

**MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
July 26, 2012**

The City Council convened in a Special Session at the Downtown Doubletree Hotel Civic Room, located at 117 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on July 26, 2012.

Council Members present: Mayor W. Wesley Perry, Mayor Pro Tem Jerry Morales (At-Large), Council Member Scott Dufford (At-Large), Council Member Vicky Hailey (District 2) (Hailey arrived at 10:40 a.m.), and Council Member Michael Trost (District 4) (Trost arrived at 12:42 p.m.).

Council Members absent: Council Member Jeff Sparks (District 1), and Council Member John James (District 3).

Staff present: City Manager Courtney Sharp, Assistant City Manager Jim Nichols, Assistant Code Administration Manager Ron Jenkins, Downtown Development Manager Genora Young, Planning Division Manager Cameron Walker, Building Official Steve Thorpe, Senior Planner Jim Compton, Senior Planner Ken VanDyne, Associate Planner Melissa Hale, Associate Planner Martin Siwek, Public Information Officer Persephone Dakopolos, and Deputy City Secretary SueAnn Reyes.

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

1. The City Council will meet in a joint session with the City of Midland Planning & Zoning Commission and the Midland Development Corporation together with the City's administrative staff and others in a training workshop to discuss: an introduction to municipal planning, zoning, platting and land use and development; annexation issues; being an effective planning and City government advocate including roles, responsibilities, ethics, and other issues; Open Meetings Act procedures and their importance; the impact of recent and possible future legislation and updates on such legislation; community vision discussion regarding the 2025 Comprehensive Plan and Midland Development Corporation priorities; economic development tools and issues, including special districts authorized by State law.

Kim Mikelson, representing Olson & Olson, and David Hoover, Planning Consultant, gave overviews and examples of the different tools available in economic development and how they might be put to use in the City of Midland. Discussion ensued regarding the various roles of the departments and organizations present and how they could work together to make the City of Midland the best it could be. No action was taken.

All of the business at hand having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 14th day of August, 2012.

W. Wesley Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary