the Council Meeting.

[20-CP 314](#) Waiver of Mandatory Twelve Month Delay in Refiling a Zoning Request at 11000-11600 Blocks of Willow Springs Road - Council Members Dennis Shingleton and Jungus Jordan

[20-CP 315](#) Street Name Change for Portion of Bethune Street Between Elgin Street and Ramey Avenue to R.W. Bivens Lane; and Waiver of Application Fee and Requirements - Council Members Gyna Bivens and Carlos Flores

[20-CP 316](#) Street Name Change for Portion of Calumet Street Between Amanda Avenue and Birdell Street to Pollard Smith Avenue; and Waiver of Application Fee and Requirements - Council Members Gyna Bivens and Carlos Flores

[20-CP 317](#) Street Name Change for Portion of Kutman Court Between Birdell Street and Wiseman Avenue to Sayles Trail; and Waiver of Application Fee and Requirements - Council Members Gyna Bivens and Carlos Flores

5. Overview of Significant Zoning Cases - Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Development Services

Mr. Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning and Development Department, provided an overview of significant zoning cases.

6. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- COVID-19 Updates and Data - Chief Jim Davis

Brandon Bennett gave the update on COVID-19.

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

David Cooke briefed the Council on the next reopenings.

7. Presentation Proposed Economic Development Agreement with Linear Labs – Robert Sturns, Economic Development

Robert Sturns gave a presentation on the proposed Research and Development Economic Development agreement with Linear Labs. The agreement will be on the Council's June 16, 2020, Council Agenda for action.

8. Update on the 2020 Census and Redistricting – Michelle Gutt, Communications and Public Engagement and Fernando Costa, City Manager's Office

This presentation will be moved to the June 16, 2020, Work Session.

9. Presentation on Employee Leave Study – Brian Dickerson, Human Resources

This presentation will be moved to the June 23, 2020, Work Session.

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

Council Member Allen Gray - Informal Report on contact tracing and on the Atmos Gas rate increase.

Council Member Zadeh - Get the word out about wearing masks in public.

Council Member Bryd - Report from North Texas LEAD

Council Member Allen Gray, Byrd and Bivens - Declaration/Resolution condemning what happened to George Floyd, acknowledging that there is systemic racism in organizations and a commitment to root out that racism. Make it community wide.

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.