



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

MAY 21, 2019

On May 21, 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: Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, Senior Assistant 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:

Mayor Turner gave the invocation.

TxDOT agreement for a temporary street closure. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the street closure was for the annual Firecracker Fandango event on July 4. TxDOT required a permit for the street closure on Grant from 2nd St. to 6th St.

Bid award for installation of lighting at Salinas and Woodson Parks Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that there were two bids. The bids were over the allotted CDBG allocation for the project. Funds would be used from the left over funds in the General Fund. The bid would be to Greenlee Lighting Company for \$183,500. The bid was for lighting at Salinas Park and for the parking lot at Woodson Park.

Sale of City owned property located at 436 Ann for \$45,000. Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated that house at 436 Ann was a foreclosure. The City took the house back as the couple passed away. The family did not request for assistance. The house was in bad shape as it was infested with termites. The builder who built the house offered \$45,000 to buy the home. Mrs. Sandoval explained the requirements to qualify for assistance.

Allocation of CDBG and HOME funds for \$1,148,102. Mrs. Sandoval stated that the same amount was allocated as last year \$835,073 for CDBG and \$245,777 for HOME. There were three outside requests and departmental requests for the CDBG funding. There were no outside requests for the HOME funds only departmental requests. Council member White stated that the meal expenses went up for Meals on Wheels.

Authorize the City to accept and appropriate LEOSE funds for \$1,139. Johnny Prieto, Assistant Fire Marshall, stated that the grant was for training.

Discussion of Workforce Housing Matrix. Mr. Marrero stated discussion was needed on how to best utilize the funds appropriated for the workforce housing. Council member Dean reported that the Compliance Committee asked if Council could authorize Wesley Burnett to create the document for qualifications as a draft to be reviewed by the City Attorney and the

ODC board for the use of the \$5 million. She recommended for the Compliance Committee to start the process of guidelines. Council member Hamilton had concerns with the Compliance creating as opposed to the ODC board. Council member Dean stated that Mr. Burnett contracted with ODC for economic development. ODC could make changes. Council member Sprawls stated that people needed homes today and a process should be started quickly. Council member Willis agreed. Council member Dean stated that Mr. Burnett had guidelines from other cities as samples. Mayor Turner asked about the incentives that the City of Midland provided to the builders. Mr. Marrero stated that in the past there were stipends to the developers in building houses for a certain amount. Council member Bryant asked what the 4A funds qualified for with the housing. Council member Dean stated there might be multiple ways to use the funds. Council had a consensus to move forward with a draft of the guidelines to be created from Compliance through Mr. Burnett. Mayor asked that Midland's plan be reviewed on the incentives. There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor