SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
BUDGET WORK SESSION
July 22, 2024 at 9:00 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 a Special Called Meeting on July 22, 2024, at 9:00 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, Blaise Regan, and Brian Yates. Also present were City Manager Robert Hanna, City Attorney Stanley Smith, and City Secretary Shawna Atkinson.

Councilmember Brian Yates delivered the invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.

Mayor Hurt outlined the agenda for the morning.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Connie Howard
- Martle Hollowell
- Tia Troop

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

BUDGET WORKSHOP

2. Staff Presentation on Revised FY 2023-2024 and Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budgets
Complete Budget Review

City Manager Hanna provided the overview of the proposed schedule for budget work sessions

- Budget Workshop — July 22
- First Reading 2023-2024 Revised Budget
- First Reading 2024-2025 Budget
- First Reading Tax Rate
- First Reading Fee Schedule

- Public Hearing and Adoption of: — August 8 – Regular Council Meeting
- 2023-2024 Revised Budget
- Tax Rate
- 2024-2025 Budget
- Fee Schedule

The Revised FY 2023-2024 and Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budgets information was as follows:

General Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Taxes & Franchises	$ 106,560,116	$ 112,310,720	$ 110,339,580	$ 113,834,600
Licenses & Permits	1,677,161	1,287,480	1,340,480	1,257,930
Intergovernmental Revenue	7,090,040	125,465	144,645	124,700
Charges for Services	1,713,475	1,514,202	1,591,306	1,343,655
Fines & Forfeitures	1,171,933	1,123,610	980,710	982,340
Miscellaneous Revenue	12,236,459	12,897,998	13,312,048	13,212,806
Transfers In	2,576,009	2,578,000	2,578,000	2,583,000
Total Revenues	133,025,194	131,837,675	130,286,769	133,339,031
Expenditures				
Personnel Costs	83,575,061	91,013,462	89,588,724	95,093,064
Supplies & Materials	3,975,713	4,465,858	4,462,490	4,149,916
Purchased Services	4,689,382	5,572,072	5,026,824	5,289,713
Other Charges & Services	14,201,012	17,673,283	16,998,614	16,634,670
Capital Outlay	100,739	-	-	-
Transfers Out	20,935,799	13,113,000	22,172,044	12,171,718
Total Expenditures	127,477,706	131,837,675	138,248,896	133,339,081
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	5,547,488	-	(7,962,127)	-
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	35,085,466	30,330,831	40,632,954	32,670,827
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 40,632,954	$ 30,330,831	$ 32,670,827	$ 32,670,827

General Fund
FY 2024 Revised Revenue Changes from Original Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Sales tax	Decrease in receipts	$(1,839,120)
Franchise fees	Decrease in gas franchise	(218,270)
Other taxes	Increase in mixed beverage tax receipts	65,000
Municipal Court fines	Decrease in citations	(143,100)
Recoveries of expenditures	Recoveries from Ambus deployments	424,727
All other changes		159,857
Total decrease in revenues		**$(1,550,906)**

General Fund
FY 2024 Revised Expenditure Changes from Original Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Personnel costs	Frozen positions and vacancy savings *	$(1,424,738)
Other charges & services	50% credit to utility charges *	(580,000)
Transfers out	FY 23 year-end excess fund balance transfer to MIP	8,089,334
	Reduce transfer for Street Maintenance projects *	(500,000)
	Reduce MIP sales tax transfer from 5% to 4.5% *	(329,455)
	Fund 380 Agreement for AYSA Year 1	800,000
All other changes		356,080
Total increase in expenditures		**$6,411,221**

** Expenditure reductions in response to sales tax revenue decrease*

General Fund
FY 2025 Revenue Changes from FY 2024 Revised Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Property tax	8% increase in taxable values and increase in tax rate	$3,776,620
Sales tax	Decrease due to full 12 months of audit repayment to State	(483,780)
Parks & Recreation Charges	Removed Summer Playground and other recreation program changes	(232,250)
All other changes		(8,278)
Total increase in revenues		$3,052,312

General Fund
FY 2025 Expenditure Changes from FY 2024 Revised Budget

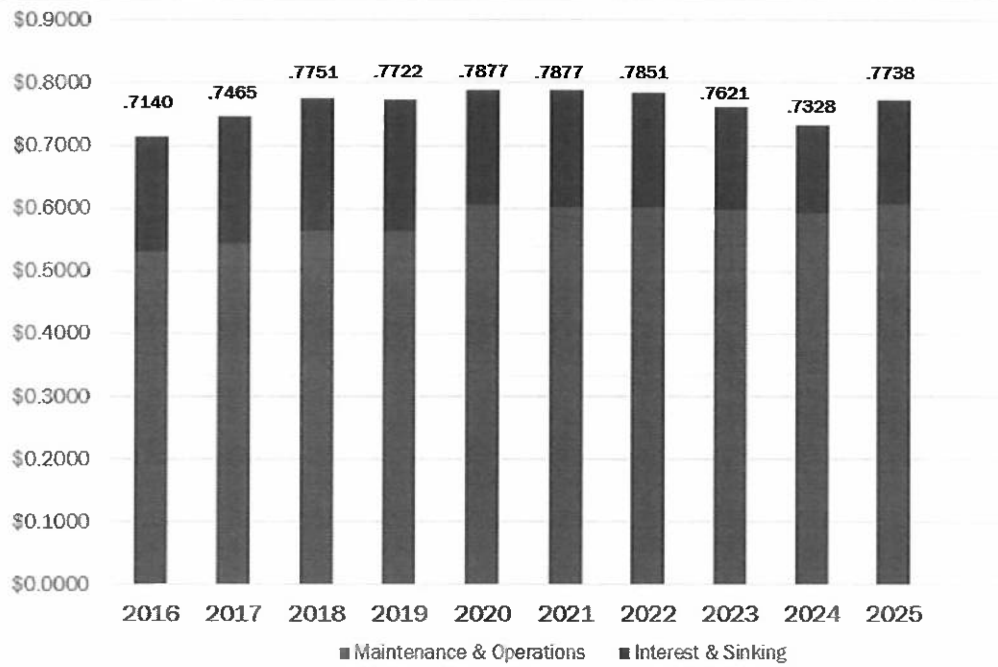
Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Personnel costs	Meet & Confer payroll increase	$3,363,342
	Stability Pay changes for comp plan compression	1,072,269
Other charges & services	Contributions for community partners *	(231,249)
Transfers out	Remove FY 23 year-end excess fund balance transfer to MIP	(8,089,334)
	Remove transfer for 380 Agreement	(800,000)
	Remove transfer for Convention Center projects	(789,395)
Various categories	Recreation program changes *	(859,070)
All other changes		1,423,622
Total increase in expenditures		$(4,909,815)

** Expenditure reductions in response to sales tax revenue decrease*

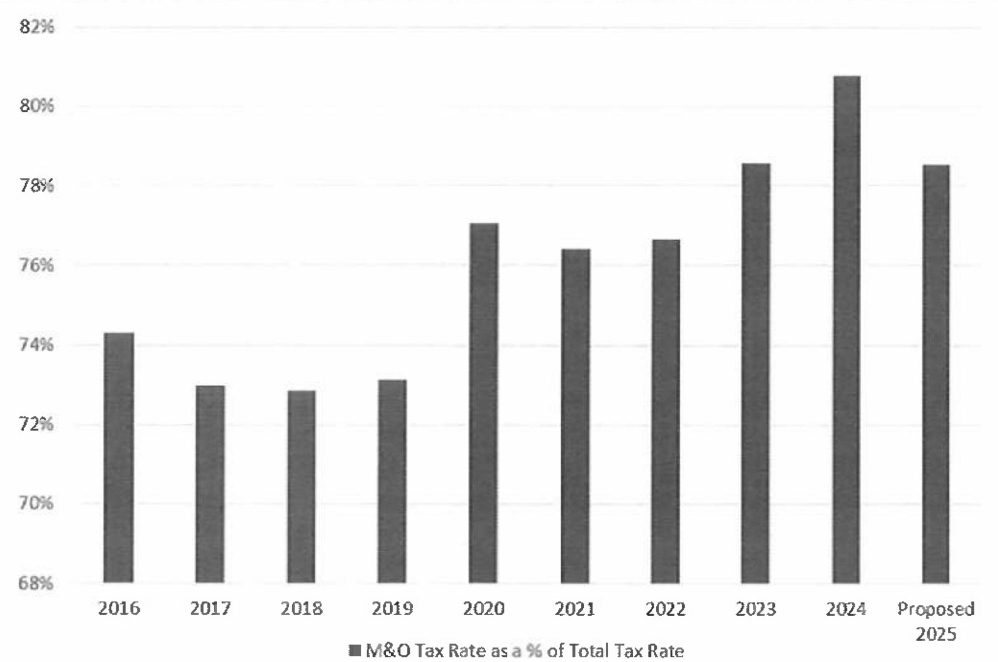
Schedule of Tax Rate Per $100 Assessed Valuation FY 2016-FY 2025

