



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

March 28, 2023

On March 28, 2023, 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, and Chris Hanie, District Five.

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

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 Matta gave the invocation.

Presentation on Texas Rail Inland Port and discuss rail truck facility project. Taylor Rich, Sitelogx, provided background on Sitelogx that focused on freight rail and worked with industrial rail. He stated that the Permian Basin was lacking in rail service. Pipeline Innovation was interested in collaborating to create rail service with other shippers. A study was done, and it validated that there was a competitive market for truck and rail. Sitelogx was interested in knowing the type of chemicals that were being shipped in the petrochemical market. The next step was to connect with the shippers who can benefit from the truck/rail transload. Council member Thompson asked about the added value. Roger King, Pipeline Innovation, stated that the smaller companies were not served with rail service but used truck service. The smaller companies had a demand for rail service and it would help with supply issues. Mr. King stated that the proposal was for small companies to access retail from Houston. It would provide an opportunity for a level playing field for small companies that serve the Permian Basin. Mayor Joven stated that the companies could use the rail for better pricing. Council member Thompson asked about the availability of rail. Mr. King stated that either building or buying would depend on the market and the availability of spurs. Mr. Rich has a long working relationship with working with the railroads. He stated it was good to have a relationship with one port for creditability, but other ports could be utilized. Mr. King requested information to move forward that included types of products utilized, company contacts that would utilize rail service, and any studies available.

Sports Complex Development Feasibility Study Presentation. Motion was made by Council member Matta and seconded by Council member Vasquez to table the sports complex feasibility study presentation until the April 11 work session.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Discuss a bid award for food and beverage management at Ratliff Ranch Golf Course.

Mr. Christman stated that the contract for the food and beverage management at Ratliff Ranch Golf Course would be with Linx. He recommended that the contract term be five years with a 7% gross revenue. Council member Thompson stated that Linx had good food and it would be a good revenue source for the City. Council had a consensus to accept the contract for five years with a 7% gross revenue.

Discuss terms for recycling agreement with Butts Recycling, Inc. (BRI). Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, reviewed the BRI operations and modifications with the City's recycling. Mr. Kerr presented two options for recycling. Option A included BRI hauling with an ongoing annual expense of \$405,000. Option B included hauling contracted by the City separately. The annual expense was \$330,000. He reviewed each of the options expenses. The citizens could recycle by taking the recyclables to the Time Machine. Mayor Joven stated that the design of the new shredder building needed to be discussed. The Solid Waste didn't have a break room and restroom facility. Council had a consensus with Option B.

Discuss renewal of Motorola Premier One Software. Mike Parrish, Director of Informational Technology, stated that the Motorola renewal was for software maintenance for one year. The maintenance was for the public safety software at a cost of \$313,486. The Council had a consensus to move forward.

Discuss replacement of technology equipment in public safety vehicles. Mr. Parrish stated that technology equipment would be for replacement in police and fire vehicles. The cost was \$425,265.

Discuss remaining scheduled desktop/laptop replacements for 2023 fiscal year. Mr. Parrish stated that the technology replacement was on a four year cycle for city administration. The cost was for \$119,508.65.

Discuss outlawing plastic bags used in stores. Claudia Ortega, Keep Odessa Beautiful (KOB) Director, stated that there were issues with plastic bags. KOB had an initiative of distributing reusable bags. There were city wide cleanups that litter was removed from the community. Options for plastic bags included implementing a stronger bag, charge for the bag or receive a credit for a reuse bag. KOB provided educational and outreach campaigns. She reported that the same issue was across the state and the country. State Law prohibited the banning of plastic bags. The bags were under the Solid Waste Act. Mayor Joven suggested going through the State legislator to address redefining the bags as a container. It would give authority to the city. Council member Connell stated that Odessa needed education on good citizenship. Council member Hanie stated that people feel that they can litter if Odessa was not their home.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Javier Joven
Mayor