



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

June 28, 2022

On June 28, 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; Cindy Muncy, Assistant City Manager; 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 John McLemore, Belmont Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. Andrea Martin, United Way, presented awards to the City of Odessa and to Randi Pineda for the United Way campaign.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, June 14, 2022;
- B. City Council work session minutes, June 21, 2022;
- C. **Ordinance No. 2022-14- Request by ERP Industrials 6155 LLC, owner, for original zoning of Heavy Industrial (HI) on a 1.00 acre tract out of Section 37, Block 43, T-2-S, T&P RY Co. Survey, City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas (south of the intersection of Interstate 20 and FM 1936);**
- D. **Resolution No. 2022R-31 – Amend budget for necessary repairs at the City's Gertrude Bruce Historical Cultural Center facility;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2022R-32 - Accept and appropriate funds for \$110,000 donated to the City of Odessa Police Department from Bustin for Badges Clay Shoot function;**
- F. Accept the 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022R-33 – Homemade Wines façade grant. Casey Hallmark, Executive Director of Downtown Odessa, stated that Homemade Wines was located at 400 N. Texas. The façade grant was for \$25,000 with an owner’s investment of \$61,400.

Motion was made by Council member White 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. 2022R-34 – Homemade Wines infrastructure grant. Ms. Hallmark stated that the infrastructure grant was for \$133,910. The owner investment was \$304,650 with a total business investment of \$438,560.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to request by Jim Camp, owner, Bill Anderson, agent, to rezone from Single Family-Three (SF-3) to Office (O) of an approx. 0.393 acre tract, being Lot 51, Block 2, Sherwood 01-72, City of Odessa, Ector County, Texas (northeast of the intersection of McKnight Dr. and E. 42nd St.). Randy Brinlee, Director of Development Services, reviewed the location. The purpose of the rezoning was to provide a facility for office use development. The existing standard on the property would support the use of the site. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Swanner to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022R-35 – Open a public hearing and consider the reallocation of \$305,884 in CARES Act Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated that there was \$305,884 in CARES funds for reallocation due to returned funds from agencies. She reviewed the requests. The program administration request was to cover administrative and operating costs for the rental housing program. The program would cover rent, mortgage and utilities. The program would be advertised with PSAs, website and word of mouth. She stated that the funds could be reallocated to the requests or public hearings could be held for a request of applications. Council member Thompson stated that the funds could be split

among Meals on Wheels and the rental assistance.

Motion was made by Council member Thompson and seconded by Council member White to approve the resolution with splitting the remaining balance among the two requests. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The following CDBG-CV Fund allocations were funded:

Program Administration	\$146,034
Meals on Wheels	159,851

Resolution No. 2022R-36 – Conduct a public hearing and consider the allocation of \$794,846 in Program Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) and \$16,650 in unprogrammed CDBG funds and \$90,762 in CDBG program income funds. In addition, consider the allocation of \$313,849 in 2022 Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. Mrs. Sandoval stated that the City was allocated \$794,846 in CDBG funds with a total available for allocation of \$902,258. She reviewed the funding caps, requests from Community Development, and the rental assistance guidelines. Council member Willis stated that there may be people that do not have access to electronic devices and were eligible. Don Riggs, Family Promise President, stated that Family Promise served the homeless with collaboration of churches and organizations. The funds would assist homeless families gain independence through the program. Shirley Almanza, Jesus House, stated that the funds would be used for an AC unit which was 18 years old. Jesus House served the homeless, provided breakfast and lunch and offered a food pantry. Kelly Boydston, West Texas Food Bank, stated that the fund would be for a drive-thru pantry. She reported that 900 families a month were served. Each Council member and the Mayor provided a recommendation for CDBG funds.

Mrs. Sandoval stated that there were \$313,849 HOME funds. She reviewed the requests. Each Council member and the Mayor provided a recommendation for HOME Funds.

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls 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

The following CDBG Fund allocations were funded:

Program Administration	\$158,000
Housing Rehabilitation	430,000
Demolition	161,963
GOPB – Chaffin Head Start	45,000
Jesus House	12,295
Short-term rental assistance program	30,000
Family Promise	5,000
West Texas Food Bank	60,000

The following HOME Fund allocations were funded:

Homeowner Rehab Program	\$235,387
HOME Program Administration	31,384
Community Housing Development Organization	47,078

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2022R-37 – Outside agency requests for funding for FY 2022-23 budget. Haley Swack, Children’s Miracle Network, stated that Medical Center provided care to 23,000 children in one year. The funds would be used to purchase an Omni bed to provide advanced pediatric care.

Susan Rogers, Odessa Crime Stoppers, reported that Crime Stoppers addressed burglaries, theft and porch bandits. A pod cast will address cold cases. She reported that operation graduation was a success and thanked the Council for amending the social host ordinance.

Chris Barnhill, PermiaCare, reviewed the services and programs provided to clients and the funds would be matched with State funds. The funds would be used for a workshop to develop skills.

Rebecca Grisham, Odessa Teen Court, reported that kids volunteered with community service. Teen Court had a KOB Adopt A Spot and cleaned up trash. There was a program called Knowledge Educates Youth that kids tour the hospital as if they were involved in an accident.

Kaylie Banda, Young Professionals of Odessa (YPO), recognized the YPO members. She stated that YPO served as a development program. YPO build leaders and give back to the community.

Each Council member and the Mayor provided a recommendation for the General Fund. Council member Swanner abstained from Odessa Teen Court’s request.

Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Sprawls to approve the General Fund allocation. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The following General Fund allocations were made:

Children’s Miracle Network	\$50,000
Odessa Crime Stoppers	60,000
PermiaCare	90,000
Odessa Teen Court	68,960
Young Professionals of Odessa	20,000

There was a recess at 7:31 p.m. to 7:41 p.m.

JoAnn Davenport-Littleton, Black Cultural Council, stated that there were three events hosted by the Black Cultural Council. The Juneteenth celebration was five full days of activities. Council member Matta stated it was a great event. Mrs. Littleton thanked Council

member Matta for supporting and representing the district. Council member Willis commended the Black Cultural Council for the largest Juneteenth celebration.

John Moesch, Brazos Communications, stated that Flecha Azul was a fun filled event with Marriott as a partner. The funds would be used for advertising the surrounding areas. There were about 1,100 attendees this year.

Gena Linebarger, Commemorative Air Force AIRSHO Director, stated that the airsho last year had 15,000 attendees with 104 out of town cities. The event was held with all volunteers. The funding would be used for advertising.

Casey Hallmark, Downtown Odessa, stated that the focus was to revitalize Downtown. Downtown hosted outside events with attendees and vendors. Social media has grown with the Downtown events.

Richard Esparza, Michelle Esparza Ventures, stated that Fiesta West Texas has existed since 1995. The event held in May brought in 30,000 attendees for the three-day event. A variety of entertainment acts were provided at the event. Average tickets prices were \$15 to \$20.

Donnie Margettie, Odessa Jr. Jacks Youth Hockey, stated that over 170 youth participated in the junior hockey. The lack of an ice rink has provided challenges with families traveling outside the area, costs have increased and shorten the length of the tournaments. The junior hockey was advertised through flyers, Facebook and word of mouth. Council member Willis stated to reach out to the Odessa Boys and Girls Club.

Heather Justis, Junior League of Odessa, stated that Merry Market would be held November 3 – 6. The event has had 75 vendors and 44,000 shoppers. Advertising would be digital on social media.

Randy Ham, Odessa Arts, recognized the staff and board members. He stated that arts provided value and enhanced the community. He stated that arts brought in \$6.1 million in economic activity. There would be a mural fest that would have five new murals.

Monica Tschauner, Discover Odessa, stated that Discover Odessa assisted groups through the year. The sales team promoted Odessa and brought in events. There were over 10 unbudgeted events that requested assistance. Marketing included Texas Monthly. The Sports Enhancement Program assisted in recruiting sports events to Odessa by incentivizing groups. All the allocated funds were used. Sport activities had grown to a \$2.8 million economic impact. Teresa Vasquez reviewed the funding process. There were three groups that filed an application with no available funding.

Rick Matchett, Odessa Jackalopes, stated that there were 50,000 attendees at the hockey games with the season from September – April. Without a practice ice, there were more costs being spent out of town.

Andrea Quiroz, Odessa Links, stated that Links has been serving Odessans for 20 years. The conference would motivate and inspire local professionals. Links had 30 to 40 cases each week.

Mr. Patton stated that the Fall Festival was October 15 with crowds between 3,000 to 6,000. The event was a free family fun event with entertainment. There would be advertising in Southern New Mexico and West Texas. Starbright Village has grown over the years with a

drive through. Marketing would be in different areas of the state and Southern New Mexico. The Ratliff Golf Links request would be used for marketing at the airport's digital carousel.

Susie Wyatt, Permian Basin Fair, stated that there were 45,000 attendees. The fair has received numerous awards and honors. Advertising would promote Odessa through the newspaper, TV, radio and website. Scholarships were awarded.

Jim Wise, Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo, reported that the rodeo was in its 90th year. There were 22,126 attendees. New sky boxes will be installed for the rodeo.

Nick Hernandez Jr., Tejano Super Show, stated that the car show promoted Odessa. Attendees stayed at the hotels. The funds would be used in magazines and social media.

Stella Neboh, West Texas Track Club, stated that the Club would host the AAU National Qualifier Track Meet. Scouts attended the meet. The funds would help with the cost including the stadium and medals. The request for the West Texas Track Club was to host three meets.

Christine Holcomb, White Pool House, stated that there were 2,500 room nights with events. The funds would be used for the parking lot. The parking lot was unsafe and there were many concerns. Mr. Marrero stated that the HOT funds were allowed use as the White Pool was a historic facility.

Edgar Morales, M.E. Productions, stated that the truck show would be held August 20-21 at the coliseum. There were bands and vendors. The show attracted out of town attendees. The entry fee was \$45.

Mike Kertis, West Texas Indoor Football, stated that the West Texas Warbirds was a professional indoor football team. The funds would be used for public relations and advertising. The season was from April through July. There were 30 players and 14 games in a season.

There was a short recess from 9:02 p.m. to 9:09 p.m.

Each Council member and the Mayor gave a recommendation for funding. Council member White abstained from the West Texas Indoor Football.

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Thompson to approve the resolution. The total allocation was \$3,183,599. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The following Hotel/Motel Tax Fund allocations were made.

Black Cultural Council	\$ 75,000
Brazos Communications	5,000
Commemorative Air Force	50,000
Downtown Odessa	450,000
Michelle Esparza Ventures	30,000
Jr. Jacks Youth Hockey	10,000
Junior League of Odessa	15,000

Odessa Arts	450,000
Discover Odessa	1,100,000
Sports Events Recruitment Program	80,000
Odessa Jackalopes Hockey	35,000
Odessa Links	5,000
Parks – Fall Festival	15,000
Parks– Starbright Village	136,000
Permian Basin Fair & Exposition	130,000
Parks – Ratliff Ranch Golf Links	65,000
Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo	150,000
Tejano Super Show	30,000
U.T. Permian Basin Athletics	50,000
West Texas Track Club AAU track meet	40,000
West Texas Track Club	50,000
White-Pool House Friends	40,000
M.E. Productions	75,000
West Texas Indoor Football	15,000
Ector County Coliseum interlocal agreement	50,000
Administrative Costs/Audit Fees	32,599

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Citizens Golf Advisory Committee and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Swanner to appoint Anthony “Tony” Hurt to the Citizen’s Golf 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 Sprawls and seconded by Council member Thompson 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 9:39 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor