



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

On February 19, 2019, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 5:00 p.m., in the fifth floor conference room, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

City Council present: Mayor David R. Turner; Council members: Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City Council absent: Council member Malcolm Hamilton, District One.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Gary Landers, Interim City Attorney; Cindy Muncy, Interim Assistant City Manager; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; and other members of City staff.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Bryant gave the invocation.

Expenditures for data with Verizon Wireless. Mr. Urrutia stated that the expenditure was for data on the camera system of police vehicles. The cost was \$80,000.

Establish speed limits. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that due to the recent annexed of additional lands, including roadways, the City ordinance will reflect the existing speed limits currently posted on the roadways.

TxDOT agreement for temporary street closure. Mr. Feldman stated that the street closure was for the Tap into Downtown event.

ECISD interlocal agreement regarding radio Communications. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the agreement was for the radio system for ECISD to connect with the City. The ECISD cost to the City was \$61,644.

Purchase AR-15 style rifles and accessories for OPD. Chief Gerke stated that the purchase was for 145 rifles. The current rifles were government surplus from 1970s. The officers would buy the rifles from the City. The officers wanted to own the rifles.

Accept and appropriate additional funds from 2018 HIDTA grant award. Chief Gerke stated that there was a task force officer that worked in high drug traffic areas. The grant of \$14,600 would help pay the officer's overtime. The officer also handled intervention efforts.

Discuss 2020 Census. Mr. Marrero stated that it was imperative that the City participate in the 2020 Census as it could affect the funding. He introduced Roque Aguon and George Whitmire with the Census, from the El Paso office. Mr. Aguon stated that the census was mandated. The census' results would be disseminated and the data would be used for apportionment, enforcing legislation, distributing federal dollars, and inform local

government for decisions. The Federal funding for Texas was \$1,578 per capita allocation as dollars come from the census numbers. The goals were to maintain quality, reduce costs and provide four areas of innovation. A person could respond by phone, paper form or the internet. He reviewed the timeline. Mr. Aguon stated it was important to develop partnerships with the Chamber, County, and UTPB, just to name a few for it to be a successful census. He explained the Complete Count Committee, which was a spectrum of government and community leaders. Mayor Turner was concerned about hiring the people for the census. Mr. Aguon stated they would target the veterans and students. He reviewed the goals and challenges. There were resources available to assist with the count. There would be media and advertising on a national level. He encouraged the City to have local advertising with sponsorships. Mr. Whitmire explained the jobs available. The cost for the census in our area was \$80,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Marrero stated that the City provided \$25,000 in 2010. There may be funds from the City, County and sponsors. Council member White asked that there be more emphasis on the census workers' attire for a professional manner. Mr. Marrero would compile a list for the count committee that would involve school, homeless and veterans. The City planning and code enforcement would be utilized. Discussion was held on how to count the workers in our area but families in another town.

Discuss Senate Bill 2. Mr. Marrero stated that for a few years there has been an effort in the Texas legislator to limit cities ability to raise revenue. Mr. Landers stated that this was a reoccurring issue. The state was attempting to interfere with city revenues. He explained Senate Bill 2. There would be more burden on the local government if the bill passes. Mr. Marrero stated that there would be a resolution, by Council, to maintain local control.

Mrs. Muncy provided a breakdown of the reduced tax revenues under the proposed reduction. In the past four years, there would be a loss of over \$1 million per year from three out of the four years. Mr. Urrutia outlined services that could be lost with the reduction of \$1.5 million.

Appointment of Boards. Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Willis to appoint Mayor Turner to the Odessa Development Corporation Board as a non-voting member and Council member Dean to the Compliance Committee as a non-voting member. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Bryant, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member White to appoint Megan Gossett to the Odessa Housing Finance Corporation. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Bryant, White, Sprawls, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC

David Turner

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APPROVED:

City Secretary

Mayor