

Town of Odessa

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR TOWN MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 - 7:00 PM
OLD ACADEMY BUILDING
315 MAIN STREET
ODESSA, DE 19730**

Those present at 7:00 PM:

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith Jr.
Council Member: Lenny Aguilar
Council Member: Yeni Ocampo
Treasurer: David Sheats
Secretary: Amy Marie Ottinger
(2) community members

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- II. Oath of Office – Councilman Lionel Hynson is still recovering from kidney surgery and his oath will be delayed another month.
- III. Roll Call

MOTION BY YENI OCAMPO, SECONDED BY LENNY AGUILAR, TO EXCUSE LIONEL HYNSON AND JOHN FREEMAN FROM THE JUNE 2, 2025 MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes: Regular Meeting of Mayor & Council 5-5-25

MOTION BY YENI OCAMPO, SECONDED BY LENNY AGUILAR, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- V. Correspondence - None
- VI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance Sheet / Profit & Loss as of 5-31-25
 - b. Treasurer Sheats was not able to report on the expenditures for the month due to the town clerk not having the reports completed in time. Next month he will provide reports for both May and June's expenses.
- VII. Commission Reports
 - a. Historic – Meeting was 5-8-25 (K. Hovnanian & Old Odessa Ventures)
 - b. Planning – No meeting in May

VIII. Old Business

- a. Senate Bill 111 – Charter Amendment Update – Mayor Smith informed council that per Senator Stephanie Hansen, SB111, attached hereto as Attachment A (*1-page Senate Bill*), has passed the Senate and is on its way to the House.

IX. New Business

- a. Discussion from Budget Workshop – No further discussion was required.
- b. Approval of FY 2025-2026 Budget, attached hereto as Attachment B (*3-page budget document*)

MOTION BY LENNY AGUILAR, SECONDED BY YENI OCAMPO, TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ODESSA.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- c. Resolution 2025-4: A Resolution to Set the Tax Rate for FY 2025-2026, attached hereto as Attachment C (*1-page resolution*)

MOTION BY LENNY AGUILAR, SECONDED BY YENI OCAMPO, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-4 SETTING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE TOWN OF ODESSA.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- d. Resolution 2025-5: A Resolution to Set the Compensation for the Town Clerk, attached hereto as Attachment D (*1-page resolution*)

MOTION BY YENI OCAMPO, SECONDED BY LENNY AGUILAR, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-5 SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE TOWN CLERK.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

- e. Resolution 2025-6: A Resolution to Set the Compensation for the Town Secretary, attached hereto as Attachment E (*1-page resolution*)

MOTION BY LENNY AGUILAR, SECONDED BY YENI OCAMPO, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-6 SETTING THE COMPENSATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE TOWN SECRETARY.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

X. Public Comment

- Sean Mattingly (409 High Street) expressed concern over a “sinkhole” that is forming on High Street near his residence. The Mayor stated that he will inspect the area in question and determine whether or not it can just be filled in with dirt or a similar product. Sean stated that a tree used to be where the depression currently is. He also expressed concern over non-leashed dogs throughout town. The Mayor suggested he contact the State Police non-emergency line if there are safety concerns. Councilman Aguiar suggested contacting the Delaware Office of Animal Welfare.

- Matthew Fiedler (211 High Street) stated that he has been noticing people not stopping at the stop sign at the corner of High and Third Street. He wanted to request that if High Street is repaved, a speed bump be installed. He stated that he has put up a couple “Children Playing” signs and that has helped a little. His concern is that once the street is repaved, it will allow people to pick up even more speed on that stretch of street and there are now several children that reside and play in that area.

XI. Next Meeting Date and Time: Next meeting of Mayor and Council will be Monday, July 7, 2025 @ 7:00 PM.

XII. Adjournment

MOTION BY LENNY AGUILAR, SECONDED BY YENI OCAMPO, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:22 PM.

MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN

Minutes Submitted: 6/3/25

By: Amy Marie Ottinger
Town Secretary

Approved: _____