



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

AUGUST 25, 2015

On August 25, 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; Michael Gardner, District Four; and Filiberto Gonzales, District Five.

Council member absent: Barbara Graff, District Three.

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 a Pastor James McCrary, First Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, August 11, 2015;
- B. **Resolution No. 2015R-73 - Use of additional General Fund Revenues, and Water and Sewer Fund balance, to fund one-time Supplemental budget requests for FY 2015;**
- C. **Resolution No. 2015R-74 –City’s Investment Policy and the approved broker/s dealers and financial institutions list;**
- D. **Resolution No. 2015R-75 – Interlocal school crossing guard contract between the City of Odessa and Ector County Independent School District.**

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member McNeil to remove Item C. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Council member Gardner and seconded by Council member Gonzales that the consent agenda be approved except for Item C. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gardner that Item C. be approved. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Roger T. McNeil, Dewey Bryant, and Michael Gardner
Abstain: Filiberto Gonzales
Absent: Barbara Graff

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing for the FY 2016 Annual Budget. Mr. Hildebrandt stated that this was the first public hearing for the Fiscal Year budget 2015-2016. Revenues were \$197,586,049. The General Fund was \$85,210,020. Larry Robinson stated that with the downturn of the economy, the convention center and new hires should be postponed. He stated that leaders raise taxes rather than do the work of fitting the expenses into the current revenue supply. No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Open the first public hearing on proposed tax rate. Mr. Hildebrandt stated that this was the first public hearing of the required two public hearings. The second public hearing will be held September 8. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

The City of Odessa conducted a public hearing on August 25, 2015, and will conduct a second public hearing on September 8, 2015, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of The City of Odessa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.56%. The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.475845 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$28,994,055. The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.470590 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$30,328,929. The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.470590 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$31,443,212. The City of Odessa is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2015 at City Council Chambers, 5th Floor of City Hall, 411 West 8th Street, Odessa, 79761, at 6:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 2015R-76 – Open a hearing and consider a resolution in support of the application by Odessa Housing Partnership, L.P. to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for 2015 Housing Tax Credits. Mr. Marrero stated that the Council considered the Odessa Housing Partnership application at the July 14 meeting. The resolution includes specific language as required. He outlined the resolution. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council member Gardner and seconded by Council member Bryant to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2015R-77 – General Development Plan of the Odessa Development Corporation. Richard Browning, Odessa Development Corporation President, stated that a study was made by the Barnes Group. The study was implemented into the General Development Plan to strengthen the areas in the city. The Odessa Development Corporation Board reviewed the goals. The goals were not changed.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2015R-78 – Budget of the Odessa Development Corporation. Mr.

Browning stated that the proposed budget reflected a sales tax drop of \$836,000. The total budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16 was \$1,966,133. This has a \$475,000 increase due to the Mexico Initiative. This initiative would establish relationships and business with Mexico.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2015R-79 – A lease agreement with Permian Basin Archery

Association. Mr. Long stated that the lease agreement would allow the non-exclusive lease of property located at 2985 S. Dixie Blvd with the Permian Basin Archery Association. It would be shared property with the Permian Basin Model Aircraft Club. The association would be responsible for the maintenance.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2015R-80 – Support for the Early Childhood Strategic Plan developed by The Early Childhood Coalition, First 5 Permian Basin and UTPB. Mr. Marrero stated

that Early Childhood Coalition developed this strategic plan in order to better understand and identify the issues that impact the emotional, cognitive and physical well-being of young children as they prepare to enter school. The Early Childhood Strategic Plan sets out a series of action steps to mitigated the problems and improve their ability to be ready to enter the educational system. David Watts stated that this was a great opportunity to reach out to the young children. It has been implemented nationwide. Beth Meyerson stated that research shows that 10% to 33% of children were not developed mentally in Odessa to begin kindergarten. The greatest return on investment was to invest in young children to be more successful. Over 60 agencies collected and analyzed the data on young children. Thirty agencies took responsibility to address the goals and action steps. She stated that the resolution is a commitment of support for a healthier development of young children.

Motion was made by Council member Gardner and seconded by Council member McNeil to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards. Community Development Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Cable Franchise Committee and Odessa Housing Finance Corporation. Appointment of Officers. Board of Survey, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Planning and Zoning Commission (551.074). Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gardner to reappoint Melanie Hollman to the Odessa Housing Finance Corporation. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor