



**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY OF ODESSA, TEXAS
APRIL 13, 2010**

On April 13, 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: Mayor Larry L. Melton; Councilmembers; Bill Cleaver, District One; James B. Goates, District Two; Royce Bodiford, District Three; Dean Combs, District Four; and Benjamin Velasquez, District Five.

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 Melton called the meeting to order and the following proceedings were held:

The invocation was given by Mayor Melton, and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- A. City Council Minutes, March 23, 2010;
- B. **Ordinance No. 2010-12 – Appoint judges for the May 8, 2010 General City Election;**
- C. **Resolution No. 2010R-24 – Endorse certain legislative changes to enhance the competitive electric market.**

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

OTHER COUNCIL ACTION

ORDINANCES

Amending taxicab and limousine insurance requirements. Mr. Long stated that the State amended the liability insurance requirements on taxicabs. The ordinance would raise the city's requirements to match the State of Texas.

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	Aye
Benjamin Velasquez	Aye



MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment of Boards: Cable Franchise Committee and Historic Preservation Commission. No action.

Consider a Chapter 380 Agreement with Lament 325 Inc. for the development of property located on Highway 191 between Faudree Road and Billy Hext Road. Mayor Melton stated that Council would go into executive session under 551.087.

Upon returning from executive session, the following action took place:

Resolution No. 2010R-25 - Chapter 380 Agreement with Lament 325 Inc. for the development of property located on Highway 191 between Faudree Road and Billy Hext Road. Gino Sola, #41 Cibola Ct., was in favor of the Parks Legado development. It would provide a quality of life, family based entertainment and preferred by young professionals. Collin Sewell, Woodhaven, thanked the Council for their efforts. He stated that Parks Legado would create an environment of a higher quality of life. He stated that for this project to make a reality it needed partnership to continue to make Odessa grow and draw additional sales tax. He would take responsibility if funds were received. The plan for Sewell on 8th St. would be some consolidation but they would expand to Parks Legado. Councilmember Velasquez was concerned about shifting the retail sales. Mr. Sewell stated that the project would create synergy and multi-scales of activity that creates traffic to bring in new retail. Councilmember Goates asked about the scenario of full rebate for new projects and no sales tax rebate for relocation. Mr. Sewell stated that the ultimate new goal is to create new business but if would be an unfair field to the tenants. Mr. Long stated that a 380 agreement was drafted. He highlighted some of the requirements that included 1) it is a mixed use development along Hwy. 191, 2) a minimum of 100 jobs be created, 3) a minimum of \$25 million investment, 4) 20 years for the tax rebate, 5) excludes relocations, 6) two other taxing entities must participate and 7) the grant incentive was \$7,942,287.

Motion was made by Councilmember Goates and seconded by Councilmember Combs 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
Benjamin Velasquez	Abstain

There was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Norma Aguilar-Grimaldo
City Secretary

Larry L. Melton
Mayor