



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

**JUNE 4, 2019**

On June 4, 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: Council members: Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City council absent: Mayor David R. Turner and Council member Tom Sprawls, District Four.

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 Pro Tem Bryant called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Hamilton gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant stated that the public safety salaries, conference center funding and city attorney position would be discussed next week due to two members out. Council member Hamilton objected. He stated that in the past when members were out, the discussion went forward. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant stated, with respect to the other two, the items were tabled as it was only discussion. Mr. Marrero contacted the council and no one had issues holding the discussions. He cancelled the contractor for the work session. Council member Hamilton stated that there was no reason to table as City business must move forward and there was a quorum of the Council to discuss only.

**Contract renewal for auctioneering services.** Jo Ann Samaniego, Interim Director of Purchasing, stated that the renewal for auction services was through Renee Bates. They get a 5% commission of the amount. It was a yearly contract and was the lowest rate from other auctioneers. The City sells assets and vehicles that were over \$1,000. Last year, there were three auctions and brought in over \$900,000.

**Abandon portion of alley right of way.** Yervand Hmayakyan, City Engineer, stated that the abandonment of the right-of-way was for Torchy's Tacos to proceed with its construction. The valuation was not yet available from ECAD. He requested that the project not be delayed and approve the abandonment of the right-of-way and it would be sold at the valuation that would be provided by ECAD. Council member Hamilton asked why the pre-approval. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the property would not be conveyed until it was paid. The City would retain the utility easement. Torchy's Tacos was a \$2 million investment. Mayor Pro Tem Bryant did not want to slow down the process.

**Reject the bids for overflow basin liner.** Mr. Kerr stated that the City did not provide a good estimate for the liner at \$65,000. The bid was more than budgeted at \$321,000, which was a reasonable bid. He recommended rejecting the bid.

**Adopt the Water and Wastewater Master Plans.** Mr. Kerr stated that the plans were being cleaned up on spelling issues. There were no substantial changes made to the plans. Council member Dean confirmed that the RO project was not in the Master Plan. She discussed the Pioneer funds. Mr. Kerr stated that the Pioneer funds were not specifically assigned. The plan included Line P & Q.

**Discussion on public safety salaries and conference center funding.** Mr. Marrero apologized as he cancelled the consultant for the work session. He stated that Chief Gerke would discuss the public safety salaries.

**City Attorney position.** Mr. Marrero stated that the Mayor Turner was going to discuss the position. Mr. Marrero reported that there were five applications. He was going to ask Council if they wanted to keep it open or start the interview process. The position was still open as it was open for about two months. Mr. Landers has been here for 15 months. Council member Hamilton requested the contract, the amended contract and the invoices charged.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Dewey Bryant  
Mayor Pro Tem