



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
MAY 12, 2009**

On May 12, 2009, 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: Mayor Larry L. Melton; Councilmembers; Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Royce Bodiford, District Three; and Dean Combs, District Four.

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

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

The invocation was given by Rev. R.T. McNeil, St. James Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Mayor Pro Tem Bodiford presented a proclamation for Odessa Pride Star Month to Towne Place Suites.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Minutes, April 28, 2009;
- B. **Resolution No. 2009R-28 - Apply for EMS Local Project Grant FY 2010;**
- C. **Resolution No. 2009R-29 – Odessa Police Department to apply for the BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program;**
- D. **Ordinance No. 2009-17 – Revisions to Sections 5 and 7 of the Water Conservation Plan and Drought Contingency Plan;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2009R-30 – Lease extension of office space at 411 W. 8th St.;**
- F. Bid award to Greenscape Pump Services in the amount of \$61,418 for skid-n-fountain pump system for Memorial Gardens Park.

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

PUBLIC HEARING

Open a public hearing to consider initiation of annexation to the City of Odessa approximately 784 ac. of land in Sections 1 and 2, Block 42, T-2-S, and Section 6, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (vicinity of E. 52nd St., JBS Parkway Blvd. and E. Loop 338 and N. Grandview Ave. and Yukon Rd.), approximately 288 ac. of land in Sections 10, 11, 14 and 15, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland Co., Texas (east of Mission Blvd.) and approximately 856 ac. of land in Sections 15, 21,



22, 27 and 28, Block 41, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland Co., Texas (vicinity of Business IH-20 and IH-20) Marwan Khoury, Director of Planning, stated that the annexation was in three sections for development consisting in light industrial, commercial and retail. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Cleaver that the ordinance be approved for first approval. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bill Cleaver	Aye
James B. Goates	Aye
Royce Bodiford	Aye
Dean Combs	Aye

Resolution No. 2009R-31 - Open a public hearing to consider approval the allocation of \$1,133,550 in 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG), \$94,755 of unprogrammed CDBG funds and \$497,182 in HOME Investment Partnership Program funds and \$153,244 in HOME program income. Mr. Marrero stated total funds available for CDBG was 1,228,305 and in HOME total funds were \$650,426. He disclosed that he was on the Main Street Board. He reviewed each of the community development requests.

Marilyn Hancock, ABLE Center, stated that there were a number of disabled citizens in the community and many could not get around their home. The funds would be used to allow the disabled to have access in their homes and it would meet the national HUD objective. Clients are qualified if they meet the low income and it is verified.

Nancy Wells, Main Street, stated that the façade program has been successful for 17 years. Currently, there is one contract and she was working on two others. The funds help the individual's facility and the downtown area. All the funds go directly to the program.

Leonard Byrd, Odessa Affordable Housing, stated that over 300 projects were completed. The work is performed on an emergency need basis. Repairs are made on electrical, plumbing, roof, windows, and handicap accessibility. Clients qualify if they are under the 80% medium income bracket. The request amount was increased in order to maintain assisting the same number of clients. Councilmember Goates asked if the clients from the ABLE Center could qualify for the ramps. Mr. Byrd stated that they could.

Martha Kunkel, Odessa Day Nursery, stated that the Odessa Day Nursery serves the needs of modest income families. This is the only nursery that offers the lowest possible rate to low income families. Their request is to upgrade the play area facility. She recognized the board. The nursery is partially funded by United Way.

Renee Morris, Odessa Rape Crisis Center, provided statistics for Angel House. Clients include women and children and they provide shelter, food, transportation, and counseling. The center receives state funding from Health and Human Services and the Attorney General's Office.

Margaret Burton, Meals on Wheels, stated that the request for \$25,000 assists 32 clients with hot meals. The clients live on \$643 a month. Volunteers help with the meals and the clients enjoy the visit from the volunteers.

Steve Patton, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated the request of \$5,000 was reduced and this would provide scholarships with softball, baseball and soccer.

Larry Carroll, Permian Basin Community Centers, stated that the funds would be used for life skills and employment skills. The request is for \$75,000.



Rev. R.T. McNeil, 1701 E. 21st, stated that there were hazards in the community with recreational vehicles parked in the streets. Properties need to be upgraded, there were too many violations, and many trailer homes being moved in the city. He couldn't use the Woodson Community Center because it is always booked. No one else came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Each Councilmember gave a proposal for funding. After discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Cleaver that the following CDBG funds be awarded:

Program Administration	\$219,171
Housing Rehabilitation	361,501
Demolition	223,000
Code Enforcement	220,589
Main Street Odessa Façade Program	9,044
Odessa Affordable Housing	80,000
Meals on Wheels of Odessa	25,000
Permian Basin Community Centers	75,000
Vacant Lot Clearance Program	15,000

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Marrero stated that the HOME funds available were \$650,426. He reviewed the requested projects. No one came forward and the public hearing was closed.

Each Councilmember gave a proposal for funding. Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Combs that the following HOME funds be awarded:

Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction	\$189,789
Homebuyer Assistance Program	299,000
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	111,919
HOME Program Administration	49,718

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2009R-32 – City of Odessa's application for Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

Merita Sandoval, Program Manager, stated that \$76,000 was available for people that were affected by housing foreclosures. The programs include development homes on vacant lots, rehab, and financial assistance and there were no new requirements to utilize the funds.

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

Bill Cleaver	Aye
James B. Goates	Aye
Royce Bodiford	Aye
Dean Combs	Aye



MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards. Complete Count Committee, Historic Preservation Commission; Appointment of Officers. (551.074) Plumbing Advisory Board, Mechanical Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Colorado River Municipal Water District, Housing Authority of Odessa, and Odessa Development Corporation. Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Combs that the following appointments be made:

W.R. "Bro" Hill reappointed to the Colorado River Municipal Water District
Charles Perry reappointed to the Colorado River Municipal Water District
Adela Vasquez reappointed to the Housing Authority of Odessa
Leldon Hensley reappointed to the Housing Authority of Odessa
Eddy Spivey reappointed to the Housing Authority of Odessa
Frank Deaderick reappointed to the Odessa Development Corporation
Tom McMinn reappointed to the Odessa Development Corporation
Benjamin Velasquez appointed to the Complete Count Committee
Buck Ogilvy reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission

The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Citizen comments on non-agenda items. No one came forward.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo
City Secretary

Larry L. Melton
Mayor