

# Town of Odessa

**MINUTES FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2024 - 6:45 PM  
OLD ACADEMY BUILDING  
315 MAIN STREET  
ODESSA, DE 19730**

Those present at 6:45 PM:

Mayor: Harvey C. Smith Jr.  
Council Member: Lenny Aguilar  
Council Member: John Freeman  
Council Member: Lionel Hynson  
Council Member: Yeni Ocampo  
Treasurer: David Sheats  
Secretary: Amy Marie Ottinger  
(1) community member

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- I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
  - Ordinance 2024-01: An Ordinance Banning Marijuana Establishments in the Town of Odessa, attached hereto as Attachment A (3-page ordinance).
  - This ordinance was first introduced at the October 7, 2024 meeting of Mayor & Council with the agreement that a public hearing would be held prior to this month's meeting to obtain public input prior to a vote.
  - The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities, and/or retail marijuana stores from being established or otherwise located in the Town of Odessa. The ordinance establishes penalties for violations of the ordinance.
  - Town Secretary Amy Marie Ottinger read aloud the synopsis of Ordinance 2024-01.
  - Mayor Smith asked council if they had any questions and opened the floor to comments. There were no questions or comments.

**MOTION BY JOHN FREEMAN, SECONDED BY LENNY AGUILAR, TO MOVE THIS ORDINANCE TO A FINAL READING AND VOTE AT THE 7:00 PM MEETING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTAIN**

- IV. Adjournment

**MOTION BY LENNY AGUILAR, SECONDED BY LIONEL HYNSON, TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:47 PM.**

**MOTION CARRIED. VOTE: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS**

Minutes Submitted: 11/5/2024  
By: Amy Marie Ottinger  
Town Secretary  
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_