



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

March 8, 2022

On March 8, 2022, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5th floor, City Hall, 411 W. 8th, Odessa, Texas.

City Council present: Mayor Javier Joven; Council members: Mark Matta, District One; Steven P. Thompson, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Denise Swanner, At-Large.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, City Attorney; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; and other members of City staff.

A quorum being present, Mayor Joven called the meeting to order, and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Pastor Andy Johnson, First Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

Mayor Joven presented a proclamation for American Red Cross Month.

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. None.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, February 22, 2022;
- B. City Council work session minutes, March 1, 2022;

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Matta to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner
Nay: None

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022R-13 – Authorize the City of Odessa Police Department to apply for and accept, \$134,185.56 as additional revenue; amending the fiscal budget appropriate awarded funds and authorize the expenditure of awarded grant funds from the Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, FY 2023. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the funds would be used for a camera system that would purchase 12 cameras. He reviewed the current camera locations and the proposed locations for the new cameras. The cameras worked off a cell tower but was adaptable to internet.

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Willis to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2022R-14 – Abandonment of alley right-of-way located in Block 43, Original Town. Yervand Hmayakyan, City Engineer, stated Prosperity Bank requested for a portion of an alley abandonment. The city would retain the utility easement and utilities would be re-routed through the dedicated access. Prosperity Bank paid the compensation of \$10,237.

Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Thompson to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner

Nay: None

Resolution No. 2022R-15 – Allocate \$1,000,000 from the reserved State and Local Hotel Occupancy Tax to Odessa College for the purpose of a downtown revitalization project. Mr. Marrero stated that the allocation of \$1 million from the reserved State and Local Hotel Occupancy Tax would be to Odessa College for the downtown project. The reserved funds were available for a downtown revitalization project. Dr. Greg Williams, Odessa College President, appreciated the work and partnership. Toby Eoff was glad to partner with the City and Odessa College.

Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Thompson to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner

Nay: None

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, Building Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Tax Incentive Committee.

Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Matta to reappoint Tom Sprawls, Henry Lide, Susan Clark and Lisa Frost and appoint Chris Hinsz to the Animal Control Advisory Committee. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner

Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Swanner to table the Building Board of Appeals until applications were received for the required positions. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner

Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Thompson and seconded by Council member Matta to appoint David Mourning and Kimberly Campos to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Willis to reappoint Willie Taylor, Mark Matta, and Gus Ortega to the Tax Incentive Committee. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Thompson and seconded by Council member Swanner to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Swanner
Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor