



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

December 3, 2019

On December 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: Detra White, District Three; Tom Sprawls, District Four; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

Council members absent: Council member Malcolm Hamilton, District One and Dewey Bryant, District Two.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Natasha Brooks, City Attorney; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; Cindy Muncy, Interim 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.

Renew Medical Stop Loss insurance for 2020 with Berkshire Hathaway; Renew Group Life insurance, AD&D coverage and Retiree Life insurance for 2020; Renewal of contract for property insurance with TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool; Renew Public Entity Liability insurance; Renew Excess Workers' Comp insurance; Microsoft Licensing Agreement; Request to purchase and implement Cisco VOIP Phone System; Contract renewal for purchase of Algicide for Water Treatment Plant; Purchase of backhoes for Street and Water Distribution Department; Donation from Kent Distributors to Police Department; and Donation from Kent Distributors to Odessa Fire Rescue. Due to the length of the agenda, these items will be discussed during briefing session.

Discuss Utility CIP project. This item will be discussed at the January work session.

Request of owner for a specific use permit. Randy Brinlee, Director of Development Services, stated that Quality Body Works wanted to expand to the vacant property on the North. They want to build a vehicle prep building. There was 30% of the area that protested which would require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Council for approval. The Planning and Zoning recommended with restrictive conditions. The residential area were not receptive. Quality Body Works accepted the conditions. The apartment property owner protested which believed would diminish the property value. Mr. Brinlee reviewed the conditions.

Discuss Grant Avenue public meetings. Mr. Marrero stated that TxDOT was proceeding with the roadwork on Grant. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the Transportation Master Plan identified that the downtown area needed to enhance in safety, walkability and aesthetics. There were three options to consider for Grant which were keeping existing conditions, reduce the lanes or provide a four-lane undivided road. Tom Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that TxDOT was not favorable with the four-lane road. Mr.

Feldman reviewed the Grant Street alternatives. Alternatives included angled parking, enhanced median, enhanced pedestrian, and four-lane undivided. Mayor Turner stated that TxDOT was not favorable in reducing capacity. Mr. Feldman reviewed the current number of parking spaces on Grant St. The sidewalks needed improving, as there were different levels. Mr. Kerr reported that Grant from 2nd St. to 8th St. would be improved. The bids would be in February. The brick crosswalks would be removed, as it was a big issue. The area would be rebuilt in over a year. The City could participate with City improvements. Mr. Marrero stated that the City could improve the sidewalks. The owners input would be sought. TIRZ would play a role and may fund part of the improvements. The updated Downtown Master Plan would provide direction for parking as the issue needed a solution. Resources included the Certificates of Obligation debt issuance and TIRZ funding.

OFR Compensation Study. Mr. Marrero stated that a group would study the Fire compensation. Fire was unique with its added skill pay. John Alvarez, Fire Chief, stated that the salaries would be compared to Midland. It would take four weeks for the study results. He noted that Midland was doing a study comparison with Lubbock. Mr. Marrero stated that there was discussion to consider analysis for Police. The current study was strictly for Fire. Council directed the study to include comparison to Lubbock. Mr. Marrero stated that the cost of the study was budgeted through the compensation analysis.

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 Dean and seconded by Council member White to approve go into executive session under 551.071. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Returning from executive session there was no action. There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor