



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

MAY 7, 2019

On May 7, 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 Willis gave the invocation.

Accept funds from the 2019 HIDTA Grant award. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the grant funds would be used to pay for a vehicle and overtime for an officer assisting the DEA. There was no cash match.

Apply for, accept, amend and appropriate funds from Project Safe Neighborhoods Program FY2020. Chief Gerke stated that the Police Department would apply for a \$150,000 grant with no cash match. The funds would be allocated for equipment and overtime costs. He wanted to build good working relationships with neighborhoods.

Apply for, accept, amend and appropriate funds from the Bureau of Justice Bulletproof Vest Grant FY 2019 as well as to commit to a cash match. Chief Gerke stated that the grant was for bulletproof vests. A city cash match was \$24,865. The total grant would be \$49,730.

Purchase a stripe truck for the Traffic Department from Rush Truck Center for \$394,689. Mr. Urrutia stated that the stripe truck was to replace a nine-year-old truck. The vendor was Rush Truck Center for \$394,689.

Bid award for sale of City property located at 417 N. Grant to John Herriage for \$50,000. Mr. Urrutia stated that Mr. Herriage closed on the property with the Rose Building. The bid award was for \$50,000 to sale 417 N. Grant to Mr. Herriage. According to the contract, he must own the facility for a year and begin construction in three months.

Short-term occupancy tax. Mr. Landers was developing draft guidelines for Airbnb to present at the next briefing. It provided a way for the City to regulate the service it provided. There have been complaints about Airbnb.

Voluntary Annexations status. Mr. Landers stated that three small property owners have signed the petition to be annexed. The cases would be done with the process through the Planning Department. The cases would be presented to Planning and Zoning followed by the City Council. The process was changed as directed by the City Council.

2020 Census Funding. Mr. Marrero stated that meetings were being held with the Census representatives and a Complete Count Committee would be established. The committee would be members for different sectors of the community. He requested a financial participation of \$40,000. The funds would be used for marketing. The Council agreed to \$50,000 for the funding.

Discuss Workforce Housing. Mr. Marrero stated that Council established \$5 million for reasonably priced workforce housing but not the HOW. Mr. Landers reported that the funds would be spent the same process as other ODC funds. Guidelines and a matrix needed to be developed for the housing needs. Council member Dean stated that there needed to be flexibility in the guidelines. Renee Earls, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the housing was a community issue. The Chamber board discussed that a person was needed to work with all entities and any interested parties. It could be funded through the Chamber's operations fund. A job description needed to be created and the City would take an active role. Council member Dean stated that the person would be a facilitator. She stated that David Boutin had the knowledge, expertise and qualifications for the position. Sylvia Carrillo stated that the City's process could be improved for the developers. Mr. Marrero stated that the process could be streamlined. Mrs. Earls stated that she wanted businesses to choose Odessa to say it was easy to do business.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor