

CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

Present:

Mayor Pro tem Gyna M. Bivens, District 5
Council Member Carlos Flores, District 2
Council Member Michael D. Crain, District 3
Council Member Alan Blaylock, District 4
Council Member Jared Williams, District 6 (Arrived at 6:06 p.m. via video)
Council Member Leonard Firestone, District 7
Council Member Chris Nettles, District 8
Council Member Elizabeth Beck, District 9

Absent:

Mayor Mattie Parker

Staff Present:

David Cooke, City Manager
Leann Guzman, City Attorney
Jannette Goodall, City Secretary

Motion: Approved.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the City Council Members present, Mayor Pro tem Bivens called the City Council Public Comment Meeting of the Fort Worth City Council to order at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, in the City Council Chamber of the Fort Worth City Hall, 200 Texas Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

INVOCATION - Reverend Dr. Melvin D. Wilson Jr., Baker Chapel A.M.E.

Church

The invocation was provided by Reverend Dr. Melvin D. Wilson, Jr., Baker Chapel A.M.E. via conference call.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF TEXAS - (State of Texas Pledge: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.")

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Motion: Council Member Crain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Nettles, that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of April 20, 2022, the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2022, the Work Session and Public Comment meetings of June 21, 2022, the Special Called meeting of June 22, 2022, and the Regular meeting of June 28, 2022, be approved. Motion passed 7-0, Mayor Parker and Council Member Williams absent.

[22-2293](#) Minutes - April 20, 2022 Special Called Meeting

[22-1995](#) Minutes - June 14, 2022 Council Meeting

[22-2305](#) Minutes - June 21, 2022 Work Session

[22-2306](#) Minutes - June 21, 2022 Public Comment

[22-2292](#) Minutes - June 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting

[22-2307](#) Minutes - June 28, 2022 Council Meeting

(Council Member Williams joined the Public Comment meeting via video.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council may not discuss or deliberate about a topic not specifically listed on the Agenda, including those presented during the Public Comments section of the Agenda (Tex. Gov't Code § 551.042)

[22-2332](#) Public Comments

Mr. Kenneth Soderstrom appeared before Council via conference call relative to Air BnBs in Fort Worth.

Ms. Laila Talley appeared before Council via conference call relative to SMART water meter Sensus Flexnet opt out.

Mr. Daniel Haase appeared before Council via conference call relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. Steve Thornton appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Ms. Kheri Hines appeared before Council via conference call relative to the police.

Mr. Thomas Torlincasi appeared before Council relative to rules, laws, rights, Council Members' conduct, and Isabel.

Mr. Bob Willoughby appeared before Council relative to general comments.

Ms. Beverly Sims appeared before Council relative to short-term rental issues.

Ms. Adrian Smith appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. James Smith appeared before Council relative to Atatiana Jefferson, City accountability, and Manual Mata.

Ms. Rebecca Dolashewich appeared before Council relative to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and accountability for not investigating crimes.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens directed Ms. Dolashewich to meet with Police Chief Neil Noakes after the meeting and he would provide a contact for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Doreen Geiger appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Mr. Malikk Austin appeared before Council relative to the state of the City.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens directed Mr. Austin to meet with Assistant City Manager Fernando Costa after the meeting and he would provide a contact for the Neighborhood Services Department.

Ms. Tara Rice appeared before Council relative to incarceration and mental health.

Mr. Evgeny Vorotnikov appeared before Council relative to traffic and zoning and provided a video.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens directed Mr. Vorotnikov to meet with Assistant City Manager William Johnson after the meeting and he would provide a contact for Trinity Metro.

Ms. Nancy Johnson completed a speaker card relative to short-term rentals in Fort Worth and was recognized by Mayor Pro tem Bivens but was unable to be reached by telephone.

Ms. Angelica Alaniz appeared before Council relative to City Council accountability.

Ms. Carolyn Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to police accountability.

Mr. Gerald Banks, Sr. appeared before Council relative to profiling, police brutality, wrongful arrest/killing, wrongful prosecution, end of qualified immunity, dictatorship, etc.

Mr. Chandler Crouch appeared before Council relative to property tax related issues, TAD BOD election, free speech, advocating for citizens, and working cooperatively.

Ms. Erica Butters appeared before Council relative to the benefits of Fort Worth's short-term rentals.

Mr. Alonzo Aguilar appeared before Council relative to apartment complexes in Fort Worth.

Mr. Jim Delong appeared before Council relative to a product for your future.

Mr. Edgar Rodriguez appeared before Council relative to short-term rentals.

Ms. Chris Wood appeared before Council relative to exorbitant late charges on

parking tickets.

Mayor Pro tem Bivens directed Ms. Wood to meet with Mr. William Rumuly, Municipal Court, after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro tem Bivens adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.