



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

JULY 28, 2015

On July 28, 2015, 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.

Council members present: Mayor David R. Turner; Council members: Roger McNeil, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; Michael Gardner, District Four; and Filiberto Gonzales, District Five.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Michael Marrero, Deputy City Manager; Konrad Hildebrandt, Assistant City Manager, other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

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

The invocation was given by Rev. McNeil and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, July 14, 2015;
- B. **Ordinance 2015-18 – Request of Odessa Housing Finance Corp., owner, Landgraf, Crutcher & Assoc., agent, for original zoning of Special Dwelling District (SPD) on approximately 25.6 ac. tract, original zoning of Multi-Family-One (MF-1) on approximately 19.9 ac. tract and original zoning of Retail (R) on approximately 3.5 ac. tract in Section 38, Block 42, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (vicinity of E. 87th St. and proposed Shetland Rd.);**
- C. **Resolution No. 2015R-61 – Authorize the Odessa Police Department to accept a STEP Speed, Intersection Traffic Control, and Seat Belt Grant;**
- D. **Ordinance No. 2015-19 – Franchise to operate a shuttle service by Khodiar Trade & Investments, Inc.;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2015R-62 – Industrial district agreement with the owner of Lots 9-16, Block 5, SUNSET COMMERCIAL SITES, Ector County, Texas;**
- F. **Resolution No. 2015R-63 – Sale of Lot 2, less S 1.059 Acres, Block 18, CLEMENTS & SCHELL (900 S. Grant Ave.) to The Odessa Rape Crisis Center, for less than fair market value, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 253.011;**
- G. Renew contract with Chameleon Industries for 40% liquid ammonium sulfate in the amount of \$76,000 for the Water Treatment Plant;
- H. Renew contract with Chameleon Industries for liquid aluminum sulfate in the amount of \$217,875 for the Water Treatment Plant;
- I. Renew contract with Polydyne for polymer in the amount of \$33,810 for the Bob Derrington Water Reclamation Plant;

- J. Review monthly financial summary report for May 2015;
- K. **Resolution No. 2015R-64 - Necessary signatures in connection with City Funds;**
- L. **Resolution No. 2015R-65 - Necessary signatures in connection with Municipal Court Cash Bond account funds.**

Motion was made by Council member McNeil and seconded by Council member Gardner that the consent agenda be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

Resolution No. 2015R-66 – Outside agency requests for funding for FY 2015-16 budget. JoAnn Littleton, 1005 Pine St., thanked the Council for this year's jumpers for the Juneteenth Celebration. The three day event was growing.

Gena Linebarger, CAF, stated that the Air Sho brought in visitors from 22 states and eight countries. The event supports tourism.

Linda Sweatt, Convention and Visitors Bureau, thank the Council for the continued support. With more hotels available, the rates were dropping and there was more activity. She has booked sporting events into 2024. She thanked all the partners for working together.

Gloria Hernandez, Downtown Odessa, stated that the request was to revitalize downtown Odessa for gathering and visiting. The request included adding an event coordinator position to create more events downtown.

Don Stice, 1406 E. 17th, Friends of the Ector Theatre, stated that the request was for artists' fees to bring in a higher profile of artists.

Richard Esparza, 29 Royal Manor, stated that there were 25,000 attendees at Fiesta West Texas with over 100 vendors. The Friday concert has enhanced participation.

Tammy Hawkins, 3648 Loma Dr., thanked the Council for its past support for Merry Marketplace. The four-day event brought in many visitors and out of town vendors.

Randy Ham, 422 Hillmont, Odessa Council for the Arts Executive Director, stated that the Arts Council awards \$350,000 in grants to promote arts and tourism. He highlighted the events through the year. The arts master plan would improve the quality of life.

Tom Snoddy, 20 Emerald Gardens, stated that the Jackalopes was in its 19th season. The players volunteer in the community. The hockey games provide heads in beds and promote in its advertising. Funds were also raised for charity.

Sgt. Jeff Daniels stated that Odessa Crime Stoppers would host the 21st annual conference and many of the delegates were from out of town. The conference was three-day training.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Fall Festival brought in 6,000 attendees in its fourth year. The one day event was free and has grown over the years. The increase in request was due to advertising, consulting, security, and overtime costs. Starbright Village was a tradition and many out of town visitors visit the park. New displays were added every year. The requested funds for Ratliff Golf Course would be used for advertising.

Luis Gonzales, Permian Basin Fair President, thanked the Council for its past financial support. The fair continues to grow offering family fun. Many vendors were from out of town.

Doug Tull, P.O. Box 61377, thanked the Council for its support of Rock The Desert. It is the fourth largest Christian festival. There were 16,000 people who attended the four day event. On Sunday, there would be 120 international skaters conference after the concert.

Bill Wight, 6002 N. FM 1936, stated that the Sandhills Rodeo had its performances and youth night. There was a livestock sale. The rodeo continues to bring in out of town competitors and visitors.

Nick Hernandez, 1109 S. Sam Houston, Texas Tours Entertainment, thanked Council for its support. There were 3,000 participants and many were from out of town. The request for the Cinco De Mayo would be held at McKinney Park.

Bart Bradshaw, USATF West Texas, stated that the funding would assist with costs. It is a five day meet with 2,000 athletes that participate.

Stella Neboh, 6448 Richwood Rd., stated that the West Texas Track Club meet was for children. Scholarships would be awarded.

Christine Holcomb, 112 E. Murphy St., stated that the White-Pool House's mission was to be self-sustaining. It preserves its rich history. More events were hosted all year round.

Erika Chavez, 8421 W. 16th, reported that the funding was for two events. Links would have its fundraiser event for the homeless families which assists people throughout the year. The second event would be for a conference.

Vern Foreman, 811 W. 25th reported Crime Stoppers' statistics. "High 5" features five people who owe the city money or have an arrest warrant. Many warrants have been cleared.

Tammy Hawkins, 3648 Loma Drive, reported that Teen Court was more influential in the school district. Teen Court assisted Lafayette, Louisiana with its new Teen Court program.

Ramona Thomas, Permian Basin Community Centers, stated that the City joined in 1972 and the center serves people with intellectual disabilities and with substance abuse programs. She stated that 88 individuals would be assisted. The funds would be a local match.

Each Council member gave his and her recommendation for funding. After further discussion on funding the organizations, motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gonzales that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote by funding the following:

Black Cultural Council	\$ 45,000
Commemorative Air Force	50,000
Convention and Visitors Bureau	1,005,360
C&V Bureau/Sports Events Recruit	82,790
Downtown Odessa	410,642
Friends of Ector Theatre	82,790
FWT Odessa Productions, Inc.	60,000
Junior League of Odessa	15,000

Odessa Council for Arts & Humanities	809,151
Odessa Jackalopes Hockey Team	70,000
Odessa Links – Community Conference	10,000
Odessa Links – Hope Fest	35,000
Odessa Student Crime Stoppers	25,000
Parks Department – Fall Festival	75,000
Parks Department – Ratliff Ranch Golf Links	150,000
Parks Department – Starbright Village	200,000
Permian Basin Fair & Exposition	110,000
Region 18 Education Service Center	12,500
Rock the Desert Ministries	50,000
Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo	75,000
Texas Tours Ent. – Tejano Super Car Show	50,000
University of Texas of the Permian Basin	200,000
West Texas Track Club	55,000
White-Pool House Friends	40,000
Ector County Coliseum	50,000
Administrative Costs/Audit Fees	31,767

General Fund requests:

Odessa Crime Stoppers	\$55,000
Odessa Teen Court	59,920
Permian Basin Community Centers	75,000

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of San Machell, LLC, owner, to amend an existing Planned Development-Single Family (PD-SF) to reduce the existing 25 ft. front yard building setback to a 15 ft. front yard building setback, Bella Vista Addition, Blocks 1-4 (west of the intersection of San Machell Dr. and Faudree Rd.). Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the property which was mostly vacant. The zoning would provide to reduce the setback to 15 feet. It would allow for a turning radius into the rear entry of the garages. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed. The area was a gated community and there would be a common area in the subdivision.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gonzales to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of JPM Investments, owner, and Nicole Wright, leasee, for a specific use permit to allow a custom personal service shop and related uses in an Office (O) Zoning District, south portion of Lot 8 and Lot 9, Block 78, Crescent Park Addition (northwest corner of E. 21st St. and N. Grandview Ave.). Mr. Brinlee reviewed the location of the property. The zoning would provide for a stylist salon and other related uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval with certain conditions. He reviewed the conditions. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gonzales to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE

Designating one-way streets and alleys, establish speed limits, establish school zones and prohibit parking. Thomas Kerr, Director of Public Works/Utilities, stated that the proposed Odessa High School (OHS) changes were through the coordination of Council member Graff, city staff and school personnel. He reviewed each of the proposed changes. Most changes were around OHS to accommodate the incoming freshman class which would have more drop-off students. Other changes include: 1) to reduce the speed on 87th and Dawn to 45 mph; 2) no parking on Maple next to Dowling Elementary; and 3) restrict a portion of no parking on Mission Blvd.

Council member Gardner asked if staff would address the heavy equipment trucks that drive through the 87th St. area. The street was used as a short cut to get to the loop. Council member Bryant stated the area needed to be monitored with all the changes taking place. Mr. Kerr would monitor the street and stated that calming devices would be considered to be placed around the high schools.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gardner to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Turner recognized two boy scouts that were present from Boy Scout Troop 91. Dylan Bates and David Bates were earning their merit badges and working towards Eagle Scout.

Appointment of Officers. Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Odessa Development Corporation. Appointment of Officers. Board of Survey and Zoning Board of Adjustment (551.074). Motion was made by Council member Gonzales and seconded by Council member Graff to appoint Manny Salazar to the Board of Survey and Mario Contreras to the Odessa Development Corporation. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Remove from the table to consider personnel matter Richard Morton (551.074). Motion was made by Council member Graff and seconded by Council member McNeil to remove the item from the table. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member McNeil to go under executive session under 551.074. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Upon returning from executive session, there was no action taken.

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

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor