



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

January 9, 2024

On January 9, 2024, 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; Gilbert Vasquez, District Three; Greg Connell, District Four; Chris Hanie, District Five; and Denise Swanner, At-Large.

Staff present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; John Beckmeyer, City Manager; Dan Jones, City Attorney; 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 Renee Phillips, River of Hope, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

Proclamations, Presentations and Awards. Mayor Joven read a proclamation for ECISD Board Recognition Month. The Parade of Light awards were presented to the winners. Mayor Joven presented the Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation.

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

Consent Agenda

1. City Council work session minutes, December 12, 2023;
2. City Council minutes, December 12, 2023;
3. City Council minutes, December 19, 2023;
4. **Resolution No. 2023R-01 - Police Department to apply and accept; amending the fiscal budget to appropriate awarded funds as additional revenue and authorize the expenditure of awarded grant funds from the Phillips 66 Grant;**
5. **Ordinance No. 2024-01 - Request by Blue Beacon, Inc., for a zone change from FD, Future Development District, to an LI, Light Industrial District, on Lot 2, Block 7, West Interstate Industrial Sites 10-41, and Lot 1, Block 7, West Interstate Industrial Sites 10-41. (Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Interstate Highway No. 20 and Farm-Market Highway No. 1882 – South County Road West.)**

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Regular

Rename San Antonio Street to Dr. J. Naidu Street from Doctor Emmitt Headlee Street to S.H. 191, approximately 850 feet. Council member Swanner acknowledged Dr. Naidu's accomplishments, honors and awards. She stated that a portion of street would be named in Dr. Naidu's honor. Dr. Naidu expressed heartfelt gratitude for the honor. He stated that it was his passion to practice in Odessa with an excellent medical community. Mrs. Naidu loved Odessa and was the extended family.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Ector County Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Jones stated that the memorandum of understanding was County approved for five years. Dustin Fawcett, Ector County Judge, stated that it would provide benefits to the County and City, and it was a big step in the right direction. Council member Swanner thanked Judge Fawcett for his leadership.

Motion was made by Council member Thompson and seconded by Council member Connell to approve the Ector County Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Public Hearing

Open a public hearing to consider a request by Maria De Los Angeles Corrales for a zone change from SF-3, Single-Family Residence District-3, to GR, General Residence District, on Graham Subdivision, Block 42, the S 32 of Lot 12 and N 18 of Lot 13, Odessa, Ector County, Texas. (Located on the east side of S Alleghaney Ave, approximately 460-feet south of W Clements St.) Elizabeth Shaughnessy, Director of Development Services, stated that the zone change would be to allow a mobile home on the lot. The current ordinance did not allow mobile homes in the single-family zone for the area. She reported that there were six mobile homes on the street. She explained that modular homes were allowed and explained the difference based on how it was built. The Planning and Zoning Commission denied the requested based on the ordinance. Gary Owens, Building Official, explained the modular versus mobile home. Maria Carrasco, realtor, explained the difference of mobile homes and modular. Maria Corrales was not aware of the ordinance that did not allow mobile homes. Mr. Corrales has lived in Odessa for 28 years and the mobile home felt like a home. Council member Hanie stated that the property values drop with mobile homes. There was only one returned notice. Council member Matta stated that affordable housing needed to be developed and there were mobile homes in the area. The zone change would be for the one lot. No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, and Swanner
Nay: Hanie

Open a public hearing to consider a request by 2015 Cross B to rezone from Future Development (FD) to Special Dwelling District (SPD) zoning district of an 88.075-acre tract; from Future Development (FD) to Special Dwelling District – Surface Drainage (SPD-SD) of a 2.330 acre tract; from Future Development (FD) to Special Dwelling District (SPD) of a 1.885 acre tract ; and three (3) Drill Sites from Future Development - Drill Reservation (FD-DR) to Special Dwelling District (SPD) of a 2.066 acre tract each, of Section 46, Block 41, Midland County and Ector County City of Odessa, Texas. (located on the east side of Legacy Rd, approximately 370-feet north of E Yukon Rd). Mrs. Shaughnessy stated that the zone change was for single family housing development. There were 475 lots and two common areas. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Thompson 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, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Resolution

Resolution No. 2024R-02 - Pay \$50,000 from the HOT Funds to Ector County for the Ector County Coliseum. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that the contract agreement provided for \$50,000 to be given to the County from the HOT funds.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Resolution No. 2024R-03 - Allocate \$1,000,000 from ARPA funds to Medical Center Health System for a mental health facility. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that a mental facility was needed in the area. It would allow for patients to be seen at the facility and not the emergency rooms. Russell Tippin, CEO Medical Center Hospital, stated that there was a behavior health facility needed. The facility would be a 200 bed. The funds would be given to the Medical Center Hospital Foundation and would be given directly to the behavioral health facility.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Resolution No. 2024R-04 - Allocate ARPA funds for the free clinic for early diabetes detection. Mayor Joven stated that Dr. Chemitiganti wanted to address the diabetes with preventive care and education through a free clinic. Rebecca Redfern worked in the Midland clinic and stated that there was a great need as many patients were uninsured. The clinic would alleviate the load of the hospitals for diabetes care. Mr. Tippin committed the clinic on 42nd St. and was ready to be opened for the free clinic. The clinic would be staffed with nurses and doctors. It was a nine-room facility and could be open for two to

three days a week. Kathy Rhodes explained the ECMO machine that saved lives. She stated that the funds would be used as the building was ready.

Motion was made by Mayor Joven and seconded by Council member Connell to approve the resolution with \$500,000 in ARPA funds for the diabetes free clinic. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Resolution No. 2024R-05 - Accept the Public Improvement District (PID) petition from Betenbough Homes, LLC at Windmill Crossing. Mr. Jones stated that the PID was for Windmill Crossing. He requested that Council accept the petition.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Resolution No. 2024R-06 - Authorize Kaylie Banda, Finance Director, to engage in the contract with Weaver to conduct the audit. Kaylie Banda, Director of Finance, stated that the Weaver contract was for the Fiscal Year 2023 audit, for one year.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Ordinance

Repeal Article 11-4 “Downtown Infrastructure and Facade Grants” of the Odessa City Code. Mr. Jones stated that the grants were a policy and did not need to be codified in the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance would remove the grants from the Code book, but the policy would stay in effect.

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Miscellaneous

Create a committee to review Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that a staff committee would be tasked with reviewing the HOT applications. He recommended Council member Thompson, a representative from Finance, City Attorney and the City Manager’s office.

Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Hanie to create the HOT committee with the members as recommended. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Appointment of Boards: Board of Survey, Citizens Golf Advisory Committee, Downtown Odessa, Historic Preservation Commission, Midland Odessa Urban Transit District, Odessa Development Corporation, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Traffic Advisory Committee, and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Hanie to reappoint Susan Gentry to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Vasquez, Thompson, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Hanie and seconded by Council member Connell to reappoint David Boutin and Jeff Russell to the Odessa Development Corporation. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Vasquez, Thompson, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Connell and seconded by Council member Hanie to appoint Carlos Garcia to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Vasquez, Thompson, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Vasquez and seconded by Council member Hanie to reappoint Kyle Newton to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Joven, Matta, Vasquez, Thompson, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

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

Aye: Joven, Matta, Vasquez, Thompson, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor