



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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

On September 3, 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; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, 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 gave the invocation.

Bid award for sale of 418 N. Grant. Mr. Urrutia stated that a presentation would be held at the next briefing. He stated that one bid was received. The plan was for a restaurant/lounge. Drawings were submitted and the bid was for \$20,000. It was a white box building and the City has \$150,000 in cost with the building. Council member Dean had concerns of selling the land at that small cost. Council member Willis suggested a counter offer. The Council could reject the bid. Mr. Urrutia identified the investment made to the building by the City. Council member Bryant asked about a realtor. Mr. Urrutia stated that it would be sold as is and the property may not be developed. Council member White was not comfortable with the \$20,000 bid.

Contract renewal for crack sealing compound for \$61,056. JoAnn Samaniego, Director of Purchasing, stated that the renewal was for crack sealing for \$61,056. The price remained the same.

Council member Hamilton arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Bid award and contract to Fab Tech Wastewater Solutions for repairs for \$360,000. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that four clarifiers were being rehabbed and this was the third clarifier. He recommended the award to Fab Tech for \$360,000. The cost was slightly higher than the previous clarifiers. He explained the clarifiers.

MOUTD budget for FY 2019-20 (\$600,000). Mrs. Muncy highlighted the MOUTD budget. There was a cost increase and the budget request was \$600,000. The City of Midland approved the budget. The increase was to provide raises for employee retention. The drivers were difficult to keep. She stated that a turnover of a larger fleet would be made to purchase two small busses. Grants were used for vehicles and City funds were used as a local match for the grants.

Ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in FY 2019-20 budget. Mrs. Muncy stated that ratifying the property tax was required by law due to having higher tax revenues.

City of Odessa FY 2019-20 annual budget. Mrs. Muncy highlighted the budget, which included a 3% salary increase for employees, solid waste rate increase of 2.5%, increase in street maintenance and water and sewer increased funding. She reviewed the revenues and expenditures.

Odessa Development Corporation budget for 2019-20. Mrs. Muncy stated that there were increases in the budgets to the Chamber and MOTRAN. There were decreases in UTPB and CVA. The advertising budget for the Odessa Challenge was moved to UTPB as opposed to CVA. The Odessa Hispanic Chamber of Commerce submitted its proposal but it did not fit in the ODC guidelines. The proposal was to assist with ECISD teachers.

Discuss change in Open Meeting Act law. Ms. Brooks reported that HB 2840 provided that the public could address any council agenda item before or during the meeting. A speaker card would be filled out that would be the responsibility of the citizen to notify the Council. Council can respond if the item is on the agenda.

Bid award for sale of 418 N. Grant. Council member Dean was concerned of setting a precedence of the downtown property. Council member Hamilton stated that other property was sold at a lower cost. He stated that there should be uniformity across the board and business should be promoted. Council member Bryant stated that things have changed and things must be done to attract people to downtown.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor