



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

April 23, 2019

On April 23, 2019, a workshop meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 3:00 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; and Mari Willis, District Five.

City Council absent: Council member Peggy Dean, At-Large.

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

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

Council member Bryant gave the invocation.

Discuss the City's Capital Projects. Mr. Marrero stated that the presentations were for information purposes. There were projects that were needed. There would be a follow up meeting on financing the projects.

John Alvarez, Fire Chief, stated that units were depleted and the response time was not met with some calls. He wanted to enhance the public protection classification to a one rating. A station has not been added since 1983. He provided the immediate and intermediate needs. The immediate needs included to relocate and construct a new Fire Station #6 at Grandview and Maple, construct two new Fire Stations #9 (Lawndale), #10 (Parkway), and purchase and install backup generators for all ten stations. For intermediate needs, Fire Station #2, land needed to be secured and property for the future construction of Fire Station #11 in the area of Parks Bell Ranch. The long term needs included reconstruction of Fire Stations #2 and #3. A new Fire Station #11 was needed in the Parks Bell Ranch Estates. He reviewed the itemized costs for each of the immediate needs. He gave the personnel cost for the proposed new stations. The personnel cost could not have debt issuance as it was operational cost. He stated that 30% of the calls were for West Odessa. The immediate needs had total costs of \$43,565,500. Discussion was held on Station #6. Fire/Rescue was 16 short of personnel. Even with the city's growth, Fire/Rescue made it work with response times. Odessa runs more than the other five pick cities. There was many responses out of the City. It caused a shortage with inside the city limits. The West Odessa Fire Department was not operational. Fire/Rescue was primary for fire and rescue outside the city. Additional land was needed for Fire Station #6. He showed concepts of new fire stations. The intermediate need cost was \$1 million.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that aggressive funding was spent, over \$40 million, over the years with major park improvements. He proposed four park projects. Floyd Gwin Park needed renovations. Some renovations were made in 2005 and 2016. The parking lots needed upgraded. The volleyball courts needed lighting and

renovation. The volleyball court was popular when the court was good. The baseball fields needed to be reconfigured as they were heavily used. The total Floyd Gwin Park renovation cost was \$6 million. Sherwood Park needed a renovated tennis court, an added a basketball court, replacement of playground surfacing and renovated parking lots. The total Sherwood Park renovation cost was \$3.1 million. Mr. Patton proposed a new neighborhood park, Oakwood Drive Park. The City owned the surface rights. There were no parks in the area. It was three acres of land. The neighborhood park would cost at \$1.1 million. Another new neighborhood park proposed was Bastrop Park. The land was four acres, with good access points near Eastridge. The service area covered a large number of homes. A community park was needed. Neighborhood parks could have a walking trail, playground, picnic area, turf, and parking lot. The four proposed park projects had a cost of \$11,400,000.

Mr. Marrero discussed special projects. The City owns 307 N. Lee. He proposed the building to be rehabbed for additional office space. Mr. Urrutia stated that there were options for facility usage for additional office space. If offices were made, it could hold 30 employees, including a meeting space. The total budget was \$2.8 million. It would serve as relief for Municipal Plaza, as staff was currently housed in closets and doubled up in offices. He provided possible designs. The style was an open design for cubicles. Land behind the building was purchased for parking. Council member Bryant stated that the cost was high. He asked if there was other spaces to be used. The new elevator was a major cost to the renovation. The cost included furniture. At this time, there was no other place for employees. Council member Bryant asked if there was an analysis. He stated that a study was needed for efficiencies. Mr. Marrero stated that an analysis on the efficiency of space could be done and prepare a plan. A comprehensive plan could be done including HVAC.

Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, proposed a Public Works Capital Improvements Program planning list. One project was the master thoroughfare plan. It established a classification of streets to meet the current and future demands in traffic for the City. He provided an overview. The Transportation Master Plan was under first draft. There would be meetings to discuss the study. The RFQ for the drainage master plan will be out soon. The completion was at least 12 to 16 months out. The pavement condition index was a draft. It was a method of grading pavement condition. He reviewed the values of the condition. Overall, the city streets rate fair. The process of deterioration was 25 years and 50 years with good maintenance. There were many factors involved such as traffic and type of maintenance. He reviewed three different scenarios for funding the streets. Mr. Kerr provided a 10-year priority list for projects. The number one priority was to widen and a full depth reconstruction of Faudree Rd. at \$19.7 million. The design and reconstruction of Grant between 2nd St. and 10th St. was \$12 million. State money could be used for the reconstruct of Grant from 2nd St. to IH 20. There were three projects out for design. The total projected cost for all the projects was \$123.9 million.

Mike Gerke, Police Chief, proposed the Police Department CIP costs. The multipurpose building provided storage for the vehicles. The funding provided was only to build the building. Funds were needed to finish inside the building. He provided the proposed construction for inside the building. Construction included meeting rooms, training and police academy. He reviewed the floor plan. Chief Gerke provided the benefits for the building. The total project cost for the building was \$3.6 million. Wes Carta, Deputy Police Chief, proposed a new Animal Control Shelter design. He discussed the issues with the current shelter. Issues included ventilation, drains, kennels, gas heaters, and the medical area was not adequate. He reviewed the capacity of the shelter. There was 17% of County calls for intake of animals. He provided a conceptual drawing. The new shelter would be a

new building. The current building would be demolished. He reviewed the benefits. The total cost projection increased over the years if the City waited to build. There would be additional personnel needed with the new shelter. Chief Gerke proposed an Odessa-Midland joint police fire training facility for the future. A facility built jointly for police and fire departments for Odessa and Midland. The private sector promised \$25 million for the project. The area needed to be large. He highlighted Fort Worth's joint training facility. He provided renderings of a possible facility. It included offices, dorms, and auditorium. Discussions will continue.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor