



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

JUNE 18, 2019

On June 18, 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; Atasi Bhavsar, Senior Assistant Attorney; Cindy Muncy, Interim Assistant City Manager; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; Celia Senoret, Deputy City Secretary; 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.

Renewal of agreement with BBVA for Depository Services. Joann Samaniego, Director of Purchasing, stated that this was an agreement with BBVA Compass for depository services. The contract contained three (3) to one (1) year renewal options; and this was their second year renewal. They had a commercial card that made \$95,000, vendors paid 2 ½%, and fees were \$32,000 to \$35,000 this year.

Accepting and appropriating donation funds from Bustin for Badges (\$100,000). Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated the Police Department received funds for \$100,000 from the 2019 Clay Shoot Fund Raiser – Bustin for Badges. These funds will be used for any needed equipment.

Applying for, accepting and appropriating Project Safe Neighborhood grant funds (\$165,192). Chief Gerke stated these funds would allow to buy equipment and software to target those individuals that comes to our community and committed violent crimes. It would track and apprehend prolific violent crime offenders. Administrators would like to add \$50,000 to the award.

City Ambulance/EMS Compliance Plan. Agapito Bernal, Director of Billing & Collection, stated the Compliance Plan would help to recover from Medicaid and uninsured claims, which was money that went unpaid into a federal program. The compliance program will ensure that the City adheres to all applicable laws, regulations and policies governing the submission of claims for Medicare reimbursement. It required a compliance officer that oversee the billing, implementation, and make recommendations on changes in policies and procedures to enhance compliance. In addition, it required that there would be certified coders and certified compliance officers. An employee has been through the training and they would just needed to provide the certification. Council member Sprawls asked if all the Compliance Committee would need to be certified. Mr. Bernal stated that they do not have to be certified, but they would need to be compliance. The Compliance Committee will include the Compliance Officer, the Odessa Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief for Odessa

Emergency Medical Services, the Director of Billing and Collection, a legal representative, and other members.

CIP Projects and Debt Issuance. Mrs. Muncy spoke to the bond counsel, George Wilfred. The resolution would have the total dollar amount and will follow the guideline that was presented. On June 25, Council would consider authorizing a notice of intent to issue certificate of obligations. Following there would be a publication with in the newspaper. Council member Dean was concerned about citizens understanding the projected value. She wanted other means to informed the citizens to ask questions.

Appropriation of funds for the Convention Center. Mr. Marrero stated that the final budget exceeds the budgeted amount requiring an amendment of the Conference Center. The resolution will appropriate \$3,561,755 from the Hotel/Motel Fund as additional funds for the construction of the Conference Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Celia Senoret
Deputy City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor