

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 18, 2021**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., March 18, 2021.

Council Members present: Patrick Payton, Spencer Robnett, Michael Trost, Scott Dufford, John Norman, Jack Ladd, Lori Blong

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Clerk Amy Turner, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Interim City Manager Robert Patrick, Assistant City Manager Morris Williams, Attendee Tina Jauz, Attendee Seth Herman, Attendee Mark Widmann, Attendee Charles Harrington, Attendee Ron Jenkins, Attendee Regina Stephenson, Attendee Mark Mason, Attendee Charles Blumenauer, Attendee Justine Ruff, Attendee Tim Meek, Attendee Jennifer Frescaz, Attendee Jeffery Ahrlott, Attendee Jose Ortiz, Attendee Carl Craigo, Attendee Marcia Bentley-German, Attendee Erin Bailey, Attendee Tom Carrasco, Attendee Jamie Minor

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

1. The City Council will meet with Council appointees, City department managers, City staff and others in a workshop to discuss and consider City policy, management, operational, and budgeting issues for the current fiscal year and future fiscal years, including, but not limited to: streets, roads, and water and sewer infrastructure; water supply and resources; parks and recreation; community services; public health and safety; land use and development; economic development; personnel; airports; technology; solid waste management; real property acquisition and disposition; and oil and gas development and regulation. The Council may develop and prioritize projects and goals in connection with the foregoing matters.

Mike Mowery of Strategic Government Resources provided a training session on leadership and effective board governance.

Interim City Manager Robert Patrick reported he had been tasked to come up with a nine-year plan. Each department, including the MDC, reviewed their section of the PowerPoint

outlining their accomplishments and goals for the upcoming years.

Finance Director Mark Mason reviewed the comparative tax rates between Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Plano Richardson San Angelo, and Wichita Falls showing that Midland had the lowest overall tax rate.

He reviewed the TML Debt Survey in 2021, reviewed the total debt per capita and clarified that there are three parts to our debt: general obligation bonds, refunding certificate of obligations and the debt for the Fresh Water Supply District that is our responsibility to pay. He noted there are larger principal payments coming up in the next 7-8 years. He discussed the need for building the pipeline for Ft. Stockton water holdings. He reviewed oil and gas revenues and other revenues on the spreadsheets presented to Council. As Council sets those priorities the numbers will change, but this is what they use for the budget process.

Mike Mowery took Council through a process to determine their top priorities.

Their final priorities were:

1. relocate air park
2. development and funding of parks
3. Incentivize downtown and SE development for special projects
4. long term infrastructure planning
5. state of the art PD/FD training center
6. long term funding strategy for various projects

Mayor Payton concluding that these six priorities are staff's marching orders noting that Council also needs to stick with this plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Payton recessed the meeting to go to Executive Session at 4:44 p.m.

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.101, the City Council will hold an Executive Session, which is closed to the public, to discuss the following matters as permitted under the following sections of the Texas Government Code:
 - a. Section 551.087, Deliberate Economic Development Negotiations
 - a.1. Discuss business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Midland, Texas, and discuss possible incentives.
 - b. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters
 - b.1. Deliberate the employment, evaluation, compensation and duties of the Interim City Manager, the City Attorney, the City Secretary, the Municipal Court Presiding Judge and the Municipal Court Associate Judge.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED April 13, 2021.

Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary