



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

AUGUST 20, 2019

On August 20, 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: Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

City Council absent: Council members Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Tom Sprawls, District Four and Mari Willis, District Five.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, City Attorney; 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:

Mayor Turner updated the Council on Council members Sprawls' mother. He gave the invocation.

Discuss proposal from ODC Board relating to OHFC request. Wesley Burnett, Economic Development Director, stated that the ODC board approved the incentive request at the August meeting. He explained the incentives that were set aside. The project was a 216 unit on the 87th property. The Compliance Committee reviewed and it met the guidelines. The incentive was approximately \$1.5 million. The incentive would be paid after the infrastructure was completed. Jill Miller, OHFC Executive Director, updated the Council on the equity, which would be the down payment. She stated that the start date would be in January. Mr. Burnett explained the amount. Mrs. Miller reviewed the affordable rent for the units.

Discuss adopting a new rate review mechanism with Atmos Energy. Mr. Urrutia stated that there was a rate filing for an increase in rates. Atmos proposed a \$6.23 million rate but was settled at \$4.70 million. The average customer would have a \$2.48 increase in the bill. The outside counsel recommended it. The rate increase was for CIP projects and salary increase for our area. Council member White stated that the rate has increased over the last ten years.

Discuss solid waste rate change. Mrs. Muncy proposed an increase for the solid waste rate. The change was to cover the rising cost of equipment and services. She proposed a 2.5% increase, which would be effective at the October 1, 2019. She reviewed the impact on the residential and commercial customers.

Discuss use of General Fund revenues to fund one-time supplemental requests for FY 19 (\$7,538,535). Mrs. Muncy provided a list of projects to be funded. She reviewed the projects for \$7.5 million. It was for the current year of left over sales tax funds. The funds

would be spent after the new fiscal year, October 1. The budget amendment was to the current year budget. The software for development was included on the list.

Discuss first public hearing on proposed tax rate and to consider levying tax for 2019 tax year. Mrs. Muncy stated that there was a notice that was provided in the newspaper. The proposed tax rate of 47.6601 cents per 100 valuation. Two public hearings were required and the vote was Sept 23 and 24, 2019. The exemptions were the same as the past. It was higher than the effective rate and lower than the rollback rate.

Discuss fiscal year 2019-20 budget. Mrs. Muncy stated that the budget was filed. The proposed budget was more detailed. She reviewed the revenues and expenditures.

Consider, discuss, and approve the Interlocal Government Agreement between the City of Odessa and Ector County for the M-Core Radio Communication System. Robert Carroll, Assistant City Attorney, stated that the agreement was for the radio communications system. The hospital and UTPB were part of the system. The County requested the same agreement for the radio communication. Ector County was going live immediately. There was no charge for the first year. The agreements were identical from the other entities.

Motion was made by Council member Dean and seconded by Council member Bryant to approve the agreement as recommended. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor