



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

**March 14, 2023**

On March 14, 2023, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:00 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; Gilbert Vasquez, District Three; Greg Connell, District Four, and Denise Swanner, At-Large.

City Council absent: Council member Chris Hanie, District Five.

Staff present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Agapito Bernal, Interim City Manager; Dan Jones, Interim 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:

Council member Connell gave the invocation.

**Tabled - Discuss Fentanyl/Narcan.** Council member Matta provided some statistics on fentanyl. He stated that it was 505 stronger than heroin and was the leading cause of death overdoses. Fentanyl was very life threatening as only a very small amount could cause death. Narcan was available to the community. He stated that Tony Surles would be able to attend the work session on March 28 to present on fentanyl.

Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Swanner to table the fentanyl/Narcan until the March 28 work session. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Nay: None

**Discuss authorizing the City of Odesa Police Department to accept Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards Education Funds (LEOSE).** Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the request was to accept \$8,193.91 of LEOSE funds to be used for training and education.

**Discuss the purchase of MR compatible water meters.** Joann Samaniego, Director of Purchasing, stated that the purchase was for water meters and endpoints with registers. The total cost was for \$799,850. The meters would be used on new home developments and meter replacements. Mr. Bernal stated that approximately 3,000 meters were read manually.

**Remove from the table – Presentation on Impact Fees.** Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Thompson to remove from the table. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the impact fees were funds recovered to be used for major infrastructure. He stated that the impact fees were 10% of the actual cost. He reviewed the land use map and funds could not be used outside the city limits. The water impact fee map was reviewed, and the infrastructure cost was part of the calculation of the impact fees. The roadway calculation was based on a radius. The CIP service areas were reviewed which identified new and expanded roads. Mr. Kerr provided the 2021 project cost for the roadway, water and wastewater which totaled \$360,034,500 and reviewed the recoverable project costs. The fee structure was below the City of Midland's fee structure. The impact fee development, calculation worksheet, and status of funds were reviewed. Mayor Joven stated that there was a breakdown of communication with the local engineers. The local engineers may not convey the impact fees to the developers. Mr. Kerr stated that the city could help find the optimal size of the water meter with different scenarios. Mayor Joven asked how the City could help with conveying impact fees. Mr. Kerr stated only the major infrastructure had the impact fees and would work on a guidance document and a check list. Mayor Joven stated that education on the impact fees was needed.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Javier Joven  
Mayor