



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

**May 12, 2020**

On May 12, 2020, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 5<sup>th</sup> floor, 411 W. 8<sup>h</sup> St., Odessa, Texas.

Due to the COVID-19, the meeting was teleconferenced, as allowed by Governor Abbott's executive order. The City Council was present through teleconference.

City Council present: Mayor David R. Turner; Council members: Michael Shelton, 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; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; Cindy Muncy, Interim Assistant City Manager; and other members of City staff.

A quorum being present, Mayor Turner called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Mayor Turner and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

**Census 2020 Update** – Charlene McBride reported that the National census had 58.6% of responses and Texas had 53.2% responses. Ector County had 44% responses and 30% were over the internet. The Census was seeking relief for an additional 120 days for the final count. The apportionment count would be April 30, 2021 and the redistrict would be delivered by July 31, 2021. There were low responses in rural areas with no contact for dropping off materials. She showed a map targeting West Odessa. The committee would focus on concentrating on high risk for young children. There was social media posts. She had two successful radio virtual programs for the census. The two programs provided good results. The focus for the count will be on schools as literature was provided in meal boxes. There was also a focus on the food bank and senior citizens centers. The Census was committing the necessary resource to get the numbers in the low response areas. Different methods would be used to reach out as the deadline was October 31. Mr. Marrero stated that the City contributed \$50,000 for census marketing. The goal was to count everyone. In the last phase, a list would be provided for those addresses that did not respond and would be contacted.

**COVID-19 Update** – Dr. Rohith Saravanan, ORMC, reported that the U.S. had 1,342,594 cases with over 80,000 deaths. Texas was listed as a defined area and not widespread. In Texas, 40,000 cases were mostly around the major cities. The sources of exposure was under investigation. He reported that Ector County had 100 cases. With the reopening, there was a rise of cases. The numbers were stabilizing and it was a win in the community due to social distancing, close down of businesses, no public gatherings and weather. In the U.S., Hispanics was 27% and non-Hispanics was 72%. In Ector County, 75% were Hispanics and 25% was non-Hispanics. Work was needed to help the Hispanic community with social distancing. Dr. Saravanan stated that the new cases were due to clusters and exposure but the community must remain optimistic and cautious to control it. He explained

the antibody testing in detail. The results from antibody testing would help to plan for the virus. Mayor Turner thanked Dr. Saravanan.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, April 27, 2020;
- B. City Council minutes, April 28, 2020;
- C. City Council work session minutes, May 5, 2020;
- D. **Ordinance No. 2020-16 – Request by 2012 Cross B, LLC, owner, for original zoning of Retail (R) on 4.14 ac. tract located in Section 46, Block 41, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Ector and Midland Counties, Texas (northwest of the intersection of P Bar Ranch Rd. and Legacy Rd.)**
- E. **Ordinance No. 2020-17 – Request of Tar Heel Holdings, LLC, owners, to rezone from Single Family-Four (SF-4) to Four-Family Residence (4F) Lots 37-43, Block 2, Galindo Estates (southwest corner of the intersection of S. Crane Ave. and Martines Pl.);**
- F. **Ordinance No. 2020-18 – Request of City of Odessa, owner, for original zoning of Light Industrial (LI) on approximately 38 ac. tract in Section 45, Block 42, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (southwest of the intersection of Golder Ave. and Oregon St.);**
- G. Purchase the Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) for the Police Department for \$169,250.
- H. Purchase a FARO 3D scanner model 350S with software for the Police Department for \$51,787.59.

Motion was made by Council member Willis and seconded by Council member White to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

### OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Appointment of Boards: Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Housing Authority of Odessa, Traffic Advisory Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Midland Odessa Urban Transit District.** Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Sprawls to reappoint Phil George and Rita Barrientes to the Housing Authority of Odessa and appoint Brady Ross to the Midland Odessa Urban Transit District and the Traffic Advisory Committee. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**Citizen's comments on non-agenda items.** No action.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

David R. Turner  
Mayor