



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

AUGUST 6, 2019

On August 6, 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; Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; and Mari Willis, District Five.

City Council absent: Council members Dewey Bryant, District Two and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

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:

Discuss Golf Course Advisory Board attendance. Steve Patton, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that the board recommended implementing a board attendance requirement for the Golf Course Advisory. The requirement was if a member missed three meetings a year the member would vacate the board. It would assist with the quorum at the meetings. The board met six times a year. The meeting had set times for the board meetings.

Discuss City of Odessa's participation in UTPB STEM Internship program. Vanessa Ramirez, Deputy Director of Public Works, stated that the City would participate in the intern program with STEM for juniors and seniors. The interns were for engineering, computer tech and biomed. Four interns would work for the City, with three interns in engineering and one at the Family Health Clinic. The interns would work five to ten hours a week. Time could be devoted to the interns. Those interested in interning would have to submit an application through the school.

Annexation to the City of Odessa and original zoning of light industrial of FLY J. Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, stated that the travel center was located on Loop 338 and Kermit Hwy. There were no issues. Mr. Landers stated that the area would be allocated to Council District 3.

Discuss the 2019-2020 budget for the Emergency Communication District of Ector, County. Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that Emergency 911 facilitated calls to dispatch. The budget was the same and the infrastructure was in good shape.

Discuss 2019 BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (\$91,770). Chief Gerke stated that the grant would be applied and accepted with no cash match. The City's portion was \$75,327.

Discuss the use of electronic signature of a 2020 STEP Speed, Intersection traffic Control, and Driving Under Influence Grant. (\$24,717). Chief Gerke stated that the grant was for \$25,717.27 and there was a cash match of \$5,142. The grant would assist with overtime, enforcement in zones and DWI.

Discuss an Ector County Interlocal Agreement for the division of 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. Chief Gerke stated the agreement was with Ector County for the memorandum of understanding that the funds would be split with the County.

Discuss TIRZ Bylaws. Mr. Urrutia stated that the bylaws were reviewed by a consultant and approved by the board. Funds allowed to be spent without Council approval was up to \$50,000.

Discuss the appointment of TIRZ board chair. Mr. Urrutia stated that the board recommended Toby Eoff as chairman for one year.

Discuss tax rate. Mrs. Muncy stated that the proposed tax rate was \$0.476601 per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2019. Public hearings will be held on August 27, 2019 and September 10, 2019. The vote on the proposed tax rate will be on September 23 and 24, 2019. The budget will raise more property taxes by 22.7%, which equates to \$945,219. The final certified values were received. She reviewed the home taxable values. The TIRZ was included in the total amount that had a taxable value at \$133,841,840.

Discuss Series 2019 Debt Issuance. Mrs. Muncy stated that the vote for the Certificates of Obligation was for August 13. The rating calls were completed. She reviewed the ratings from Moody's and Standard & Poor. Moody upgraded the credit rating while S&P downgraded the City's rating. There were four underwriters and they had no concerns. The bonds would be marketed on August 12.

Budget filing update. Mrs. Muncy provided the budget summary as it was slightly adjusted. The proposed budget would be filed on August 9. The hearing would be on August 27 and the vote would be on September 10.

Discuss TxDOT projects. Mayor Turner provided an updated map of approved projects. He reviewed the projects. The projects were moved up due to the ODC funds to assist with projects. The traffic volume was a major factor for the projects.

Recess for Executive Session: As authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council may adjourn into executive session to consider pending or contemplated litigation. Motion was made by Council member White and seconded by Council member Willis go into executive session under Section 551.071. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, White, Willis, and Sprawls
Nay: None

Upon returning from executive session, no action was taken.

Recess for executive session: As authorized by the Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to consider the evaluation of applicants for the position of City Attorney including the possible appointment of a new City Attorney. Motion

was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member White to go into executive session under Section 551.074. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, White, Willis, and Sprawls
Nay: None

Reconvene in open session for possible action. No action was taken. There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor