



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

MARCH 22, 2016

On March 22, 2016, 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 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 Pastor Don Norris, First Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags led by Boy Scout Troop 1908.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council minutes, March 8, 2016;
- B. **Resolution No. 2016R-30 – Odessa Fire Rescue permission to apply for the FY 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant;**
- C. **Ordinance No. 2016-06 – Franchise to operate a limousine service by Maria Elena Pando db/a Prestige Limo Service;**
- D. Bid award to JC Roberts Construction in the amount of \$307,374 for Lawndale Park parking lot installation project;
- E. **Resolution No. 2016R-31 – Odessa Fire/Rescue, Fire Marshall to accept Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards Education funds (LEOSE);**
- F. **Resolution No. 2016R-32 – Odessa Police Department to accept Texas Law Enforcement Officer Standards Education funds (LEOSE);**
- G. Expenditures for supplies and medications as required by the Family Health Clinic not to exceed \$60,000;
- H. Bid award to Vanco Construction in the amount of \$318,975 for asbestos abatement and demolition;
- I. Renew contract with Comet Cleaners for uniform cleaning for the Odessa Police Department;
- J. **Resolution No. 2016R-33 – Endorse the name change of Midland Odessa Transportation Organization Metropolitan Planning Organization (MOTOR MPO) to Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization (Permian Basin MPO).**

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

BID AWARD

Award of contract for 2016 sealcoat. Yervand Hmayakyan, City Engineer, stated that the sealcoat would cover 14 miles of streets. He recommended the award to Ronald Wagner in the amount of \$885,178.98. He stated that they had a \$1M budget and requested approval to spend the entire amount based on per square yard bid amount.

Motion was made by Council member Gardner and seconded by Council member Gonzales to approve the bid award as recommended. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2016R-34 - Award of contract for 2015 pavement rejuvenation. Mr. Hmayakyan stated that the pavement rejuvenation was for preventative maintenance that would be done on 10 linear miles of streets. He recommended the award of contract to Pavement Restoration in the amount for \$650,000.

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

Resolution 2016R-35 – Appointment to the vacant City Council District No. 1 position. (executive session 551.074). Mr. Long stated that the Council was charged to appoint a representative to fill Rev. McNeil's vacated position. He stated that the law provides that an applicant can request the interview in open session.

Odel Crawford, 303 Carver, stated that there would be actions that effects District 1. He asked that Council appoints a qualified person that was knowledgeable and knows the area. Ramon Armendariz supported Jose Banuelos for the position of District 1. He was experienced and would be good guidance to the Council. Gaven Norris, 1207 Lee, stated that qualifications and experience matter in choosing the right candidate. He stated that District 1 has spoken with the petition. Malcolm Hamilton, 317 Hudson Ave., supported Jo Ann Davenport Littleton to be appointed. Gene Collins, 717 Oxford, stated that the honorable appointment should be Amye McNeil who wishes to continue Rev. McNeil's legacy. Javier Joven, 3006 Bryon Ave., asked that the process be public. He stated that the discussion and process was important and the citizens who would be represented should be part of the process. Annie Oliver, 809 Washington, supported Jo Ann Davenport Littleton to represent District 1. She stated that Mrs. Davenport Littleton knows the District and it was about the people. Kathy Thurman, 1101 Fitch, stated that 285 people signed the petition supporting Jo Ann Davenport Littleton to represent District 1. She stated that Mrs. Davenport Littleton fights for District 1 and knows what is needed for that District. Tommie Haynes, 805 Washington Lane, supported Jo Ann Davenport Littleton who is capable of filling the vacancy. He asked that the qualifications be taken into consideration. Council member Graff stated that it was not fair for the candidates to listen to the responses of the other candidates. Mr. Long stated that it was a public meeting. Council member Bryant thanked the five applicants for their interest and each should have the right to choose how to interview. Jo Ann Davenport Littleton and Edith Vandervoort requested the interview in open session. Jesse Porras, Jose Banuelos and Amye McNeil requested the interview in executive session.

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

Upon returning from executive session the following action took place: Jo Ann Davenport Littleton was interviewed. Council member Gardner asked why you wish to serve as District 1. Mrs. Davenport Littleton stated that she loves the city and the citizens. She stated that things needed to be done and could make things happen if she was on the Council. Mrs. Davenport Littleton answered Mayor Turner's questions of eligibility for appointment. Council member Bryant asked what organizations she has served on in the City. Mrs. Davenport Littleton has served as President of the Castanets for 15 years, President of the Black Cultural Council since 1997, served with affiliated churches, was the founder and President of the Gertrude Bruce, served on Main Street Board, National League of Cities, Attorney General Dan Morales Advisory Board, Turn Around Odessa and many other boards. Council member Gonzales thanked Mrs. Davenport Littleton for her application. He had breakfast with her and Mr. Banuelos last week. He asked if she was familiar with District 1 needs. Mrs. Davenport Littleton stated that she knew quite of few needs for the District. Council member Graff asked why she should select her. Mrs. Davenport Littleton stated that she was the best candidate for the job, a team player and wants to do what was best for the City and District 1. She would bring eight years of experience. Council member Graff asked if there was anything else she would like to add. Mrs. Davenport Littleton stated that she assisted Rev. McNeil with the campaign when he ran in the election. She was hands on in his campaign and he would consult with her on the issues. She thanked the Council.

Edith Vandervoort was interviewed. Council member Gardner asked why you wish to serve as District 1. Mrs. Vandervoort stated that she saw two applicants who had applied. She decided to apply because she has good leadership qualities and wanted to be more active in the community. Mrs. Vandervoort answered Mayor Turner's questions of eligibility for appointment. Council member Bryant asked what organizations she has served on in the City. Mrs. Vandervoort has been in Odessa for three years. She has taught in different communities across the nation. She has taught at Hood, Odessa High School, and Permian High School. She was a business partner for a remodeling and decorating business. Council member Gonzales asked if she was familiar with District 1 needs. Mrs. Vandervoort stated that there were a lot of abandon houses and wanted the area to look better. She had experience in writing grants and a book. She could assist with getting funds to improve the quality of living. She wanted adequate housing for the area. She stated that retirees were struggling and wanted programs to assist the citizens. Council member Graff asked why she should select her. Mrs. Vandervoort stated that she brings in a diverse package to the table. She has lived and taught at many different communities such as Chicago, North Carolina, California, Tennessee and Texas. The City would benefit with her diverse background. She stated that Odessa was home.

Council member Bryant thanked all the five applicants. He appreciated the involvement and the passion they had for the City. He hoped that all would run in the November election. He recommended Amye McNeil to fill the position to fulfill the role that her husband had given to the City. Council member Gonzales respected the legacy of Rev. McNeil. He recommended, out of respect, Amye McNeil who showed the capability and drive to fulfill the vacancy. He encouraged the applicants to run in the November election. Council member Gardner thanked the applicants. He stated that there were great qualities in each applicant and understood they wanted to help the City. He encouraged each applicant to find a place in the community to serve. He stated that his father died in office as County Commissioner. The Commissioner's Court respected his father's choice and appointed his successor. He recommended Amye McNeil, Rev. McNeil's wife, to carry on and take position of District 1. Council member Graff thanked each applicant. She thanked Amye McNeil for stepping up

with what her husband started. She thanked Jose Banuelos on his willingness to step up and was impressed what he has done. She thanked Jesse Porras for his tremendous ideas. She thanked Edith Vandervoort in wanting to do more for the community. She thanked Jo Ann Davenport Littleton for knowing the needs of the community and being a leader. She stated that tradition across the nation was if a spouse would like to finish the term then he or she was appointed to fulfill the term. She encouraged all the applicants to run for office for they have tremendous qualifications. She recommended Amye McNeil to finish the term. Mayor Turner thanked the Council for their comments. He admired the passion each applicant has for the City. He recommended Amye McNeil to serve in District 1.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gardner to approve the resolution by appointing Amye McNeil to District 1 position. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Community Development Advisory Committee, Cable Franchise Committee, Animal Shelter Advisory Committee, Citizens Golf Advisory Committee and Tax Incentive Committee; Appointment of Officers: Zoning Board of Adjustment. (551.074). Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Gardner to reappoint Henry Lide to the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee and Grayson Hankins to the Citizens Golf Advisory Committee. 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 8:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor