



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

**March 9, 2021**

On March 9, 2021, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:11 p.m. in Odessa, Texas. Due to the COVID-19, the meeting was teleconferenced, as allowed by Governor Abbott's executive order. The City Council was present through teleconference.

City Council present: Mayor Javier Joven; Council members: Mark Matta, District One; Steven 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; Cindy Muncy, 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 Ernest Florez and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. City Council minutes, February 23, 2021;
- B. City Council work session minutes, March 2, 2021;
- C. Reject bids for the replacement of security lights at Sherwood Aquatic Center;
- D. Contract extension to with Barron Service Parts Co. for on-site fleet parts management and supply not to exceed \$1,800,000;
- E. Contract extension with Southern Tire Mart for tire replacement and repair not to exceed \$700,000.

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

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

**OTHER COUNCIL ACTION**

**RESOLUTION**

**Tabled – Odessa Development Corporation economic development agreement with Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.** Wesley Burnett, Economic Development Director, stated that the ODC board recommended to table the request for future clarification. Dawn Tucker, 6209 Mecca, was against using taxpayer funds for the funding of the private entity as it did not bring companies to Odessa. There were better ways to use the funds.

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Matta

to table the item. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**Resolution No. 2021R-15 – Establish a public hearing date to consider the land use assumptions and impact fee capital improvements plan for the designated roadway, water, and wastewater service areas as required by Chapter 395.042 of the Local Government Code.** Thomas Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, recommended that the public hearing set date would be April 13, 2021. The land use assumptions were a planning tool to support development. The land use assumptions would designate the roadway, water and wastewater service areas. The areas were derived from the Water Master Plan, Water and Wastewater Master Plan and Transportation Master Plan. John Landgraf, Capital Improvements Advisory Committee member, stated that the public hearing was a statutory requirement. A meeting with the developers, builders and landowners will be held to get input. The impact fees were a tool to help support development for the city.

Council member Thompson joined the meeting.

Motion was made by Council member Swanner and seconded by Council member Matta 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. 2021R-16 and Resolution No. 2021R-17 – Rescind the Mayoral Declaration of continued response to the COVID-19 Disaster and Mayoral Declaration regarding face coverings, declared on November 25, 2020.** Ms. Brooks reported that Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 that ordered all businesses be open and end the mask mandate on March 10. The proposed resolutions would rescind the face coverings and the COVID-19 disaster. She highlighted the items addressed in the Executive Order. Dawn Tucker, 6209 Mecca St., supported rescinding the mayoral declarations and allow each person to make their own decision. Council member Willis thanked the citizens, healthcare workers for the bringing the numbers down and becoming part of the healing process. She thanked the businesses and applauded all that helped the community. Council member Matta hoped that the citizens be considerate and respectful to those that wish to wear the mask and continue to keep the city safe. Council member Thompson stated that both hospitals did a wonderful job with the pandemic. He thanked the great people in the healthcare field.

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

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

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**To consider, discuss and take any necessary action regarding any and all issues related to COVID-19.** No comment.

**Appointment of Boards.** Larry Robinson submitted a board application to serve on the Odessa Development Corporation. He was extremely interested in serving on the board. He would do a good job and be a good steward of the funds.

Discussion was held on the Council appointment of boards. Motion was made by Council member Willis and seconded by Council member Thompson to appoint the following:

Connie Coots reappointed to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee  
Joyce Trower reappointed to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee  
David McGuire reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals  
Mark Darville appointed to the Building Board of Appeals  
Edwin Carl Meroney reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals  
Jerry Morales reappointed to the Building Board of Appeals  
Elva Graham reappointed to the Citizens Golf Advisory Committee  
Jeff Russell appointed to the Odessa Development Corporation;  
Larry Robinson appointed to the Odessa Development Corporation;  
Susan Gentry appointed to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District;  
Brady Ross reappointed to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District;  
Peggy Dean appointed to the Odessa Housing Finance Corporation;  
Craig Stoker appointed as alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and  
Priscilla Contreras appointed as alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**Citizen's comments on non-agenda items.** No action.

**Recess for Executive Session: As authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council may adjourn into executive session to consider pending or contemplated litigation. Reconvene in open session for possible action.** Motion was made by Council member Swanner and seconded by Council member White to go into executive session under 551.017. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Council members Thompson and Swanner left the meeting.

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Willis to come out of executive session. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Javier Joven  
Mayor