

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2024 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 January 11, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 Walnut St. Mayor Weldon Hurt was present and presiding, along with Mayor Pro-tem Shane Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Lynn Beard, and Councilmembers Blaise Regan, Brian Yates, Kyle McAlister, and Travis Craver. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Brian Yates delivered the invocation.

Jensen Kaufman, fifth grader from Purcell Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

RECOGNITION

Interim Chief of Police Doug Wrenn was recognized for his retirement.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-14. Items 11 & 12 were pulled for individual consideration.

Items pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 11: Mayor Hurt
- Item 12: Mayor Hurt

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following addressed the city council:

- Charles Michael

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 3-10 & 13-14. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on December 21, 2023
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing Members to Various Boards and Commissions per the City Charter
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 01-2024]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Child Advocacy Center Advisory Board</i>	
Misti Collier [New]	December 2026
<i>Board of Adjustment</i>	
Louis Zientek [Regular] [New]	November 2025
<i>Board of Building Standards</i>	
Mark Aldridge [New] [Alternate]	November 2025
<i>Development Corporation of Abilene</i>	
Sam Vinson [Reappointment]	December 2025
Buddy Napier [New]	December 2025
<i>Landmarks Commission</i>	
Jason Garrod [New] [Regular]	November 2026
Brandon Young [New] [Regular]	November 2026
<i>Neighborhood Services Advisory Board</i>	
Bill Enriquez [New] [moving position]	November 2025
<i>Planning and Zoning Commission</i>	
Zach Sitzes [New]	November 2026
Kristen Kyker [New]	November 2025 [unexpired term]
<i>Tsui Arts Jury</i>	
Leah Doty [New]	May 2026

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing an Additional Expenditure and Final Payment to RailPros Field Services, Inc. for the Utility Observation Associated with the Second Pressure Plane Supply Line - Phase II Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (eHT) for the 2024 Hamby Wastewater Treatment Plant Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Renewal
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 03-2024]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Contract with Jacob & Martin, LLC for the Polaris Drive Sewer Line Extension
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 04-2024]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve the Appointment of Dr. Gary Holland as the new Health Authority and Medical Director for the Abilene-Taylor County Health District
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 05-2024]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Daco Fire Equipment for the Purchase of Structural Firefighting Protective Gear for the Abilene Fire Department
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 06-2024]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action To Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a One-Ton Pickup Truck for the Abilene Fire Department (AFD)
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 07-2024]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Visionality for the Audio-Visual Display System Design, Equipment and Installations for the Emergency Operations Center/Training Room
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024]
14. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2023-36: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owners, Represented By Jacob Martin, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 7.07 Acres From PD 96A To General Retail. Located On The East Side Of The 5300 Block Buffalo Gap Road

ITEMS PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing an Interim Chief of Police

[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 08-2024]

Having pulled the item, Mayor Hurt asked Mr. Hanna to present the item. Adoption of the item confirms the City Manager's appointment of Craig Jordan to Interim Chief of Police, effective immediately following the retirement of Doug Wrenn, and until the arrival of the permanent Chief of Police.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-tem Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Appointing a Chief of Police
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 09-2024]

Having pulled the item, Mayor Hurt asked Mr. Hanna to present the item. Adoption of the item confirms the City Manager's appointment of Ron Seratte as Chief of Police, on or around February 1st, 2024.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Regan seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

REGULAR AGENDA

15. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-37: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Cosper Properties LLC, Represented By Jacob Martin, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 2.2 Acres From Agricultural Open To General Retail. Located At 3509 Beltway, Abilene, TX 79606

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to General Retail (GR).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in support of Z-2023-37:

- Tal Filingim

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

Councilmember Craver moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

16. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2023-40: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From PB 6950, LLC, Represented By Jacob Martin, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 11.14 Acres From Agricultural Open To General Commercial. Located At 7542x S Clack St, Abilene, TX 79606

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would change the zoning of the above referenced property from Agricultural Open Space (AO) to General Commercial (GC).

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke in support of Z-2023-40:

- Tal Filingim

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

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver

NAYS (0): None

17. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2023-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From Charles A. Doby Represented By Shawn Garrett, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To Approximately 2.67 Acres To Allow For A Trade School Within General Retail (GR) Zoning. Located At 2449 South Willis Street, Suite 204

[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 01-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve a Conditional Use Permit at the above referenced location, to allow for a trade school within General Retail (GR) Zoning.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke on the item:

- Kathleen Maisy

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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard moved to approve the item as presented. Mayor Pro-tem Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None

18. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Authorizing the Issuance of City of Abilene, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024 for Zoo and Recreation Facility Projects
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 04-2024]

Mike Rains, Finance Director, presented the item. Adoption of the item would issuance the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2024, for Zoo and Recreational Facility Projects, approved at the November 7, 2023 Special Election. George Williford with Hilltop Securities went over the bond issuance and debt service schedule further.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. With no speakers coming forward, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro-tem Price moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

AYES (7): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:10 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:

19. F.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 9:41 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: January 25, 2024