

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
BRIEFING SESSION
MINUTES
February 28, 2023**



The City Council convened in briefing session in the Basement Conference Room, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 9:30 AM, February 28, 2023.

Council Members present: Amy Stretcher Burkes, Dan Corrales, Robin Poole, Lori Blong, Scott Dufford, Jack Ladd, John Norman

Council Members absent: None

Staff members present: City Attorney John Ohnemiller, City Manager Robert Patrick, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr, Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

The following matter(s), and any matter listed on the agenda for this meeting, may be discussed by the City Council:

1. Receive an update from Engineering Services on the possible exchange of land between the City of Midland and the Midland Independent School District.

Senior Engineering Manager Gabe McClelland gave a brief overview of the item noting this is for the City to purchase one tract of land from MISD and in return, MISD will purchase two tracts of land from the City. The property is a 10.3 acre tract of land that the City uses as a stockpile location. The purchase price for this tract of land is \$561,000.00. Mr. McClelland reported the two areas that the City would sell to MISD are Rusk Park for a sale price of \$228,310.00 and Doug Russell Park for a sale price of \$71,699.00. Mr. McClelland also reported on details such as history, locations, park uses and next steps.

Engineering Services Director Jose Ortiz spoke on the benefits of the purchase and sale of the properties.

2. Receive and discuss a presentation from Laurie Williams, Assistant Director of Community Services regarding the City's overall parks system plan.

Assistant Community Services Director Laurie Williams gave a brief overview of the parks system as a whole. Ms. Williams discussed different park projects currently ongoing within the City of Midland. Ms. Williams reviewed items such as park needs assessments; the 2020 parks, recreation and open space master plan/top 10 needs; park renovations and

completed renovations for Hogan Park, Reyes, Mashburn, Nelms Park, Windlands Park, Beal Park and Doug Russell Park to name a few. Ms. Williams also reported on staffing needs.

Community Services Director Cristina Burns reported the City was awarded \$50,000.00 from the National Fitness Campaign for a fitness court at Dennis the Menace Park. This would be for an innovative training center intended to provide free fitness to the community. If the City moves forward with the project, the City would be responsible for \$130,000.00 to \$209,000.00 for implementation. Ms. Burns reported on cost saving ways the funds could be raised and a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of the Permian Basin to assist with identifying other partnerships and/or cost saving methods. This fitness campaign is also backed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Tommy Hawkins with Midland Softball Association provided the Council reports on the success of two recent tournaments and information on upcoming tournaments.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED March 28, 2023.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer /City Secretary