



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

APRIL 9, 2019

On April 9, 2019, a regular meeting of the Odessa City Council was held at 6:00 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 5th floor, 411 W. 8^h St., Odessa, Texas.

City Council present: Mayor David R. Turner; Council members: Malcolm Hamilton, District One; Dewey Bryant, District Two; Detra White, District Three; Mari Willis, District Five; and Peggy Dean, At-Large.

Council member absent: Tom Sprawls, District Four.

Others present: Michael Marrero, City Manager; Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, City Secretary; Phillip Urrutia, Assistant City Manager; Cindy Muncy, Interim Assistant City Manager; Gary Landers, Interim City Attorney; 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 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, March 26, 2019;
- B. City Council Workshop minutes, April 2, 2019;
- C. City Council Work Session minutes, April 9, 2019;
- D. **Ordinance No. 2019-12 - Request by Gladieux Trading & Marketing Co. LP, owner, and LCA, agent, for original zoning of Light Industrial (LI) on an approximately 4.7 acre tract in Section 32, Block 42, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (southwest of the intersection of Maurice Rd. and South County Road West);**
- E. **Ordinance No. 2019-13 – Amendments of the City of Odessa Zoning Ordinance;**
- F. Install a traffic signal on Billy Hext Road and Eastridge Road;
- G. Abandon 34th Street right-of-way;
- H. Half Associates professional services agreement to update the Park, Recreation, Open Space and Urban Landscapes Master Plan for \$194,500.

Motion was made by Council member Dean and seconded by Council member Hamilton to remove Item G. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

Motion was made by Council member Willis and seconded by Council member White to

approve consent agenda items A-F and H. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

Ordinance No. 2019-14 - Authorize the abandonment of 34th Street right of way. Mayor Turner stated that Council member Bryant abstained. Mr. Hmayakyan stated that the abandonment of 34th Street right of way was 0.52 acres. The City would retain the general easements. The City would receive \$15,400 for the abandonment.

Motion was made by Council member Willis and seconded by Council member Hamilton to approve the ordinance on second and final approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None
Abstain: Bryant

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of DFA LLC (Robert Russell), owner, Landgraf, Crutcher & Assoc., agent, for original zoning of Light Industrial (LI) on an approximately 4.25 acre tract in Section 25, Block 42, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector County, Texas (northeast corner of the intersection of Reed Ave. and Pearl Ave.) Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning, reviewed the location. The zoning purpose was for light industrial development. There was no negative impact on the zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2019R-29 - Award of proposal for the roadway reconstruction of the University Boulevard Improvements for \$13,966,063. Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that two proposals were received. The reconstruction would be from Andrews Hwy to Grandview on University. He requested that \$2.9 million be transferred from the General Fund to cover the cost of the project. He recommended awarding the project to Reece Albert in the amount of \$13,966,063. He explained that the project was started four years ago and the bid was more than the estimated cost. The construction would begin in September and had 420 working days for completion.

Motion was made by Council member Bryant and seconded by Council member Hamilton to approve the bid award as recommended. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean

Nay: None

Approve the Odessa Development Corporation's (ODC) resolution of support of \$5 million for implementing reasonably priced workforce housing. Mrs. Muncy reported that the ODC earmarked \$5 million toward the housing issue. Mr. Landers stated that changes to the resolution would be made as directed by Council. Council member Bryant appreciated the work on addressing the needs of the housing issue. He recommended that the ODC set aside and maintain the regular sales tax expenditure process but not approve the coalition request. Mr. Landers stated that the Council could vote on a verbal motion expressing the City Council's position on this item without the need for a revised or written Resolution. The motion could also include the requirement that as any of the set aside money was requested to be spent, that it would have to follow the regular sales tax approval process through Compliance Committee, ODC Board and then to City Council for final approval and the Council expressed agreement.

Marcia Cleaver, 417 Washington Lane, stated that there was a focus on new industry and there was an urgent need for housing. The housing was a foundation of happy and healthy families. The municipal government was responsible for safety, health, vision and expand affordable housing in our city. Mike Gardner, 513 St. Mary's Circle, believed as a Council member the City was to provide infrastructure, water, sewer, police and fire services. He stated that the tax funds might not be suited for special interest groups. He asked to enable the builders to provide the tools to build homes. Betsy Triplett-Hurt, ODC President, thanked the Council and ODC would seek out projects to bring housing.

Motion was made by Council member Dean to approve setting aside up to \$5 million as requested by ODC with the requirement that all expenditures of those funds would follow the regular sales tax approval process through Compliance Committee, ODC and the final City Council approval and seconded by Council member Hamilton.

Council member Dean appreciated the comments. She emphasized that the ODC funds were not property tax but sales tax dollars. The funds had limited uses under the requirements. Council member Hamilton requested that uniformity be set. He thanked the ODC board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Board of Survey, Citizens Golf Advisory Committee, Downtown Odessa, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Traffic Advisory Committee; and Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was made by Council member Hamilton and seconded by Council member Willis to approve the following board appointments:

Jesus Yanez reappointed to the Board of Survey
Brad Robinson appointed to the Citizens Golf Advisory Committee
John Herriage appointed to the Downtown Odessa
Peggy Dean reappointed to the Downtown Odessa
Malcolm Hamilton reappointed to the Downtown Odessa

Steve Tercero reappointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission
Israel Galvan reappointed to the Traffic Advisory Committee
Geraldo Arzate reappointed to the Zoning board of Adjustment

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Aye: Turner, Hamilton, Bryant, White, Willis, and Dean
Nay: None

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. Mike Gardner, 513 St. Mary's Circle, was opposed to the temporary housing on drill sites. He has four drill sites behind his backyard. If Council was considering the option, he asked that signs be placed on the sites informing the citizens. The area would become blighted and was not a fix to the problem.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor