



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

**July 5, 2022**

On July 5, 2022, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:01 p.m., Council Chamber, fifth floor, City Hall, 411 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., 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; and Mari Willis, District Five.

City Council absent: Council member Denise Swanner, At-Large.

Others present: 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:

Council member Willis gave the invocation.

**Consider renewal of contract for school crossing guard services and agreement with ECISD.** Michael Bara, Purchasing Manager, stated that the contract was with All City Management for school crossing guard services for one year. The cost would be split with ECISD with a total cost of \$469,368 and the City's cost was \$211,215.60.

**Consider the limousine services franchise application of Delma Barriga.** Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that a limo application was submitted and there were no issues. Mary Garza stated it would be for one limo and was aware of the amended social host ordinance.

**Consider authorizing OFR to accept and appropriate JRAC funds.** Rodd Huber, Assistant Fire Chief, stated that the State grant was for \$18,655 that would be used for EMS supplies.

**Consider the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Urban Landscapes Master Plan.** Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and recommended the Parks Master Plan. The plan required a five-year update. Aaron Tulley, Halff Associates, gave a synopsis of the plan. He reviewed the priority issues over five years that included dedicated funding mechanisms, sports complex and new parks. Mayor Joven stated that the City did not close the UTPB sports complex. He stated that UTPB chose not to renew the contract and it operated without the City's participation. Mr. Tulley reviewed the benefits of parks, demographic profile, and the comparison with other communities. The Master Plan goals were outlined that included a balanced distribution of parkland and facilities, a diverse and equitable range of programs, safe trails and sustainable operation and maintenance. He reviewed the existing parks and needs assessment. There was support for a parkland dedication ordinance. There was a deficit of parks on the East and North of Odessa. The athletic field sports participation and assessment were reviewed. Policy priorities were identified that included a parkland dedication ordinance, develop a parkland acquisition program, the use of Public Improvement Districts (PID), and develop a park and school site policy with ECISD. Project

improvement priorities were identified and review. Mr. Patton stated that the resolution would serve as a guide to the Master Plan. Mayor Joven asked if a project could be considered if it was not in the Master Plan. Mr. Patton stated it could be considered. Mayor Joven provided the history of the park system as the City inherited from the County. He stated that there was deficiency in game ready fields as fields have been replaced with green spaces. Mr. Patton stated that Jim Parker and Sherwood needed master plans. He stated that McKinney Park would lose about 25 feet of land due to the widening of I-20. He explained the pond leak at Comanche Park. Council member Thompson toured the Lubbock PIDs. He stated PIDS benefited for new development. Council member Sprawls stated that there was a Wildcatters Trail from the Midland stadium to the UTPB campus. He would like to have a trail from Downtown to UTPB. Council member Thompson asked how the projects would be funded. Mr. Tulley stated it remained to be determined. The sports complex would cost from \$28 million to \$40 million without land acquisition. Council member Matta stated that the sports complex would be rented out to the teams as the UTPB complex was available for rent. Council member Thompson stated that there was an identified space for the sports complex and was very assessible.

**Bid award for automotive vehicles for various departments.** Mr. Urrutia stated that 25 vehicles would be purchased. The bid recommendation was to Rush Truck Centers, Caldwell County Chevy and Sewell Ford. The local preference was utilized on two items. The total cost was \$1,011,320.10

**Discuss alternate judges' salary.** Mr. Urrutia stated Judge Rodriguez requested a review in the alternate judges pay. The three alternate judges work the weekends and have a current rate of \$55. There has not been a pay increase in over ten years. He recommended a pay increase to \$75 an hour. Mr. Urrutia stated it would be added as a supplemental request.

**Discuss infrastructure.** Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the Master Plan addressed growth and rehab. Mayor Joven asked that a priority list be made for discussion on the rehab program. Mr. Kerr stated that the valve systems were addressed but not specifically identified. He stated that there was 300 miles of cast iron in the system and was aged. There was \$5 million for water/sewer rehab and \$5 million for street rehab. The priority list could change. He explained the major line break. GIS has identified most of the valves. He was considering an asset management system that would record each work order and keep a history of the system. Council member White commended the department. Mr. Kerr stated that anything that moved the soil such as an earthquake could influence the system.

Council member Thompson stated that there was \$10.3 million in ARPA funds and funds would be received back from Medical Center Hospital. He supported using the funds for infrastructure as there were road issues and growth in the city. He stated that the growth had more traffic in the North of Odessa and the infrastructure needed to be addressed. He stated that ODC could float revenue bonds for roads and infrastructure as there was \$30 million in ODC surplus. Council member Sprawls stated that a list was presented a few years ago and it totaled \$900 million. Discussion would need to be held on how to fund the projects. Mr. Kerr reviewed the reconstruction CIP, utility replacement master plan, and water sewer rehab projects that totaled \$65 million.

**Discuss code of conduct.** Mayor Joven stated that the item will be placed on the next Council agenda.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Javier Joven  
Mayor