



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

**August 18, 2020**

On August 18, 2020, a work session meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 10:00 a.m., Odessa, Texas. Due to the COVID-19, the meeting was teleconferenced, as allowed by the Governor'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; Cindy Muncy, Assistant City Manager; Phillip Urrutia, 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:

Mayor Turner gave the invocation.

**UTPB Master Plan presentation.** Dr. Sandra Woodley, UTPB President, stated that UTPB was to serve the city and region, provide workforce, and economic development. She provided a ten-year plan to elevate the service of UTPB. She reviewed the strategic objectives and pillars for the plan. Dr. Woodley reviewed the campus growth, history, and locations. The master plan projected from 6,500 to 12,000 students in ten years. The plan provided for public and private partnership opportunities. The corner at University and JBS Parkway was for a convocation complex that would be a venue for many diversified activities. Aaron Kurtz, JLL, was assessing a feasibility study for a convocation arena. The arena would be dynamic and integrate with the community. There would be mix uses. The study would be completed by end of November or early December providing a vision of opportunity. Dr. Woodley stated that the mix use space would provide revenue producing businesses to support the facility. Odessa College and ECISD may have use of the facility. She wanted UTPB to partner with the City in the sports fields to maintain and elevate the services of the fields. There was an opportunity to enhance the use of the fields. She was interested in a park community such as providing recreational trails and biking trails. Wendell Snodgrass, UTPB VP of Advancement, stated that there was a possible football stadium and a plaza area on the 42<sup>nd</sup> St. and JBS Parkway. A vision was to create a community park space. The area for the convocation was 130 acres. Council member Bryant thanked Dr. Woodley for the vision and incorporating the City on a partnership. Mr. Marrero stated that there was a lease on the property for the fields with the City and UTPB. Details were being worked out including how to allocate the fields for play and running the concessions. Dr. Woodley stated that there was an opportunity to increase participation in the use of the fields and be a tournament destination with professional management. She outlined transformation concepts and the Midland campus. She was working to acquire more land for the Midland campus. The concept was to provide park space trails, utilize the natural playas, amphitheater, and other amenities. Mayor Turner thanked Dr. Woodley.

**State and local HIDTA task force agreement.** Mike Gerke, Police Chief, stated that the grant was to defer overtime costs and work in cooperation with the task force.

**ODC economic development agreement with Apergy.** Wesley Burnett, Economic Development Director, stated that ODC approved the grant for \$1 million. It was a business consolidation to Odessa. The capital investment was \$1.8 million, and it would maintain and create jobs. The grant was for five years to be paid out in arrears.

**ODC's third UTPB Training Facilities Grant.** Mr. Burnett stated that the grant was for \$2.1 million over three-years. Dr. Woodley stated that the grant would provide more workforce training and a manufacturing center. Certifications would be available with the program. The grant would be combined with other leveraged funds.

**ODC General Development Plan for 2020-21.** Robert Carroll, Senior Assistant City Attorney, stated that ODC approved its plan for 2020-21. A nondiscrimination policy was added and updates on contractors' objectives, mission, and goals.

**ODC annual budget and economic development contractor agreements for FY 2020-21.** Mrs. Muncy stated that the sales tax projections were reduced. There were minor changes to the operating expenditures. She provided the contractors' budgeted amounts. The ending fund balance was \$9.1 million. The budget was reduced by 21%. Mr. Carroll stated that the contract form was updated. He stated that the Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce were each funded \$50,000. Mrs. Muncy explained that the Hispanic Chamber and Black Chamber were funded under the marketing line item. They would work to bridge the gap with small business owners and work with SBDC. Tim Edgmon, ODC President, stated that the Hispanic Chamber and Black Chamber would be monitored. There was an opportunity for the two chambers to reach out to businesses and it would be beneficial.

**Establish a maximum tax rate of \$0.477115 for fiscal year 2020-21.** Mrs. Muncy stated that the tax rate was the proposed rate provided by ECAD. She explained the notices to be provided. The rate was the no new revenue rate. Council member Dean stated that there needed to be transparency and allow the citizens to comment. Mrs. Muncy stated that the notice would provide notification. She reviewed the next steps of the budget and the tax rate.

**Public hearing for fiscal year 2020-21 budget.** Mrs. Muncy stated that the budget was at the no new revenue rate. The General Fund had a balanced budget. The budget reflected an increase in the infrastructure repair program and the Water Sewer Fund had a balanced budget. She would provide any updated information.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

David R. Turner  
Mayor