

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

Present:

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

Absent:

Council Member Brian Byrd, District 3

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Sarah Fullenwider, City Attorney
Ronald P. Gonzales, Assistant City Secretary

With a quorum of the City Council Members Present, Mayor Price called the Fort Worth City Council Work Session to order at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, in City Council Conference Room 2020 at 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 Cooke advised that copies of two Resolutions with attachments had been provided to the Council pertaining to M&C 21-0322 and the stand-alone Resolution No. 21-1470 that were not included in the Council Packet.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

None.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Mayor Price called on Victor Turner, Neighborhood Services Department, to recognize the Experience Matters Program. Mr. Turner provided an overview of the program and recognized the following individuals: Sonia Singleton, Assistant Director Neighborhood Services Department; Shauna Shepherd, Customer Solutions Analyst; and Coletta Strickland and Jordan Jackson, AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) staff.

Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance Director, recognized Elmer DePaula, Assistant Director of Code Compliance, on his retirement and introduced new Assistant Director Cody Whittenburg.

Steve Cooke, Property Management Director, introduce Juanita Rigsby as the department's new Energy Manager, and introduced new Assistant Directors Ricky Salazar and Alan Shuror.

D.J. Harrell, Development Services Department, announced that Arty Wheaton-Rodriguez, Planning Manager, was leaving the City.

d. Informal Reports

[21-10578](#) COVID-19 Testing Alternatives - Brandon Bennett

[21-10579](#) Status of Emergency Rental Assistance Programs - Victor Turner

(Council Member Moon out at 3:23 p.m.)

[21-10580](#) Bank of America Enterprise Project Nomination - Robert Sturns

[21-10581](#) Rev1 Enterprise Project Nomination - Robert Sturns

[21-10582](#) Traffic Information at the 3300-3800 Blocks of E. Berry Street - Tanya Brooks and Assistant Chief Robert Alldredge

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

None.

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

None.

4. Update Related to COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- a. COVID-19 Updates and Data - Brandon Bennett, Code Compliance and Dr. Keith Argenbright, UT Southwestern Medical Center

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

- ZC-21-033 (9): The request was to go from “E” and “CF” to “MU-2” but after discussions with Zoning Commission the applicant changed their application and asked “MU-1” only on the portions that are currently zoned “E”.
- ZC-21-034 (7): This case will be remanded back to the Zoning Commission for reconsideration.
- ZC-21-038 (7): Will be continued to the June 8, 2021, Council meeting.

(Council Member Moon returned at 4:01 p.m.)

6. Dallas Fort Worth International Airport FY 2021 Debt Financing Program Overview - Chris Poinette and James Mauldin, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport

7. Presentation on Economic Development Agreements for Phase II of the Heritage Fort Worth Stockyards Project – Jay Chapa, City Manager’s Office

(Council Member Allen Gray was out at 4:34 p.m. and returned at 4:38 p.m.)

8. Proposed 2022 Bond Program – Dana Burghdoff, City Manager’s Office and Roger Venables, Aviation

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

Council Member Shingleton requested that staff review the sign ordinance as it pertained to feather flags.

Council Member Bivens advised of the need to have some identification or branding of the City, particularly at various entry points and suggested that “Molly” be used.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Price adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.