



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS  
JUNE 23, 2009**

On June 23, 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 Benjamin Velasquez, District Five.

Member absent: Councilmember Dean Combs, District Four.

Others present: Richard Morton, City Manager; Larry Long, City Attorney; Norma A. 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 Melton called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Kendrix, First Baptist Church, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. City Council Minutes, June 19, 2009;
- B. **Resolution No. 2009R-38 - Odessa Police Department to apply for an additional BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program;**
- C. **Resolution No. 2009R-39 - Ector County Agreement for the Division of 2009 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds;**
- D. **Resolution No. 2009R-40 - Apply for assistance to Firefighters Grant 2008 Safety Grant;**
- E. **Resolution No. 2009R-41 - Apply for assistance to Firefighters Grant 2009 vehicle acquisition;**
- F. Amend the operations of Ratliff Ranch Golf Links to require the payment of a green fee and/or the consent of the manager before entering the Ratliff Ranch Golf Links; (Ordinance - First Approval)
- G. **Resolution No. 2009R-42 - Abandonment of a public utility easement originally described as located on the north twenty feet (N.20') of Lot 10, Block 20, Original Town of Odessa, Ector County, Texas;**
- H. **Resolution No. 2009R-43 - Award a Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) with Landgraf, Crutcher, and Associates, Inc. (LCA) of Odessa, Texas, for engineering design and surveying services for improvements in the East Channel Drainage Basin;**
- I. Review monthly financial summary report for May 2009.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Velasquez that the consent



agenda items be approved. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

## OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

### ORDINANCE

**Revising speed limits and on-street parking.** Hal Feldman, Traffic Engineer, stated that the speed limits revisions were due to the annexation and it would bring into the code. He reviewed the parking changes that included removal of prohibited parking on Van Street where it is no longer needed, no parking in two areas for new bus stops and removal of prohibited parking near Medical Center Hospital due to purchasing portions of Washington and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets. The Traffic Advisory Committee recommended for approval. Councilmember Bodiford asked about the speed limit on JBS Parkway. Mr. Feldman stated it is 55 mph, the existing speed limit for Parkway. The change would include the 55 mph speed limit.

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

Bill Cleaver	Aye
James B. Goates	Aye
Royce Bodiford	Aye
Dean Combs	Absent
Benjamin Velasquez	Aye

### RESOLUTION

**Resolution No. 2009R-44 – Award a Consultant Services Agreement (CSA) with S.W. Howell Engineering Inc. of Odessa, Texas, for engineering and surveying services required for the construction of a proposed 24" water main, extending from Dawn Avenue to 52nd Street.** Ajay Shakyaver, City Engineer, stated that this would award the design and survey for the 24" water main. He recommended that it be awarded to Howell Engineering in the amount of \$146,500. Councilmember Velasquez asked if there were any other consultants considered. Mr. Shakyaver stated that Howell Engineering was most qualified.

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	Absent
Benjamin Velasquez	Aye



## MISCELLANEOUS

**Appointment of Boards. Historic Preservation Commission, Community Development Advisory Committee, and Traffic Advisory Committee.** Motion was made by Councilmember Cleaver and seconded by Councilmember Bodiford that Kathleen McCulloch be appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission and Leo Martinez be reappointed to the Traffic Advisory Committee. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

**Appointment of Officers. (551.074) Plumbing Advisory Board, Mechanical Board of Appeals, Odessa Development Corporation, Board of Survey, Electrical Board of Appeals, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Permian Basin MH/MR Board of Trustees.**

Mayor Melton stated that the Council would go into executive session under 551.074.

Upon returning from executive session, motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Velasquez that Ludie Warner and Nard Hendrick be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bodiford and seconded by Councilmember Goates that Margaret Jones be reappointed to the Permian Basin MH/MR Board of Trustees. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Cleaver and seconded by Councilmember Velasquez that Art Leal be appointed to the Odessa Development Corporation. The motion was a tie vote with Councilmembers Goates and Bodiford casting the nay votes. Mayor Melton broke the tie casting a nay vote.

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

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma A. Grimaldo  
City Secretary

Larry L. Melton  
Mayor