



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

JULY 9, 2019

On July 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. 8th St., Odessa, Texas.

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

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 Pastor Phil Skelton, Living Word Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas flags.

The American Heart Association awarded Fire Rescue the Gold Plus award for Cardiac Care and Stemi's. Mayor Turner thanked Fire Rescue for its service.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Special Work Session minutes, June 18, 2019;
- B. City Council Work Session minutes, June 18, 2019;
- C. City Council and ODC Joint meeting minutes, June 25, 2019;
- D. City Council minutes, June 25, 2019;
- E. City Council Work Session minutes, July 2, 2019;
- F. **Ordinance No. 2019-22 - Guidelines and Criteria Governing Tax Abatement in Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones and amending the Odessa City Code Chapter 11 "Taxation" to become Chapter 11 "Taxation and Finance" by adding a new Article 11-3 "Tax Abatement In Reinvestment Zones and Enterprise Zones" to codify said guidelines and criteria;**
- G. **Resolution No. 2019R-49 – TxDOT agreement for a temporary street closure;**
- H. **Resolution No. 2019R-50 – Authorize the City Manager to allow Billing and Collection to establish an Ambulance Compliance Program and enter into a contract agreement with PCG;**
- I. Bid award to Fox Scientific for laboratory supplies for \$68,699;
- J. Contract renewal for school crossing guard services and ECISD agreement for cost sharing of \$166,922.10;
- K. Contract award to National Meter & Automation for the purchase of 5/8"X3/4" AMR water meters.

Motion was made by Council member Hamilton and seconded by Council member Sprawls to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider the request by Lourdes Jasmin Molina, owner, for a specific use permit to allow an auto painting and body rebuilding shop use in a Light Commercial (LC) zoning district on Lot 4 and part of Lot 5, Block 3, Judkins Subdivision (3007 Andrews Hwy.). Randy Brinlee, Director of Planning reviewed the location. The purpose was for an auto painting body shop. There were no additional structures needed but required parking. The setbacks met the requirements. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended with certain conditions. The permit was temporary. The area would have screened fencing. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

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

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

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request by City of Odessa and ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, owners, LCA, agent, for rezoning from General Residential (GR) and Neighborhood Services (NS) to Special Dwelling District (SPD) on Lot 1, Block 1, Blackshear Stadium Addition and an approx. 2 acre tract in Section 35, Block 42, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co., Odessa, Ector County, Texas (on the northeast corner of Fitch Ave. and Avenida de Mexico) Mr. Brinlee reviewed the location of the property. The purpose was to narrow the lot width to allow more homes. There would be 33 lots for affordable homes at the infill development. 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 White to approve the ordinance on first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request by PTCAA Texas, LP, owner, for annexation to the City of Odessa and original zoning of Light Industrial (LI) on Lot 1, Block 1, Flying J Addition (northwest corner of the intersection of Kermit Hwy. and W. Loop 338). Mr. Brinlee reviewed the location of the property. The 7.1 acres would be annexed into the city limits and be zoned as light industrial. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended for approval. The utility lines were already in place for the truck stop to tap into the lines. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2019R-51 – Outside agency requests for Hotel/Motel and General Fund funding for FY 2019-20. Mrs. Muncy stated that the applications from the agency requests were provided. The following requests were made:

Haley Howey, Children's Miracle Network, stated that the Children's Miracle Network provided research and training to help children that were ill. She requested needed beds and refrigerators. The equipment would be lifesaving.

Susan Rogers, Crime Stoppers, stated that Crime Stoppers has assisted in \$11 million seized narcotics. Cases has targeted social hosted parties. The request was to expand funding operations. The City funds did not go towards rewards. She explained the funding.

Chris Barnhill, PermiCare, reported that the agency assisted clients with mental health issues to adapt to daily life. The funding was matching. He thanked the Council for its past support. Some of its reserved funds would be transferred to the budget to cover equipment.

Rebecca Grisham, Teen Court, reported that Teen Court was at its 36 year and was busy with the teenagers. Teen Court was helping many kids. She highlighted two new programs that were new to Teen Court. The kids who complete the program was an 80% to 90% success rate. State law required community service. The agency verified that the kids completed the community service hours.

Minerva Gonzales, UTPB First 5 Permian Basin, stated that the First 5 program supported literacy. The program served all of Ector County. Kids receive books after events held by First 5.

Justin Long, Young Professionals of Odessa, stated that the organization wanted to improve the community. He identified the projects that used City funding. A committee was created to increase its membership. The reach used social media and word of mouth. There were 150 members.

A Black Cultural Council representative thanked Council for its past support. The funds would be used for three events: Martin Luther King, Evening with the Stars and Juneteenth. The events were free to attend.

Gena Linebarger, Commemorative Air Force AIRSHO Director, thanked the Council for its past support. She provided statistics for the out of town visitors. There was no funding from the City of Midland this year. She was going to request funds from the Midland Chamber.

Lawanna Lambert, Downtown Odessa Director, thanked the Council for their time and service. She stated that Downtown Odessa had positive changes for a vibrant downtown. More events were held and there were more visitors. Sponsorships and partners were secured for the events. She commended the board and City staff.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the banners and displays would be used downtown and be changed four times a year that would tie with the hotel and convention center.

Richard Esparza, FWT Odessa Productions, stated that Fiesta West Texas was in its 25th year. The event was a three-day event. This year, the event brought in 25,000 people. The digital marketing tracked the areas from the visitors. He wanted to reach a bigger market. An educational component was a part of the event.

Todd Thompson, Jr. Jacks Youth Hockey, stated the funds would be for hosting a kids tournament. The event has grown every year with kids from outside the state. The event was free to the public.

Haley Howie, Junior League of Odessa, thanked the Council for its past support. The requested funds was for Merry Market. The event raised funds for community projects. Over 20,000 people attended the event last year. The funds would be used to market the event.

Randy Ham, Odessa Arts, outlined the state statute on the occupancy tax for arts. He provided the decreased funding statistics to the arts over the years. The arts enhanced the quality of life, cultural tourism and attracted out of town visitors. Odessa Arts supported 13 agencies granting \$200,000 for its events. He discussed the arts plan. He thanked the Council for its support.

Monica Tschauner, Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau, stated that its department was rebranded to Discover Odessa and the new website would be user friendly. She was working in collaboration with the hotels and restaurants to promote Odessa. She explained the calculator subscription that would provide a scientific economic impact. She promoted the kiosk that would provide information. She explained the sports funding request. She explained the process on how organizations receive the sports funding.

Todd Thompson, Odessa Jackalopes, stated that the Jackalopes was in its 23rd season. The upcoming season would host 28 games. The hockey team was a role model for the community.

Erika Thomas, Odessa Links, stated that the conference was in its 6th year that served for professional development. The attendance has doubled. She wanted to expand its reach across Texas.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation, reviewed each of the requests. The Fall Fest had 6,000 attendees with 250 volunteers for this one free day event. It provided a high quality family atmosphere including an educational component. The equipment fee was rental equipment for the entertainment. The funds would be used for marketing and advertising. Starbright Village was a success free event and it has grown. Last year, there were over 207,000 visits. The interstate drew many visitors. First Basin Credit Union was the sponsor. The funds would be used for marketing. There were over 70 displays and a new display was added each year. The Ratliff request was for advertising and marketing for Ratliff Ranch. There was a 3% loss of golf rounds each year. Marketing was needed to bring the rounds up and make it a destination place.

Jeff Daniels, Odessa Student Crime Stoppers, stated the funds were to host the Student Crime Stoppers conference. There would be over 2,000 attendees from across the state. Mrs. Rogers explained the hospitality items.

Mikel Lemmons, Permian Basin Fair President, stated that the 10-day fair was a family

affair. There were 45 active members and 150 volunteers. The scholarship funds were matched from Odessa College and UTPB. There were 41,266 attendees last year.

A Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo representative stated that the rodeo started in 1932. There were attendees across the country. The market was expanded to reach other communities including social media.

Nick Hernandez, Texas Tours Entertainment, thanked the Council for its past support. The car show has grown over 48 years. It was a family based community event. There were customized cars across the nation. The event was sanctioned by Low Rider. He stated that the profit was used for the next car show and to maintain his business. The funds would be used to spend on marketing. The attendance was between 5,000 to 10,000.

Scott Farmer, U.T. Permian Basin Athletics, stated that the athletics was good for business and Odessa. There were no fees charged to attend the events. He provided information on the events. He requested to renew the contract.

Stella Neboh, West Texas Track Club, stated that the tournament was in its 20th year. All ages were welcomed to participate in the events. There were three track meets that were hosted and scholarships were awarded. She worked with an autistic child that participated in the event.

Christine Holcomb, White Pool House, thanked the Council for saving the museum eight years ago. It was thriving with 10,000 visitors a year. PBS would be filming at the museum and it was chosen for a movie location.

Each Council member gave a recommendation for funding.

Motion was made by Council member Hamilton and seconded by Council member Sprawls to approve the General Fund requests. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The following General Fund allocations were made:

Children's Miracle Network	\$20,000
Odessa Crime Stoppers	60,000
PermiaCare	90,000
Odessa Teen Court	67,170
UTPB First 5 Permian Basin	15,000
Young Professionals Organization	20,000

Motion was made by Council member Sprawls and seconded by Council member Willis to approve the Hotel-Motel Tax Fund requests. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The following Hotel/Motel Tax Fund allocations were made.

Black Cultural Council	\$ 75,000
Commemorative Air Force	50,000
Downtown Odessa	500,000
Downtown Odessa/Parks – banners/decorations	100,000
Fiesta West Texas	30,000
Odessa Jackalopes Jr. Hockey	15,000
Junior League of Odessa	15,000
Odessa Arts	700,000
Convention and Visitors Bureau	1,000,000
CVB Sports Events	65,000
Odessa Jackalopes Hockey Team	30,000
Odessa Links	15,000
Parks – Fall Festival	100,000
Parks– Starbright Village	150,000
Odessa Student Crime Stoppers	50,000
Permian Basin Fair & Exposition	125,000
Ratliff Ranch Golf Links	50,000
Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo	100,000
Texas Tours Entertainment	25,000
U.T. Permian Basin Athletics	100,000
West Texas Track Club	55,000
White-Pool House Friends	40,000
Ector County Coliseum Interlocal Agreement	50,000
Administrative Costs/Audit Fees	32,599

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; Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Odessa Housing Finance Corp. Motion was made by Council member Hamilton and seconded by Council member Dean to appoint the following

Courtney Halcy appointed to the Citizens Golf Advisory Committee
Leo Martinez reappointed to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Citizen's comments on non-agenda items. No comments. There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

David R. Turner
Mayor

