



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

June 7, 2022

On June 7, 2022, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:00 p.m., Council Chamber, fifth floor, City Hall, 411 W. 8th St., Odessa, Texas.

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

City Council absent: Council member Steven P. Thompson, District Two.

Others present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, City Attorney; 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:

Council member White gave the invocation.

Ms. Muncy introduced Maryann Cedillo, Director of Communications.

City vs. County food drive. Donny Kyker, Jesus House, stated that Jesus House provided a food pantry that was started due to COVID. He stated that there was a great need for food. He requested a food drive between the City and County to benefit the need in the community. Council member Swanner stated that the idea was to raise food for Jesus House. The drop off location could be at Jesus House. Pastor Kyker stated that barrels could be placed at specified sites. Jesus House will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on August 2 with a celebration. Mayor Joven stated that United Markets would participate and have containers. The Council had a consensus to support the food drive.

Planning and Zoning Commission update. Jimmy Peacock, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair, stated that the Commission meets twice a month to review plats, and assists staff with cases and special use permits. He reviewed types of cases. The Commission discussed the cases. There was a new master sign plan and was user friendly. There would be an update to the subdivision ordinance soon.

ODC and 1Point Five P1 economic development agreement. David Boutin, ODC President, stated that ODC approved a grant to 1Point Five P1. The capital investment was \$810 million. The company would create 125 new jobs with almost an \$8 million annual payroll at the end of five years. The location was in Penwell. He stated that ODC would have the flexibility adapting to situations and to be fair.

PAR II Companies, LLC façade grant. Casey Hallmark, Downton Odessa Executive Director, stated that PAR II, architect and construction, was located at 406 N. Grant. It was approved for a façade grant for \$24,944.80. The total investment was \$32,631.

Resolution to accept and appropriate funds from an anonymous donation made to OPD. Matt Davidson, Deputy Police Chief, stated that a local business donated \$50,000 to the Police Department. The donation would be used for community relations for block parties.

Award a PSA to LCA for designing waterline replacements in Crane Avenue and a 12” waterline from El Paso Avenue to N. Jackson Avenue. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the professional services was with LCA for design services for a line replacement on Crane and for waterline for El Paso to Jackson Avenues. The Crane waterline replacement would take about two years to complete. The design costs were \$120,820 for the Crane waterline and \$168,475 for the waterline from El Paso to Jackson Avenues.

Award a PSA to LCA to design Dawn Avenue from 61st St. to Yukon Road. Mr. Kerr stated that a portion of Dawn was the City’s responsibility for design. The design cost was \$61,244 and there were no utilities. The funds for the roadway construction was not available. The project design time was three to six months.

Resolution suspending Oncor’s intent to increase rates within the City of Odessa. Mrs. Muncy stated resolution would suspend Oncor’s intent to increase rates to allow the steering committee to review the filing.

Discuss security measures for the health and safety of the community. Mayor Joven asked for a discussion for an inventory assessment on security measures for the community. He was receiving calls if measures being addressed. He reported that there were a lot of programs for active shooter drills. He did not want the community to become complacent. There were incidents at the pools. He stated that our community needed to coordinate with other entities for a plan. He wanted to make training more available, consider assessing large gatherings and possibly streamline public events for people’s safety.

Council member Swanner stated that there was a Municipal Court incident and was concerned with safety in the lobby of Municipal Court. She suggested to post signs on the entrance and inside of Municipal Court and not only in the courtrooms. Council member Matta would like to consider a guard at municipal buildings whether it was off duty or on patrol and would like to know the cost. Council member White stated that there was an officer at City Hall and was paid overtime for eight hours a day. Council member Willis stated that there was no price on life and with the security it would be expensive. Some of the buildings were secure such as the Water Treatment Plant and fire stations. Mayor Joven stated that other agencies provided training such as Homeland Security. Deputy Chief Davidson stated that the Police Department provided a free active shooter training program, CRASE, to local businesses. Council member White stated that it was a good idea to provide to citizens the training and be coordinated by the Police Department. Mayor Joven discussed the issues with the Uvalde school shooting. He stated that the community needed to be informed on expectations with an active shooter situation.

John Alvarez, Fire Chief, stated that the Fire personnel needed to be integrated with the Police in the point of entry during a situation to provide EMS to those in need. Mayor Joven stated that there needed to be more frequent training. Medical Center Hospital had a Stop the Bleed training for the citizens. Council member Sprawls suggested having a booth at the Neighborhood Block parties. Deputy Chief Davidson stated that information was on a pamphlet but there could be booths set up.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor