

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Price called the Fort Worth City Council Special Called Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, in City Council Chambers of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

The following individual submitted comment cards in opposition to M&C 20-0187:

Mr. Greg Hughes, View Street, Fort Worth
Mr. Robert Horton, 9104 Autumn Falls Drive

Mr. Cary Clark, 3217 West Biddison Street, spoke via conference call undecided relative to M&C 20-0188.

Mr. Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director, Fire Chief Jim Davis, Police Chief Edwin Kraus, Dr. Veer D. Vithalani, MD, FACEP, FAEMS Interim Medical Director for the Emergency Physicians Advisory Board, provided an update on the current COVID-19 situation in the City of Fort Worth.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Council Member Shingleton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bivens, that the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion passed 9-0.

A. General - Consent Items

1. [M&C 20-0186](#) Adopt Resolution Authorizing Partial Cash Defeasance of Ad Valorem Tax Supported Obligations and Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds; and Adopt Appropriation Ordinances (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved. Resolution No. 5203-03-2020 and Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 24085-03-2020, 24086-03-2020, and 24087-03-2020.

2. [M&C 20-0187](#) Authorize Execution of an Economic Development Program Agreement with Omni Fort Worth Partnership, L.P., or Affiliate for an Expansion of the Omni Fort Worth Hotel by Developing an Additional 400 Rooms in a High-Rise Building Generally Located on Property Bound by Houston St., W. 14th St., Throckmorton St., and Lancaster Ave. and Authorize Execution of a Related Room Block Agreement (COUNCIL DISTRICT 9)

Motion: Approved.

3. [M&C 20-0188](#) Authorize Application for Reimbursement of Disaster Assistance Expenditures Related to the COVID-19 Virus from All Appropriate Federal, State, and Local Government Sources and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance Providing Interim Funding in the Amount of \$1,000,000.00 (ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS)

Motion: Approved. Appropriation Ordinance No. 24088-03-2020.

RESOLUTIONS

1. [20-0702](#) Continuation of Declaration of Public Health Emergency

Motion: Council Member Byrd made a motion, seconded by Council Member Allen Gray, that Resolution No. 5204-03-2020 be adopted approving the Declaration of Public Health Emergency as amended, and extending Declaration until May 15, 2020. Motion passed 9-0.

ORDINANCES

1. [20-0703](#) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute All Contracts and Any Other Legal Instruments Necessary for Conducting City Business for the Duration of the Declaration of Public Health Emergency Ordered by Mayor Betsy Price on March 13, 2020, As May Be Continued, Amended or Renewed; Temporarily Suspending Section 2-9 of the City Code and Providing that this Ordinance Shall be Cumulative of All Ordinances; Providing an Effective Date and an Expiration Date; and Providing a Severability Clause

Motion: Council Member Shingleton made a motion, seconded by Council Member Bivens, that Ordinance No. 24089-03-2020 be adopted. Motion passed 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Price adjourned the Special Called meeting at 4:06 p.m.