

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 23, 2024**



The City Council convened in regular session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., January 23, 2024.

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 Manager Tommy Gonzalez, City Attorney John Ohnemiller, Deputy City Manager Morris Williams Jr., Assistant City Manager Tina Jauz, Assistant City Manager Jose Ortiz

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

OPENING ITEMS

1. Invocation – Pastor John Grabanski, Temple Baptist Church
2. Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation of special events, organizations, individuals, periods of time, or reports, including, but not limited to:

- 3a. Presentation of Proclamation for “Midland RSVP 30th Anniversary Day”

Mayor Blong presented a proclamation for Midland RSVP 30th Anniversary Day.

- 3b. Presentation from Director of Engineering Gabe McClelland regarding L.O.V.E. Midland.

This presentation will be on the next Council Meeting (February 13th).

- 3c. Presentation acknowledging United Way’s Project Blueprint.

Mayor Blong introduced the participants of the United Way’s Project Blueprint.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. MOTION APPROVING THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:
 - 4a. REGULAR SESSION OF JANUARY 9, 2024
5. 012-2024 – MOTION ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION; SAID FUNDS TO BE USED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT **(DISTRICT: NONE) (FINANCE)**
6. 2024-015 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT WITH OW INVESTORS, LLC, D/B/A MARS COMPANY FOR UTILITY METER TESTING SOFTWARE FOR THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$532,276.00 **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES)**
7. 2024-016 – RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$189,800.00 FOR AGRONOMIC COMPLIANCE CONSULTING SERVICES TO AGRI-WASTE TECHNOLOGY, INC. **(DISTRICT: NONE) (GENERAL SERVICES)**
8. 2024-017 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ARTIFACT LOAN FROM THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM; SAID ARTIFACT BEING THE WINDECKER EAGLE I, WHICH IS THE FIRST ALL-COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT TO RECEIVE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID ARTIFACT LOAN **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS)**
9. 2024-018 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH DELTA SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,233,900.00 FOR THE AIRPARK NORTH FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT MIDLAND AIRPARK; AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SAID PROJECT **(DISTRICT 4) (AIRPORTS)**
10. 013-2024 – MOTION AUTHORIZING THE INTENT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH THE SCHEDULE FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2024 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION CYCLE **(DISTRICT: ALL) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**
11. 014-2024 – MOTION APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$188,500.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CIP OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE DESIGN OF AVALON DRIVE **(DISTRICT 4) (ENGINEERING SERVICES)**
13. 2024-020 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 RIFLE-RESISTANT BODY ARMOR GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THOSE HOLDING THE TITLE OF “GRANT WRITER” AND “COMPLIANCE MANAGER” TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER, OR TERMINATE SAID GRANT FUNDING; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT FUNDING **(DISTRICT: ALL) (POLICE)**

14. 2024-021 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THOSE HOLDING THE TITLE OF “GRANT WRITER” AND “COMPLIANCE MANAGER” TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER, OR TERMINATE SAID GRANT FUNDING; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT FUNDING **(DISTRICT: ALL) (POLICE)**
15. 2024-022 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THOSE HOLDING THE TITLE OF “GRANT WRITER” AND “COMPLIANCE MANAGER” TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER, OR TERMINATE SAID GRANT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF SAID GRANT FUNDING; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,536.25 AS REQUIRED BY THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR - PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE **(DISTRICT: ALL) (POLICE)**

Scott Dufford moved to approve Consent Agenda items 4-15, excluding item 12; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Corrales

The following item(s) were pulled from consent agenda and considered individually.

12. 2024-019 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MIDLAND ATHLETIC SYNDICATE, INC., FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF AN INDOOR MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FACILITY AT THE SCHARBAUER SPORTS COMPLEX **(LEGAL)**

City Attorney John Ohnemiller gave a brief overview of the item noting this is a high quality indoor multipurpose athletic facility with approximately 90,000 square feet of space. The City's only part in this is \$275,000.00 which will offset some development cost. The Developer will raise at least \$30 million by January of 2026.

Austin Campbell, 19 Saddle Club Drive, President of the Midland Athletic Syndicate, thanked City Attorney John Ohnemiller and the City Managers' Office for being good to work with. Mr. Campbell also thanked Council and the community for their support.

Mr. Campbell spoke briefly on the structure of parking and City Manager Tommy Gonzalez spoke on shared use agreements and the possibility of looking at an indoor

facility.

John Scharbauer, 8 Saddle Club Drive, thanked Council and staff and reported they have raised close to \$30 million and are ready to go.

John Norman moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-019; seconded by Dan Corrales.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

SECOND READINGS

16. 10477 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE A 3.86-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, OUT OF SECTION 35, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR. CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM RR, REGIONAL RETAIL DISTRICT TO SF-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 230 FEET NORTH OF CASTLEWOOD DRIVE, AND APPROXIMATELY 620 FEET WEST OF HOMELAND DRIVE); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT 4) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10477.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10477; seconded by Dan Corrales.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

17. 10482 – AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO A CERTAIN AREA ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 9.36-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF TRACT 5, CITY VIEW ACRES, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH JACKSON STREET, APPROXIMATELY 170 FEET SOUTH OF CLOVERDALE ROAD); ORDERING PUBLICATION; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT: NONE) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10482.

Joy Moraio, 1400 Princeton Avenue, represents the Board of Directors, staff and patients for Midland Community Healthcare Services. Ms. Moraio thanked Council for their time and consideration for this item.

John Norman moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10482; seconded by Dan Corrales.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

18. 10483 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE INITIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE AREA INDICATED AS BEING A 9.36-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF TRACT 5, CITY VIEW ACRES, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, AS AN LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT; SAID TRACT BEING GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH JACKSON STREET, APPROXIMATELY 170 FEET SOUTH OF CLOVERDALE ROAD; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (DISTRICT: NONE) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE) (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT: NONE) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10483.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10483; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

19. 10484 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO REZONE LOT 11, BLOCK 3, CRESTLAWN ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, FROM MF-16, MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, TO SF-3, SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT. (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST COWDEN AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 215 FEET WEST OF NORTH PECOS STREET) CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10484.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10484; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

20. 10485 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR LOT 2, BLOCK 1, LEGION ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS. (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF VETERANS AIRPARK LANE, APPROXIMATELY 1,110 FEET WEST OF NORTH BIG SPRING STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED RR, REGIONAL RETAIL DISTRICT, ALLOWING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A BAR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, MAKING SAID DESIGNATION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT 3)**
(DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10485.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10485; seconded by Scott Dufford.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

21. 10486 – AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR LOT 2, BLOCK 1, WESTERN MESA ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF NEELY AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 165 FEET EAST OF NORTH L STREET), BY PERMITTING A REDUCED MINIMUM REAR YARD SETBACK AND A REDUCED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY IN THE DEED RECORDS OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE) (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT 3)**
(DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10486.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10486; seconded by Robin Poole.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

22. 10487 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITH TERM FOR A 1,360-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF LOT 8, BLOCK 2, LONE STAR BUSINESS PARK, SECTION 3, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH STATE HIGHWAY 349 AND MAVERICK LANE), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID DESIGNATION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (FIRST READING HELD JANUARY 09, 2024) **(DISTRICT 1) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10487.

Jack Ladd moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 10487; seconded by Scott Dufford.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The City Council will hold public hearings on the following items:

23. 10488 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE DESIGNATION WITHOUT TERM FOR LOT 8, LESS THE NORTH 30 FEET, AND LOT 9, BLOCK 4, STOCKARD ACRES ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF GOODE STREET, APPROXIMATELY 315 FEET NORTH OF CARTER STREET), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED C, COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, ALLOWING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED FOR AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLE SALES AND SERVICE; MAKING SAID DESIGNATION SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION (DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE) **(DISTRICT 2) (DEVELOPMENT**

SERVICES)

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10488.

Landon Ochoa, Senior Planner, gave a brief overview of the item noting it is a request for a Specific Use Designation (SUD). No objections have been received and staff recommends approval.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 1:32 p.m. There being no one present wishing to speak, the public hearing was immediately closed.

Dan Corrales moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10488; seconded by Robin Poole.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

24. 10489 – AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A 0.25-ACRE PORTION OF SINCLAIR AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND A 0.08-ACRE PORTION OF ALLEY RIGHT-OF-WAY, BOTH LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE NORTH 380 FEET OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF TRACT 2, SUNSET ACRES, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MIDKIFF ROAD AND SINCLAIR AVENUE); ADOPTING THE APPRAISAL BY THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER OF \$7,623.00; RETAINING A NONEXCLUSIVE UTILITY EASEMENT; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY (DISTRICT: 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES) (QUALITY OF LIFE AND PLACE) **(DISTRICT 3) (DEVELOPMENT SERVICES)**

Deputy City Secretary Jan Hamilton read the caption of Ordinance No. 10489.

Landon Ochoa, Senior Planner, recently received an objection letter and recommends the item be deferred. The applicant is concerned about the dumpster and not being able to take out his trash.

Mayor Blong opened the public hearing at 1:35 p.m.

Kathleen Kirwan-Haynie, 2403 Sinclair, Executive Director of Senior Life Midland, reported they are set to finish this project in one month. Ms. Kirwan-Haynie reported they deliver 500 meals a week and that the neighbor signed an agreement that they were okay with this.

William Parsons, 1300 W. Missouri, Vandergriff Group, provided a brief history of the process of vacating the alley and Sinclair. This will not prevent trash from being picked up.

There being no one else wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 1:39 p.m.

Scott Dufford moved to approve the first of two readings of Ordinance No. 10489; seconded by Robin Poole.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Corrales, Poole, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MISCELLANEOUS

25. 2024-023 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIDLAND, THE MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND MIDLAND DOWNTOWN RENAISSANCE, LP, REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY INCLUDING LOTS 1A, 5, 6, 7, AND 8, BLOCK 35, ORIGINAL TOWN ADDITION, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS **(DISTRICT 2) (CITY MANAGER)**

Assistant City Manager Jose Ortiz gave an overview of the item noting this is a way to invest in the future of Midland by building a four-plus star convention center hotel. Mr. Ortiz provided information regarding Transformative Growth/Project Benefits for local businesses and how it relates to the City's strategic goals.

Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs provided additional information on the project noting that the Midland downtown assessed value per acre is triple the value per acre of any other part of the city, at \$67.3 million per acre.

Ms. Triggs also reported on Downtown Synergy: Aligning Strategic Investments and compared significant positive changes that have greatly benefited the downtown area in other cities.

City Manager Tommy Gonzalez provided several examples of how TIRZ will effect developing downtown.

Assistant City Manager Jose Ortiz and Planning & Development Officer Elizabeth Triggs both continued to share information regarding everything from projected costs and parking to incentives just to name a few. The entire presentation can be viewed on the City of Midland's website.

Midland Development Corporation Director Sara Harris spoke briefly on the differences of the former possible hotels deals from years past.

Michael McWilliams, 1903 Douglas, spoke in favor of this item.

Bob Crites, 606 E. Broadway Street, spoke in opposition of this item.

William Veil, El Paso, spoke in favor of this item.

Bill Graham, 3806 Saint Andrews Court, spoke in opposition of the contributions of the City but is not against the hotel.

Grant Billingsley, 901 Pine Court, spoke in favor of this item and the long term benefits of this project.

Janet Harris, 2201 Shell Ave, spoke in opposition of this item.

Travis Stive, 4906 Rustic Trail, Diamondback, spoke in favor of this item and how it will benefit the City of Midland.

Shafik Tejan, 4113 Radcliff Court, spoke about the hotel Odessa built and gave advice to the Midland Council about what not to do.

Tim Leach, 2735 Racquet Club, spoke in favor of this item and the need to reinvest in this community.

Heather Bredimus, 4013 Fairwood, spoke in opposition of this item and the importance of being fiduciarly responsible.

Jeff Beard, 4507 Teakwood, spoke in favor of this item and the benefits it will bring to the City of Midland.

Tim Cleverdon, 4704 Island Drive, spoke in opposition of this item as it is proposed and believes the public needs more information.

Stephen Lowery, 4509 Corsair Court, former MDC Board member, spoke in favor of this item and reported that citizens of Midland are stake-holders in this project and will benefit from it's services.

Jarrood Sparks, 3917 Baybrook Court, not for or against but has questions about the funds such as having a zero percent loan where the MDC can have money come back for further reinvestment, and are there any continued performance incentives for tax rebates?

Richard Coats, 3006 Racquet Club Drive, spoke in favor of this item and gave a brief history about trying to bring a hotel here several years ago.

Brandon McMorries, 3211 Chelsea Place, spoke in opposition of this item as he is concerned about using tax payer funds to pay for it.

Rob Montgomery, 2209 Stanolind Ave, spoke in favor of this item on behalf of Permian Resources as it will be a great fixture for all of Midland and those coming in for business reasons.

Katie Joyner, 405 West Broadway Street, spoke in favor of this item reporting it will be transformative for Midland.

Chas Perry, 1411 Country Club, spoke in favor of this item as it is an investment in

Midlands' future.

John Kennedy, 1202 Douglas, spoke in favor of this item and reiterated what Mr. Billingsley said about the history of some hotels in Midland.

Krista Escamilla, 5802 Grassland Court, owners of Rig ID and Escamilla Media, spoke in favor of this item.

Council Member Norman thanked City staff and reported "we are doing great things in Midland". Council Member Norman also reported on the need to change some processes within the City of Midland to become fair and equitable.

Council Member Dufford spoke in favor of the hotel and revitalizing downtown.

Council Member Poole reported that the project is wonderful but as a fiscal conservative the \$45 Million dollar price tag is too high.

Council Member Amy Stretcher Burkes spoke in favor of the hotel and the benefits of quality of life it will bring to Midland.

Council Member Ladd spoke in favor of the hotel and looks at this as an investment for the City of Midlands' future. Council Member Ladd provided questions from constituents to Midland Development Director Sara Harris

Midland Development Director Sara Harris reported that about two years ago the MDC Board committed 30% of annual revenues to infrastructure including new roads, water and sewer in Midland. Ms. Harris also reported on projections by 2025 and answered additional questions.

Council Member Corrales provided several details as to why he is in opposition of this item.

Mayor Blong spoke in favor of this item and reported being fiscally conservative is giving up something you don't have to gain something you don't have.

Please note: this entire conversation can be found in full on the City of Midlands' website at www.midlandtexas.gov.

Scott Dufford moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-023; seconded by John Norman.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Stretcher Burkes, Blong, Dufford, Ladd, Norman

NAY: Corrales, Poole

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

26. Receive public comments where individuals may address the City Council on City related issues and projects not on the present agenda. Any deliberation of or decision by the City Council regarding the item being discussed shall be limited to a motion to place the item on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. (Please limit comments to three minutes or less.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

27. 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:

There was no Executive Session for this meeting.

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.

All the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED February 13, 2024.

Lori Blong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marcia Bentley-German
City Governance Officer/City Secretary