



**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS**

**April 2, 2019**

On April 2, 2019, a workshop meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:31 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; Tom Sprawls, District Four; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City Council absent: Council members Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Detra White, District Three; and Mari Willis, District Five.

Others present: Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Gary Landers, Interim City Attorney; and Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; and other City staff.

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

Mayor Turner gave the invocation.

**Discussion of annexation law and procedures.** Mr. Landers reported that there were 30 Industrial District contracts and six would expire this year. He was contacting all the owners and providing the options of annexation: none or continue the Industrial District. Council member Dean asked for the purpose of the Industrial District. Mr. Landers explained the Industrial District in which fees were paid in lieu of taxes. He would provide a report on delinquencies. He was standardizing and working on a uniform contract. He explained some of the clauses within the contract such as regulating the building standards. There were a variety of Industrial District contracts with the uses and owners.

Council member Bryant stated that the annexation process should be done through Planning, recommended by the Planning and Zoning then to Council. In the past, each time annexation was presented there was resistance from the owners of the Industrial Districts. By changing the process through Planning, the concerns would be addressed. Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, reported that many years ago that was the process. He stated with the amended zoning ordinance, the original zoning could be approved with the annexation approval. Council member Dean asked the City's obligation for Industrial Districts. Mr. Landers stated that there was no obligation to provide water or sewer. The company would have to pay for the extension of the infrastructure to receive water services. The water was sold at a higher cost. The past Councils were more open to Industrial Districts than annexation. Mr. Landers stated it took three months for Industrial Districts to be annexed, if voluntary. The public perception on annexation had a negative connotation. He explained the three ways to annex: voluntary, involuntary and areas with exceptions. He reviewed the annexation benefits.

**Update on three pending voluntary requests for annexation from owners of existing Industrial Districts, and reminder about seven other Industrial Districts whose current terms will expire December 31, 2019.** Mr. Landers reviewed the three voluntary requests for annexation, which were Burwell Enterprise, RDB Commercial Properties and Pilot Flying J. Council member Bryant urged to change the process and policy to go through Planning,

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for the voluntary annexation. The Council agreed it was a good plan.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

David R. Turner  
Mayor