

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas met in Regular Session on December 17, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Anthony Williams was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Kyle McAlister, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Donna Albus, and Weldon Hurt. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Donna Albus delivered the invocation.

Sloan Westbrook, 5th grader at Austin Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Gray Bridwell with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce presented the Barksdale Trophy that Dyess AFB recently won.
- Mayor Williams and staff recognized Judge Barton for his years of service with the City of Abilene.
- Mayor Williams gave a brief report on COVID-19.
- Employee Service Awards:
 - Dee Lott – 25 Years – Technology Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Williams recessed into Executive Session at 8:56 a.m., pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act, with the following issues discussed during this session, as listed on the agenda and authorized by the noted Texas Government Code Section:

- 15. A. 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
 - 1. Officer Mark Watson & the City of Abilene
- 15. B. 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)
 - 1. 4810 S 3rd
 - 2. 204 S San Jose Dr
 - 3. 4674 S 3rd
 - 4. 4809 S 3rd
- 15. F. 551.087 (Business Prospects/Economic Development)
 - 1. Project Artemis

The Executive Session ended at 9:21 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Williams reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Consideration and Approval of Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement(s) with Lancium, LLC in the Reinvestment Zone RZ20-01 located in Taylor County
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 216-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Chapter 312 Tax Abatement Agreement with Lancium, LLC in the Reinvestment Zone RZ20-01, located in Taylor County. Misty Mayo, CEO of the Development Corporation of Abilene, also spoke about the project.

Mayor Williams opened the public hearing. The following addressed the city council:

- David Swart – stated that the last line says the estimated improvement costs, and is concerned if the tax payers will be responsible for this amount or if that will be the developer's responsibility.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

Robert Hanna, City Manager, responded to Mr. Swart's concerns and stated that the amount he is referring to would be the developer's responsibility.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Williams, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

Mayor Williams left the Council Chambers after this item. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister presided over the remainder of the meeting in his absence.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-11. Item #9 was pulled for individual consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister opened the public comment period. The following addressed the city council:

- David Swart – spoke about the history of the Battle of the Bulge.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of items 3-8 and 10-11. Councilmember Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on December 2, 2021

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Professional Engineering Services for Maple Street Roadway Improvements Loop 322 to ES 11th St
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 212-2021]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving Agreement to Install Safety/Security Cameras and Access Controls
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 213-2021]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, Supporting and Confirming No Objection to Housing Tax Credit Application for Villages at Westlake Apartments LP
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 214-2021]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Keith Barton as an Assistant Municipal Court Judge
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 215-2021]
8. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2021-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on a Request from Thomas Paul Anthony (Represented by Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Engineering Consultants) for Approval of a Conditional Use Permit Allowing a Vacation Travel Trailer/Recreational Vehicle Park on 60.01 Acres Bordering the 2600-2700 Blocks (West Side) of West Lake Road in North Central Abilene
10. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-39: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From Bobby Brown To Change Zoning From Residential Single-Family (RS-6) To A Neighborhood Retail (NR) District On Approximately 0.308 Acre Of Land At 2549 And 2601 Ross Street In South Central Abilene. Legal Description Being The West 78 Feet Of The North 172 Feet Of Lot 4 In Block 1 Of The Over Place Addition To The City Of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas
11. Ordinance (First Reading) TC-2021-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From Severo Garcia (Represented By Geotex Property Solutions LLC) To Abandon Certain Segments Of Unimproved Right-Of-Way Dedicated For Benbrook Street Extending As Much As 500 Feet West From Baker Street In Western Abilene, Leaving At Least A 30-Foot Width Of Right-Of-Way Therein To Function As An Alleyway

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

9. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2021-37: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From Abilene Forrest Hill LLC (Represented By Jacob & Martin, Civil Engineering) To Change Zoning On Approximately 10.6 Acres Of Now-Vacant Land From Residential Single-Family (RS-6) To A Residential Medium-Density (MD) District, And To Change Zoning On Approximately 22 Acres Of Now-Vacant Land From Residential Single-Family (RS-8) To A Residential Single-Family (Rs-6) District, All Approximately 32.6 Acres Of Which Are Located Approximately 1000 Feet East From The 6900 Block Of Old Forrest Hill Road And 1200-2200 Feet West From The 7100 Block Of Hardwick Road In South Abilene

The item was pulled by Councilmember Hurt.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Hurt had a question for the agent, Tal Filingham, and asked if this request was intended for duplexes. Mr. Filingham state that it was. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on approving an Ordinance establishing the 2022 Standards of Care
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 74-2021]

Lesli Andrews, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the 2022 Standards of Care for the after school care program and camps.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister opened the public hearing. The following addressed the Council:

- David Swart – asked if the recreational facilities were equipped with AED machines.

With no other speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Robert Hanna, City Manager, responded to Mr. Swart's question and stated all of the recreational facilities are equipped with AED machines.

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

13. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budgets
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 75-2021]

Mike Rains, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would amend the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget to move the purchase of two 32-foot busses that were approved last fiscal year, to this budget.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Albus seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

14. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Creation of a Reinvestment Zone No. RZ21-1 being approximately 875 acres in Taylor County, Texas [ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 76-2021]

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would create Reinvestment Zone No. RZ21 on approximately 875 acres of land, to allow for a tax abatement agreement.

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Hurt moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

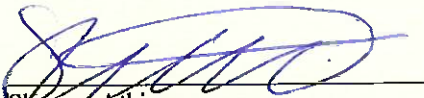
AYES (5): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, and Councilmembers Price, Beard, Albus and Hurt

NAYS (0): None

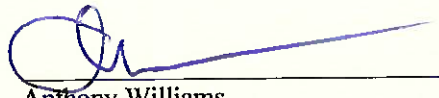
ABSENT (2): Mayor Williams and Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Anthony Williams
Mayor

Minutes approved on: January 13, 2022

