

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

On November 8, 2011, 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: Council members: Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Barbara Graff, District Three; Dean Combs, District Four; and Sandra Carrasco, District Five.

Member absent: Mayor Larry L. Melton.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma Aguilar-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 Combs called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Combs and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. City Council Minutes, October 25, 2011;
- B. **Resolution No. 2011R-96 – Authorize the City to apply for a Federal Government grant to provide partial payment for bulletproof vest;**
- C. **Ordinance No. 2011-39 – Amend Article 4-10, “Taxicabs”, Chapter 4 of the City Code;**
- D. **Ordinance No. 2011-40 – Franchise to operate a shuttle service by Elf Holdings, Inc. d/b/a My Shuttle Home Mode;**
- E. Purchase 13 Coban in-car camera systems from Coban Inc. in the amount of \$89,440;
- F. Bid award to Sewell Ford in the amount of \$80,000 for OEM parts and service;
- G. Bid award to MHC Kenworth in the amount of \$40,000 for Kenworth OEM parts and service;
- H. Contract award to Cummins Southern Plains in the amount of \$100,000 for Cummins OEM parts and service;
- I. Reject the bid received for Chevrolet OEM parts and service;
- J. Renew contract with SunGard iWorks for benefits claims administration software maintenance;

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

## OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Open a public hearing to consider approval of the request of Odessa College, owner, LCA, agent, to rezone from Light Commercial (LC) to University (U) Lot 1, Block 1 and Lot 1, Block 2, Barton and approximately 1.26 ac. in Section 21, Block 42, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Ector Co., Texas (1.6 ac. total) (southwest corner of the intersection of W. University Blvd. and Andrews Hwy.).** Marwan Khoury, Director of Planning, reviewed the location of the property. There is only one building in the area which is Endless Horizon. The request is to rezone to University as the rest of the property. Ralph McCain, Odessa College Board of Trustee, stated that Endless Horizon is under a long term lease. The college will let the lease run out for economical purposes. The plan is for beautification on the land. Mr. Long stated the building would go under non-conforming use. The rest of the land was cleared out for either parking or a green belt.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cleaver and seconded by Councilmember Graff that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

### ORDINANCE

**Reauthorization of the tax under Section 11.253 of the tax code.** Mr. Zentner stated that Council adopted the ordinance of taxing goods in warehouses in 2007. Legislature passed a senate bill that requires the city to take action to provide for the taxation of goods-in-transit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cleaver and seconded by Councilmember Graff that the ordinance be approved on first approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment of Boards. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Historical Preservation Commission, Traffic Advisory Committee and Cable Franchise Committee. Appointment of Officers. Board of Survey and Building Board of Appeals.** Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Carrasco that Jim Moore be appointed to the Historical Preservation Commission and Ashley Capellini be appointed to the Board of Survey. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Citizen's comments on non-agenda items.** Kaethe Selkirk, Austin, Texas, requested a letter of support for a TxDOT grant. The grant would provide people with disabilities assistance in finding a job and provide complimentary transportation services to get to the job. Marilyn Hancock, Director of ABLE Center, supported the grant letter. ABLE works with the State Independent Living Council to help people get off disability and support themselves.

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo, TMC, CMC  
City Secretary

Dean Combs  
Mayor Pro Tem