

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 28, 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 March 28, 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 Kyle McAlister delivered the invocation.

Gracelynn Hamilton, 4th grader at Bonham Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Proclamations:
 - Month of the Military Child – accepted by Darci Hodges and other Dyess staff and family members.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-20. Items 5, 14 & 15 were pulled for individual consideration.

Items pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 5: Councilmember Regan
- Item 14: Councilmember Regan
- Item 15: Mayor Pro-tem Price

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda, now consisting of items 3,4, 6-13, and 16-20. 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

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard had a conflict of interest on items 6 & 7 and abstained from voting on those items. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for items 6 & 7 alone was:

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Special Called Retreat Meeting Held on March 8, 2024, and the Regular Meeting Held on March 14, 2024
4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action to Approve Vehicle Lease with Capps Rent-A-Car Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 62-2024]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Lease with EAN Holdings, LLC for Car Rental Service Facility - Site A
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 64-2024]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve an Airport Use Agreement with Big Country Airfest, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 65-2024]
8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Approval to Purchase Four (4) Pursuit Rated Pickups from Reliable Chevrolet using Sheriffs' Association of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Contract 23-04-1011R for Marshal's Division
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 66-2024]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing Entering Into an AFA Agreement with TxDOT for the Old Anson Rd. Walkability Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 67-2024]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid# CB-2428 Street Resurfacing Project Work Zone S23 to Bontke Brothers Construction Co., Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 68-2024]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding Contract for Plastic Roadway Barriers to All In Safety Corp., Bid # CB-2426
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 69-2024]
12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Awarding Bid# CB-2429 Antilley and Memorial Traffic Signal Project to Willis Electric Co., LP
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 70-2024]
13. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement With Steele Fire Apparatus, LLC for a Custom-Built Special Response Vehicle for the Abilene Fire Department
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 71-2024]
16. Ordinance (First Reading) CUP-2024-02: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Shelley Watson, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit To The Property At 2781 Beech St, Abilene, TX 79601 To Allow A Duplex
17. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Larry Coon, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 1.94 Acres From Single Family Residential (RS-8) To General Retail (GR). Located At 6466 Buffalo Gap Rd.

18. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-06: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Jacob Martin To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 138.26 Acres From Agricultural Open (AO) To Residential Single Family (RS-6). Located West Of Butterfield Meadows Parkway.
19. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-07: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By JES Development, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-178). Specifically, To Allow The Use Of The Existing Structures Located On The East Side Of The Property For Residential And Accessory Use And To Amend The Concept Plan. Located At 309 S Pioneer Drive.
20. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Amending Chapter 15, Article II, "Lake Fort Phantom Hill," Section 15-18, "Prohibited Areas," Code of Ordinances

ITEM PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve a Lease with Brevard Capital Group, Inc. for On-Airport Service Facility - Site B
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 63-2024]

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard had a conflict of interest on this item and left the room during deliberation. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Regan wanted clarification on why Enterprise Rent-A-Car didn't get both site lease agreements being awarded today. Don Green, Director of Transportation explained that they placed a bid on both sites, but preferred site A and went with that one only.

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

Councilmember Regan moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem Price, and Councilmembers Regan, Yates, McAlister and Craver
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Beard

14. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Acquisition of Network Engineering Services from Weaver Technologies, LLC.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 72-2024]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Regan wanted clarification as to why we are not hiring in house, or raising the pay in order to attract new employees, instead of contracting it out. Troy Swanson, Director of IT explained that this is a high-skilled job and this contract will bridge that gap until they can find someone to fill the position permanently.

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

Councilmember Craver 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

15. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the City of Abilene Cypress Street Streetscape Improvements Project
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 73-2024]

Having pulled the item Mayor Pro-tem Price wanted to see the presentation, so the public will know the specifics of the street closures, and who would be affected and when.

Robert Hanna, City Manager presented the item. Adoption of the item would execute the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Cypress Street Streetscape Improvement Project, which allows for the Notice to Proceed to be sent to Teinert Construction, so that the project may begin.

Mayor Hurt opened the public hearing. The following spoke:

- Tammy Fogle

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

Mayor Pro-tem Price 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

REGULAR AGENDA

21. Ordinance (First Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Adopting Amendments to the 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

Robert Hanna, City Manager, presented the item. Adoption of the item would reduce the expenditure budget by \$1.7 Million for fiscal year 2024, in order to compensate for declining sales tax revenues and an unexpected audit adjustment from the State.

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

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

AYES (6): 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 9:36 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:

- 22. F.551.073 (Gifts & Donations)
 - 1. Donation of Fannin from AISD
- 22.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - 1. City Manager
 - 2. Board & Commission (re)Appointments

The Executive Session ended at 10:10 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 10:10 a.m.



Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary



Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: April 11, 2024

