

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
BRIEFING SESSION
MINUTES
June 22, 2021**



The City Council convened in briefing session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 9:30 AM, June 22, 2021.

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

Council Members absent: Patrick Payton

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 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 a presentation from Development Services regarding a proposed Entertainment District in the City of Midland.

Development Services Director Chuck Harrington shared a map of the proposed downtown entertainment overlay district boundaries noting they were seeking Council's input. The boundaries can be changed in the future and for now they are trying to only include areas that are very active. He reviewed the key elements of the district including allowing alcoholic beverages without a SUD, festivals and a special event center. He reviewed allowed uses and prohibited uses and event ideas noting that all events would be handled administratively. He added that the park is key to everything in the district. Public consumption of alcohol is allowed in the district and they will have to work that issue out with Centennial Park to see how they can make it work. He reviewed items that could be included such as information kiosks and reviewed how other cities designated their boundaries. Their key operations issues include public safety and cleanliness. The City may have to look at special clean up crews just for this area and there would be costs for a manager and other personnel. The City may want to think about a parking enforcement officer who could also serve as an ambassador for visitors to downtown. He concluded that if Council did not agree with the boundaries to please let him know. This will be a zoning ordinance and will take a lot of work to get things lined up just right. They would like to bring the ordinance back in August.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED July 13, 2021.

Patrick Payton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary