CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 9, 2010

On November 9, 2010, 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.

Members present: Councilmembers; James B. Goates, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; Dean Combs, District Four; and Roy Hunton, District Five.

Member absent: Mayor Larry L. Melton and Councilmember Bill Cleaver, District One.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Grimaldo, City Secretary; James Zentner, Assistant City Manager; Michael Marrero, Assistant City Manager; other members of City staff; and members of the news media.

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

The invocation was given by Pastor Jimmy Dennis, Agape Ministries, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

A. City Council Minutes, October 26, 2010;
B. Resolution No. 2010R-81 – Support the Dragons baseball team.

Motion was made by Councilmember Combs and seconded by Councilmember Graff that the consent agenda items be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

BID AWARD

Bid award to construct C.I.P. Water and Sewer Line Replacements Phase 4 project. Ajay Shakyaver, City Engineer, stated that this was Phase 4 with the water and sewer line replacements. He reviewed the location of the construction. He recommended that the bid be awarded to RES Earth and Cable, LLC in the amount of $2,392,840.25. It would be completed in 200 working days.

Motion was made by Councilmember Combs and seconded by Councilmember Hunton that the bid award be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of Parks Bell Ranch, Ltd., owner, for annexation to the City of Odessa of approximately 1,700 ac. of land in Sections 40,41,45 and 46,Block 41,T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector and Midland Co., Texas (north and east of Faudree Rd. and Yukon Rd.) Mr. Morton explained the annexation process. Marwan Khoury, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the annexation which is in Ector and Midland Counties. The annexation is for 1,700 acres of land.
The property could accommodate 8,000 to 10,000 people. The area could include schools, fire station, parks, single-family dwellings, duplexes, retail and light commercial. Larry Bell has had wonderful working relations with the City, County and the Texas Highway Department. Mr. Bell has no development plans but will assist in evaluating and coordinating with the agencies. Mayor Pro Tem Goates stated that the family has made great accomplishments for the city. No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2010-32 – Designation of Reinvestment Zone No. 3. Mr. Long stated that a reinvestment zone would be created and it meets the criteria. This was a request for Parks Legado Town Center. He reviewed the location of the reinvestment zone.

Motion was made by Councilmember Combs and seconded by Councilmember Hunton that the ordinance be approved on second and final approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Bill Cleaver: Absent
- James B. Goates: Aye
- Barbara Graff: Aye
- Dean Combs: Aye
- Roy Hunton: Aye

Consider regulating the use of inflatable play equipment in City parks. Steve Patton, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that State law has made it that the city be the enforcement agency on inflatable play equipment. The city would be responsible to enforce the inflatable play equipment on the park. It would ban the water slides in the parks and require insurance by the business who owns the equipment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Graff that the ordinance be approved as presented on first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Bill Cleaver: Absent
- James B. Goates: Aye
- Barbara Graff: Aye
- Dean Combs: Aye
- Roy Hunton: Aye

Consider allowing restricted access to public park facilities. Mr. Patton stated that this would prohibit access on a temporary basis as needed on park facilities. There would be posted signs to restrict access. The restricted access would be during the softball season. It would be open to the public during off-season.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Combs that the ordinance be approved as presented on first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

- Bill Cleaver: Absent
- James B. Goates: Aye
- Barbara Graff: Aye
- Dean Combs: Aye
- Roy Hunton: Aye
RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2010R-82 – Tax abatement agreement with Lament 325, Inc. for the Parks Legado Town Center Project. Mr. Long stated that Lament 325, Inc. has submitted an application for a tax abatement. The company agrees to create a minimum of 100 new jobs and make a minimum of $25,000,000 in improvements to the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Combs and seconded by Councilmember Hunton that the resolution be approved. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bill Cleaver Absent
James B. Goates Aye
Barbara Graff Aye
Dean Combs Aye
Roy Hunton Aye

MISCELLANEOUS


Citizen comments on non-agenda items. None

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo, TRMC James B. Goates
City Secretary Mayor Pro Tem