



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

January 9, 2024

On January 9, 2024, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:02 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; 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 Pro Tem Swanner called the meeting to order, and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Vasquez gave the invocation.

Mayor Joven arrived at 3:04 p.m.

Discuss the SPOT – West Texas Soccer Association having an agreement with the City of Odesa. Andy Martinez stated that the SPOT has grown over the years with 118 teams and would grow to 150 teams this year. He would like to work with the city on the use of fields for soccer practice and tournaments. The age groups ranged from six years old to fourteen years old. Mr. Martinez stated that the Floyd Gwin and Comanche fields could be used. The first few years' SPOT was in Midland but there was no structure or no competition. The club was sanctioned. Sergio Levia stated they wanted to try to limit the travel and provide opportunity to play local. SPOT was all competitive play. Max Reyes, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the green spaces by the Boys Club and Muskingum were not utilized. There would be other sports brought in to use the parks' fields. Mayor Joven stated that all sports be treated equitable, and the inventory must be identified. Mr. Martinez was aware of the sports complex and would like to utilize. Council member Matta stated that the 10% fee paid would be used for the fields for maintenance and improvements. Mr. Reyes stated that the goals were needed for the fields. Council member Thompson suggested the park on Billy Hext and as it was a large field. Council had a consensus to proceed with a facility use agreement.

Discuss amending the Police budget to include cost of Axon's Office Safety Plan. Mike Gerke, Police Chief stated that an amendment to the budget for \$638,119.87 was needed to pay for the Axon's plan. The contract was approved in January 2022, but the funds were not included in the budget. Kaylie Banda, Director of Finance, would identify the funds. It was a result of mismanagement with its lack of funds. Council had a consensus to amend the budget.

Discuss the purchase of seven mobile and data terminals for OFR Tahoe delivery. James Marts, Assistant Fire Chief, stated that seven computers would be purchased for the Tahoes.

Discuss the study of the odor issues from Line P within our collection system to be conducted by Carollo Engineering. Kevin Niles, Director of Utilities, reported that there was a violation at the Derrington Plant and odor complaints from Line P. He requested a study by Carollo Engineering for recommendations to eliminate the odor. The study was \$90,000 with a six-to-nine-month completion of the study. There was not enough volume for the pipe which was the cause of the odor. Council had a consensus for the study.

Discuss dichlorination system upgrade for the Derrington Plant. Mr. Niles stated that the Sulfur Dioxide (So₂) injection system for dichlorination needed to be replaced and upgrade to a vacuum system. The current system was out of date. The cost was \$57,604. Mr. Niles would provide a memo on the difference of the two systems.

Discuss the re-allocation of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds/ARPA funds. Kaylie Banda, Director of Finance, reported that \$20,322,959 funds were received and \$11,761,480 were appropriated. Council needed to appropriate \$8,551,853 by the end of the year. She stated that the revenue replacement provided flexibility. She reviewed public works projects for each district. The projects would meet the timeline Council member Matta stated to include the Rochester affordable housing project for \$2 million. Mayor Joven asked to review the projects and pick one project from each district. Ms. Banda reviewed the Public Safety Communications, Building Services, Fire Department, Police Department and Utilities projects. Mayor Joven asked for the list of projects with the cost on the projects.

Review proposals for the sale of old Fire Station #6, 3414 Brentwood Drive. John Herriage stated that three proposals were submitted for the fire station and were aware of the asbestos. A representative from Peace Academy stated that the building would be used for events, educational and charitable purposes. He provided a video of the proposed upgrades to the building. The community center would include a meeting room, ballroom, kitchen and other amenities. Austin James stated that his plan was to store pressure washing equipment and have a clothing store. He wanted to rent space to small businesses. Mayor Joven explained that there was no parking with the building. Megan Prado wanted to own the building for the Town & Country Pharmacy as it was an opportunity of growth. Mayor Joven encouraged that a predevelopment meeting be scheduled with City staff to understand the financial impact needed for the building.

Discuss paying UTPB \$43,200 for the first year of the next two years and \$44,928 for the second year. Mr. Beckmeyer stated that the splash pad was on UTPB land and there was a cost in the contract that was already approved for the use of the land. The payments were for two years.

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, Thompson, Vasquez, Connell, Hanie, and Swanner
Nay: None

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor