



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

JULY 16, 2019

On July 16, 2019, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 4:00 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; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City Council absent: Malcolm Hamilton, District One and 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 Turner called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

Council member Dean gave the invocation.

Purchase of CALIBER T5 bomb robot for Police Department (\$133,830). Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the wireless robot would assist with barricaded subjects.

Mr. Marrero introduced Devin Sanchez as the new Director of Communications.

Sherwood Community Center rental fees revision. Steve Patton, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the Sherwood Community Center was renovated. He gave an overview of the new features. He recommended changing the rental rates for the community center to \$300 that would include a cleaning cost as it was one of the largest centers. Once the ordinance was effective, the community center would open.

Amend Code in regards to EMS Ambulance fee. Rodd Huber, Assistant Fire Chief, reported that ambulance fees have remained the same since 2010. He provided a survey of area ambulance fees. He proposed increases that were more in-line with the other agencies. An added non-resident charge was added of \$250. He explained the air ambulance rate.

Amend City Code Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, General Provisions and Operation of Vehicles. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the amendment would include the traffic signal locations in the Code of Ordinances.

Apply for TxDOT's TASA and SRTS projects and commit the City to provide funds or in-kind support of any awarded project, provide a severability clause and declare an effective date. Mr. Feldman stated that TxDOT had a call for grant opportunities. The City had four projects. He reviewed the bike path and sidewalk projects. He requested the City be financially responsible for the cost up front, if the projects were awarded. The projects, once awarded, would be reimbursable. Three of the four projects were 100% reimbursable.

Council member White arrived at 4:29 p.m.

Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, stated the projects were from the Master Plan. The bike trail would connect downtown to UTPB.

TxDOT documents for local partial funding for intersection at Yukon and Loop 338.

Mr. Feldman stated the funding was for \$2 million. The agreement was for the contribution of right-of-way funds of \$63,670 and to accept a donation of \$1,936,330 for the project.

City of Odessa's 2019 Action Plan Merita Sandoval, Director of Community Development, stated the action plan would be submitted to HUD. The plan outlined the one-year goals for CDBG and HOME Funds based on the allocations that were made.

Bid award for emergency removal of structure (\$84,550) Mrs. Sandoval stated that Vanco would remove the asbestos and demolish the building at 513 E. 8th St. There would be a lien on the property. The cost was \$84,550 and funds would be used from the General Fund.

Amend City Code of Ordinance – Chapter 6 “Health and Sanitation”, “Accumulations, Weeds, Rubbish, Brush and Other Questionable Matter” and adding section 6-5-10 to provide for payment on costs incurred. Ms. Sandoval stated the amendment would include the owner and renters to be accountable for any violations on the property. A bill would be assessed and if not paid it would become a lien.

Temporary alley closure on N. Texas Avenue between East 4th and 5th Streets. Mr. Urrutia stated the street closure was to block an alley for nine business days. It would allow Oncor to bring its electrical services underground for the Ector Theater. Notice was communicated to the surrounding business owners.

Discussion of development outside of City limits and fire department requests. Mr. Marrero stated that developers wanted access to water outside the city limits for housing. Fire Rescue needed to respond better with certain needs but the developers may say its cost prohibited. Mr. Urrutia reported that Fire Rescue were first responders to outside city limits. Last year, 28% were response calls from outside city limits. He stated that the fire marshal has basic needs to provide a safe response and rescue to those areas. At a minimum, there needed to be a fire road access and a flush valve or hydrant. He provided an RV park example. Michelle Cervantes, Fire Marshal, reported that there needed to be safety for the citizens and fire personnel. Staff recommended a policy on those seeking fire protection for development outside the city as developers seek access to use the water lines. She requested the road and the valve but there would not be a maintenance record on the valve. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, explained the flush valve versus the fire hydrant and the water lines. Ms. Cervantes stated that the access would make it easier for the Fire Rescue to provide service. She discussed the minimum requirements as dictated in the Fire Code. Discussion was held in regards to the cost, options, and minimum standards. Council member Dean emphasized that there should be a clear understanding of the defined minimum standards. Mr. Landers stated that the contract could include language on blocked access. Staff would proceed to develop a policy.

Support of the 2020-2029 Unified Transportation Plan. Mr. Brinlee stated that the support was for the Unified Transportation Plan. The plan was a 10-year plan that outlined the funding projects. Mayor Turner explained some of the projects.

Amend City Code of Ordinance – Chapter 3 “Building Regulations”, “Streets and Sidewalks”, by amending “Vegetation” and adding “Network Nodes in Public Right-of-Way”. Mr. Landers stated that the amendment would allow changing the fee that was available under Federal guidelines. There would be more towers but allowed for the designated types of poles to be used.

Recess for executive session to consider the evaluation of applicants for the position of City Attorney, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters). Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Bryant to go into executive session under Section 551.074. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

Reconvene in open session for possible action. No action was taken. 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