

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

Present:

Mayor Betsy Price (arrived at 3:25pm)
Mayor Pro tem Jungus Jordan, District 6
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2 (arrived at 4:08pm)
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 Pro-tem Jordan called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, in City Council Conference Room 2020 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

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager David Cooke called on Richard Casarez, Vice President and Jim Greer, Chief Operating Officer with Oncor to give the Council an update on the electricity issues from the Winter Storm in February.

Mayor Price arrived at 3:25 and took over the Chair.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

d. Informal Reports

[21-10545](#) Amendment to Linear Labs Economic Development Program Agreement - Robert Sturns

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

[ZC-20-181](#) (CD 5) Mizael Becerra, 4900 Parker Henderson Road; From: "A-5" One-Family To: "I" Light Industrial, 2.09 ac. (Recommended for Approval by the Zoning Commission) (Continued from a Previous Week)

Council Member Bivens indicated that she would request to continue this case.

4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- a. COVID-19 Updates and Data - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance
- b. Emergency Rental Assistance Program - Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services

Council Member Carlos Flores arrived at 4:08 pm.

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

6. Presentation on Police Department Staffing – Chief Neil Noakes, Police

7. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report – Reginald Zeno, Financial Management Services

This item was moved to the March 9, 2021 Work Session.

8. Final Report of the Redistricting Task Force – Chair Lorraine Miller, Sal Espino, and Linda Kennedy, Redistricting Task Force

Task Force Chair Lorraine Miller, and members Linda Kennedy and Sal Espino gave the final report of the Redistricting Task Force.

9. Briefing on Community WiFi Project Update – Kevin Gunn, IT Solutions

This item was moved to the March 9, 2021 Work Session.

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

Council Members Flores and Allen Gray - information on who maintains the areas under bridges.

Council Member Byrd - Report on cyber security for the water system.

Council Member Bivens - Codes response to continued lack of water in apartment complexes and resultant health issues.

Council Member Allen Gray - Can the cap of \$175,000 on home values for the emergency repair program be raised? - Note: M&C 21-0167 on the March 2, 2021, Council Agenda recommended temporarily raising the program's maximum eligible home value from \$175,000 to \$300,000. The M&C was approved.

11. Executive Session (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ROOM 2020 formerly Room 290) - SEE ATTACHMENT A

There being no further business to come before the City Council Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.