

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 27, 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 June 27, 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 Kyle McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard and Brian Yates. Councilmember Blaise Regan was absent. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Travis Craver delivered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 2-15. Item 14 was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting. Item 8 was pulled for individual consideration.

Item pulled for individual consideration:

- Item 8: Councilmember Price

Item pulled from consideration:

- Item 14

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hurt opened the public comment period. The following spoke:

- Dorothy Clay
- Krystal Lewis
- John Jacoby
- Elsa Jacoby
- Eric Bengs

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of items 2-7, 9-13 and 15. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Regan

Mayor Pro-tem McAlister had a conflict of interest on item 12 and abstained from voting on that item. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office. The vote for item 12 alone was:

AYES (5): Mayor Hurt, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Yates
NAYS (0): None
ABSTAIN (1): Mayor Pro-tem McAlister
ABSENT (1): Councilmember Regan

2. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on June 13, 2024
3. 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. 144-2024]

Board	Term End Date
<i>Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District Board</i>	
Eric Bruntmyer [New]	November 2025

4. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving a Professional Services Agreement with Jacob & Martin for the Zoo Parking & Lighting Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 145-2024]
5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Denial of AEP Texas 2024 Application to Increase Rates and Finding City's Reasonable Rate Case Expenses Shall be Reimbursed
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 146-2024]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving an Agreement with Schneider Electric Buildings America Inc. (ESCO), for Phase 5 Energy Efficient Facility Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 147-2024]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving an Agreement for Phase 6 with Schneider Electric Buildings America Inc. (ESCO), for Generator Improvements
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 148-2024]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Purchase of a Replacement Bar Screen Compactor Unit from Vision Equipment for the Buck Creek Pump Station
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 150-2024]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering Into Economic Development Agreements with Thornton Custom Homes for 3402 Vogel St., 2809 S 11th St., 2718 Westview Dr., 2710 Westview Dr., 2702 Westview Dr., and 2702 N Willis St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 151-2024]
11. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approval of Single-Family Rehabilitation Program Budget with HOME Program Funds for 2102 Vine Street
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 152-2024]

12. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-12: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Civetta Solutions, To Create A New Planned Development District (PD-187). The Proposed Planned Development District Will Allow Medium Density Residential With A Maximum Density Of 12 Units Per Acre And Would Remove The Requirement That Limits Development To A Maximum Of Four Units Per Lot. Located At 368 Centenary Drive.
13. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-13: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From Walmart Stores Texas, LLC, Represented By Madeline Hart, To Amend The Terms Of The Planned Development District 57 To Allow The Storage Of Shipping Containers At Designated Locations. Located At 4350 Southwest Dr.
15. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-17: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From Walmart Stores Texas, LLC, Represented By Tim M. Martin, To Amend The Terms Of The Planned Development District 91 To Allow The Storage Of Shipping Containers At Designated Locations. Located At 1650 Hwy 351.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

14. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-16: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Luke Harwell, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 1.02 Acres From Light Industrial (LI) To General Commercial (GC). Located At 19 Windmill Circle.
[NOT CONSIDERED]

ITEM PULLED FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Keep Abilene Beautiful, Inc.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 149-2024]

Having pulled the item, Councilmember Price questioned why the recommended amendments include removing the Open Meetings Act requirement when the City would still be required to fund the Executive Director position. Michael Rice, Assistant City Manager, presented the item and clarified that there is still reporting that Keep Abilene Beautiful will be responsible for submitting to the City, as well as other duties from Public Works being in the job description for the ED. Adoption of the item will amend the bylaws of Keep Abilene Beautiful.

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve the item as presented. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Regan

REGULAR AGENDA

16. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving an Order of The Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District Authorizing the Issuance of the District's Venue Tax Revenue Bond (Hotel Occupancy Tax), Series 2024; And Enacting Other Provisions Relating to the Subject
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 153-2024]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the issuance of the Abilene-Taylor County Events Venue District's Tax Revenue Bonds from Hotel Occupancy Tax, Series 2024.

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

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

AYES (6): Mayor Hurt, Mayor Pro-tem McAlister, Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver, and Councilmembers Price, Beard and Yates

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Councilmember Regan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:04 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:

17. A.551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property)

1. Dog Park

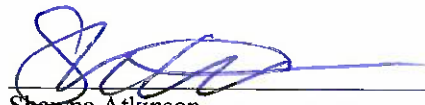
17.D.551.074 (Personnel Matters)

1. City Manager

The Executive Session ended at 9:58 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 9:58 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: July 11, 2024