

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Present:

Mayor Mattie Parker
Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Cary Moon, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Staff Present:

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

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Parker called the City Council Work Session of the Fort Worth City Council to order 3:11 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in the City Council Chamber 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 Cooke advised that M&C 21-0711 (tax abatement) will be continued to the November 9, 2021, Council meeting.

b. Upcoming and Recent Events

City Manager Cooke announced the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Diamond Hill Community Center would be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at 1701 NE 26th Street.

Fire Chief Jim Davis announced that September is National Preparedness Month to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

c. Organizational Updates and Employee Recognition(s)

Chief Judge Danny Rodgers introduced Michelle Sims as the new Teen Court Coordinator. He also announced the retirement of Substitute Judge Edward Valverde after 35 years with the City.

d. Informal Reports

[21-10660](#) 2020 Review Year Results for Incentive Agreements - Robert Sturns

[21-10661](#) Availability of Youth-Focused Community Centers and Libraries - Victor Turner, Richard Zavala, and Manya Shorr

[21-10662](#) Council District Vaccination Rates and City of Fort Worth Strategies - Brandon Bennett

[21-10663](#) COVID-19 Vaccination Reward Program - Dianna Giordano

[21-10664](#) Financial Advisor Services Procurement - Reginald Zeno

[21-10665](#) Forest Park Pool Replacement Project - Richard Zavala

[21-10666](#) July 2021 - Sales Tax Update - Mark McAvoy

[21-10667](#) Legislative Changes to Process for Selecting Members for the Board of Directors of Appraisal Districts - Denis McElroy

[21-10668](#) Monthly Development Activity Report - DJ Harrell

[21-10669](#) Open Space Conservation Program Update - Brandi Kelp

[21-10670](#) ARPA-Funded Tourism Development Grant for Visit Fort Worth - Michael Crum

[21-10671](#) Proposal to Use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to Reinstate Public Events Department Capital Improvement Projects that were Rolled Back Due to Revenue Shortfalls Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic - Michael Crum

[21-10672](#) Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to Address Changes in State Law for Senate Bill 1585 Related to the Designation of Historic Properties and House Bill 1475 for the Board of Adjustment - Justin Newhart and Melinda Ramos

2. Current Agenda Items - City Council Members

3. Responses to Items Continued from a Previous Meeting

4. Proposed Council Meeting Changes – Sarah Fullenwider, Law and Ron Gonzales, City Secretary's Office

5. Presentation on Budget Response - David Cooke, City Manager

6. Recommendation Regarding Proposed Community Policy Advisory Board – Kim Neal, Police Oversight

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

Council Member Bivens: IR - Training on City's T-Drive for Council Members and District Directors.

Council Member Crain: IR - Local Responsible Banking Ordinance

8. Executive Session (CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, ROOM 2020) - SEE ATTACHMENT A

[21-1255](#) Executive Session A

There being no further business, Mayor Parker adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.