

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
JULY 12, 2011**

On July 12, 2011, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 5th Floor, City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

Members present: Mayor Larry L. Melton; Council members; Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; Dean Combs, District Four; and Sandra Carrasco, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Grimaldo, City Secretary; James Zentner, Assistant City Manager; Michael Marrero, Assistant City Manager, other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

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

The invocation was given by Lt. Stephen Correira, Salvation Army, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Melton presented a proclamation for Odessa Pride Star to Crossroads Fellowship. Patti Collins, Keep Odessa Beautiful Executive Director, presented the Keep Texas Beautiful Sustained Excellence Award to Mayor Melton.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Minutes, June 28, 2011;
- B. **Resolution No. 2011R-58 – Ector County Interlocal Agreement for the division of 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds;**
- C. **Resolution No. 2011R-59 – Accept a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Texas State Comptroller of Public Accounts for funding of the Statewide Tobacco Education and Prevention Program;**
- D. Emergency expenditure of funds for replacement of a failed sewer collection line;
- E. **Resolution No. 2011R-60 – Sale of delinquent property located at 313 Fitch Ave;**
- F. Renew contract for wrecker service.

Motion was made by Council member Goates and seconded by Council member Graff that the consent agenda items be approved as amended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

BID AWARD

Bid award of playground improvements at O'Connor Park. Matt Squyres, Public Works Director, stated that funds for the playground improvements come from CDBG, Odessa Parks Foundation and Park funds. He recommended that the playground improvements bid be awarded to Tommy Hawkins Construction in the

amount of \$72,263.

Motion was made by Council member Combs and seconded by Council member Goates that the bid award be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of Bernal Homes, Inc., owner, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., agent for original zoning of Single Family-Two (SF-2) on approximately 20.4 ac. tract in Section 16, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector and Midland Co., Texas (southwest of the intersection of Eastridge Rd. and Faudree Rd.) Marwan Khoury, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the property. He stated it would allow for single-family detached homes. The size of the homes would be about 2,500 to 3,000 square feet. The drainage in the property was in compliance. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Goates that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of Apollo Perforators, Inc., owner, LCA, agent, for original zoning of Planned Development-Light Industrial (PD-LI) on approximately 80.3 ac. [four (4) lots], original zoning of Planned Development-Light Industrial-Surface Drainage (PD-LI-SD) on approximately 24.9 ac [two (2) tracts], and original zoning of Planned Development-Light Industrial-Drill Reservation (PD-LI-DR) on approximately 4.1 ac. [two (2) tracts] Sections 21 and 22, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland Co., Texas (northwest and southeast of the intersection of Lufkin Rd. and proposed Groening St.) Mr. Khoury reviewed the location of the property which is vacant. He stated it would allow for light industrial but sexually oriented businesses would not be allowed. There are two areas designated for drainage. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Goates and seconded by Council member Cleaver that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appoint one or more Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Graff that Council members Goates and Combs each be Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Appointment of Boards. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Historical Preservation Commission, Odessa Development Corporation, Community Development Advisory Committee and Traffic Advisory Committee. Appointment of Officers. (551.074) Board of Survey. Motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Combs that the following be appointed:

Kriston Crow be appointed to the Odessa Development Corporation; and
Jim Cox be reappointed as an alternate member of the Board of Survey.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Assignment and establishing duties for Council members. Mayor Melton stated that Council would go into executive session under 551.074.

Upon returning from executive session, motion was made by Council member Cleaver and seconded by Council member Goates that the following duties be made:

Mayor Melton	Council of Governments Odessa Partnership Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Personnel Policy Committee
Bill Cleaver	Odessa Enterprise Zone Committee Risk Management Committee Personnel Policy Committee
James Goates	Mayor Pro-Tem Finance Committee Water/Wastewater Committee
Barbara Graff	Mayor's Drug & Crime Commission Firemen's Pension Board Permian Basin Airport Advisory Board Rotary Walkway Committee Midland Odessa Urban Transit District Texas Municipal League Region IV Director
Dean Combs	Mayor Pro Tem Finance Committee Midland/Odessa Transportation Organization Policy Advisory (MOTOR) Water/Wastewater Committee
Sandra Carrasco	Animal Control Advisory Board Main Street Odessa Intergovernmental Project Committee Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee
Staff assignments:	
Richard Morton	MOTRAN
Michael Marrero	Parks Foundation
Norma Grimaldo	Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen comments on non-agenda items. Kurt Hutchins, 306 Whitaker, requested that a sidewalk be placed on 3rd and Whitaker. Many people walk at this location at it is dangerous without a sidewalk.

Jim Rector, 7100 Tobosa, stated that the single use plastic bags were littering the streets and it blows everywhere. Many lots are covered with the trash bags and it causes environmental and other problems since it is non-biodegradable. It is impossible to recycle. He reported that many cities are banning the plastic bags including Houston. He requested that Council consider banning the single use plastic bags.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Larry L. Melton
Mayor