Fiscal Year	General Operating	General Debt Service	Total Tax Rate
2016	.5306	.1834	.7140
2017	.5448	.2017	.7465
2018	.5648	.2103	.7751
2019	.5648	.2074	.7722
2020	.6069	.1808	.7877
2021	.6019	.1858	.7877
2022	.6019	.1832	.7851
2023	.5988	.1633	.7621
2024	.5918	.1410	.7328
2025	.6078	.1660	.7738

Historical Tax Rates Per $100 Valuation



Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate as a Percentage of the Total Tax Rate



Stability Pay Scenarios for Non-Civil Service Employees

	Current	Scenario 1: $8,000 Max	Scenario 2: $10,000 Max	Scenario 3: $12,000 Max
Maximum Payout	$2,880	$8,000	$10,000	$12,000
Minimum Service	5 years	1 year	1 year	1 year
Formula	Current Salary x .005 x Years of Service	$400 x Years of Service	$500 x Years of Service	$600 x Years of Service
Years to Reach Max	Varies based on salary *	20 years	20 years	20 years
Increase in Cost to General Fund	$49,371	$752,884	$1,072,269	$1,342,283

Scenario #2 included in 2025 Proposed Budget

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**As an example, under the current program an employee with a salary of $40,000 reaches maximum at 15 years of service.*

Water & Sewer Operating Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Charges for Services				
Water Charges	$ 50,659,444	$ 53,109,630	$ 52,878,728	$ 57,917,479
Sewer Charges	17,743,585	19,355,280	19,284,840	21,258,360
Other Charges	924,580	1,060,000	1,060,000	1,060,000
Miscellaneous Revenue				
Investment Income	1,119,429	961,810	1,011,810	1,011,810
Rents & Royalties	84,539	82,910	82,910	82,910
Recoveries of Expenditures	16,332	129,690	180,440	129,690
Other Income	156,516	5,130	37,230	5,130
Sale of Assets	470,274	-	-	-
Total Revenues	71,174,700	74,704,450	74,535,958	81,465,379
Expenditures				
Water Administration	2,271,159	3,258,740	3,610,422	4,194,983
Customer Service	4,005,987	5,582,356	6,032,722	6,484,580
Water Production	7,848,448	8,536,903	8,773,646	8,513,018
Water Treatment	6,651,954	8,879,854	9,813,685	9,962,271
Water Distribution	7,866,828	8,982,433	9,241,057	9,522,830
Wastewater Collection	2,398,257	2,578,025	2,754,603	2,797,734
Wastewater Treatment	4,658,868	4,727,143	5,293,571	5,372,792
Environmental Lab	1,813,472	2,012,187	2,108,017	2,838,259
Utility Special Services	34,130,429	36,342,690	36,342,690	31,778,912
Total Expenditures	71,645,402	80,900,331	83,970,413	81,465,379
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(470,702)	(6,195,881)	(9,434,455)	-
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	28,209,095	27,110,300	27,738,393	18,303,938
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 27,738,393	$ 20,914,419	$ 18,303,938	$ 18,303,938

Water & Sewer Operating Fund
FY 2024 Revised Revenue Changes from Original Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Charges for services	Decrease for 50% utility credit to General Fund	$(301,342)
Investment income	Increase in rates	50,000
All other changes		82,850
Total decrease in revenues		$(168,492)

Water & Sewer Operating Fund
FY 2024 Revised Expenditure Changes from Original Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Personnel	Utility Billing Customer Service new positions and other increases	$470,962
Supplies	Chemical cost increases	470,000
	Water and sewer system maintenance	1,165,399
Capital Outlay	Environmental Lab equipment	174,656
All other changes		789,065
Total increase in expenditures		$3,070,082

Water & Sewer Operating Fund
FY 2025 Revenue Changes from FY 2024 Revised Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Charges for services	Water and sewer rate increases	$7,012,271
All other changes		(82,850)
Total increase in revenues		$6,929,421

Water & Sewer Operating Fund
FY 2025 Expenditure Changes from FY 2024 Revised Budget

Category	Description	Increase (Decrease)
Personnel	Stability Pay changes for comp plan compression	$440,380
Purchased Services	Engineering and consulting services	410,110
Other Charges & Services	Increase in indirect cost charges	276,553
	Increase in franchise tax payment	196,490
Capital Outlay	Environmental Lab equipment	545,344
Transfers Out	Decrease in capital project transfers	(4,503,284)
All other changes		129,373
Total decrease in expenditures		$(2,505,034)

City of Abilene Water Utilities - CIP 5 YR. PLAN

Projects (amounts in millions)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Transmission Line Valve Replacement	$0.15	$0.15	$0.15	$0.15	$0.15
Manhole Rehab & Replacement	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Utility Relocates	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Unplanned Projects	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
S 14th Street Water Line Relocation from Pioneer to Sylvan	0.58				
PK RO Concentrate Line Phase 2	2.43	2.43			
Buttonwillow Sewer Intercept Improvements	1.47				
WTP Caustic Tank & Dry Polymer Feed	1.42				
Hwy 83/FM3034 Water Line Relocation	0.73				
Lake Abilene Dam Improvements	1.75	1.75			
Projects – continued (in millions)	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**
Grimes WTP – Filter Media Replacement	$0.76				
Grimes WTP – Clarifier & Backwash Tank Rehab	0.63				
30" Cottonwood Street	1.31				
24" & 20" Loop 322 Water Line, Maple to Buffalo Gap	1.73	$1.73			
1.5 MG Elevated Storage Tank for 2nd PP		3.61	$3.61		
20" Hwy 277 Twylight Trail Water Line		1.28	1.28		
East Hwy 80 14" CI Replacement		0.98	0.98		
NEWTP Rehabilitation		11.50	11.50		
1.5 MG Elevated Storage Tank for 1st PP			4.15	$4.16	
Prison EST Rehabilitation (0.25 MG)			0.59		
Projects – continued (in millions)	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2028**
10" Lake Ft Phantom Loop			$1.61	$1.61	
Hamby WWTP Sludge Disposal Site				2.80	$2.80
1st/2nd PP Boundary Modifications					1.58
Totals	**$17.11**	**$27.58**	**$28.02**	**$12.87**	**$8.68**

Airport Operating Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Intergovernmental Revenue				
Federal Grants & Programs	$ 1,267,327	$ -	$ -	$ -
State Grants & Contracts	50,000	35,000	75,000	75,000
Charges for Services	1,669,683	1,553,146	2,023,860	2,012,671
Miscellaneous Revenue	687,953	732,551	791,509	793,555
Total Revenues	3,674,963	2,320,697	2,890,369	2,881,226
Expenditures				
Personnel Costs	1,663,323	1,910,666	1,917,638	1,982,061
Supplies & Materials	291,403	242,170	242,320	217,885
Purchased Services	83,277	156,636	141,846	154,196
Other Charges & Services	634,050	959,320	977,520	1,032,836
Total Expenditures	2,672,053	3,268,792	3,279,324	3,386,978
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,002,910	(948,095)	(388,955)	(505,752)
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	282,911	1,043,531	1,285,821	896,866
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 1,285,821	$ 95,436	$ 896,866	$ 391,114

Solid Waste Services Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Charges for Services	$ 18,580,052	$ 20,816,580	$ 20,742,833	$ 22,947,535
Miscellaneous Revenue	196,181	174,210	174,210	174,210
Total Revenues	18,776,232	20,990,790	20,917,043	23,121,745
Expenditures				
Personnel Costs	4,623,444	4,963,425	5,021,155	5,517,330
Supplies & Materials	126,138	201,010	241,010	227,010
Purchased Services	3,382,173	3,587,057	3,338,010	3,401,133
Other Charges & Services	6,228,292	7,180,111	7,182,821	7,423,769
Capital Outlay	414,579	450,000	410,000	750,000
Transfers Out	2,527,850	4,475,000	4,724,047	4,960,000
Total Expenditures	17,302,476	20,856,603	20,917,043	22,279,242
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,473,756	134,187	-	842,503
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	3,634,192	4,609,046	5,107,948	5,107,948
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 5,107,948	$ 4,743,233	$ 5,107,948	$ 5,950,451

Stormwater Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Charges for Services	$ 3,236,505	$ 3,593,430	$ 3,571,180	$ 3,651,764
Fines	456	1,000	1,000	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	130,566	119,850	119,850	122,330
Total Revenues	3,367,527	3,714,280	3,692,030	3,775,094
Expenditures				
Personnel Costs	1,397,754	1,609,303	1,536,371	1,649,011
Supplies & Materials	149,638	360,509	290,259	308,229
Purchased Services	10,351	191,180	221,180	137,430
Other Charges & Services	1,443,839	1,830,873	1,799,953	1,680,424
Capital Outlay	(88,765)	-	-	-
Transfers Out	259,000	-	70,250	-
Total Expenditures	3,171,817	3,991,865	3,918,013	3,775,094
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	195,710	(277,585)	(225,983)	-
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	1,892,506	1,469,827	2,088,216	1,862,233
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 2,088,216	$ 1,192,242	$ 1,862,233	$ 1,862,233

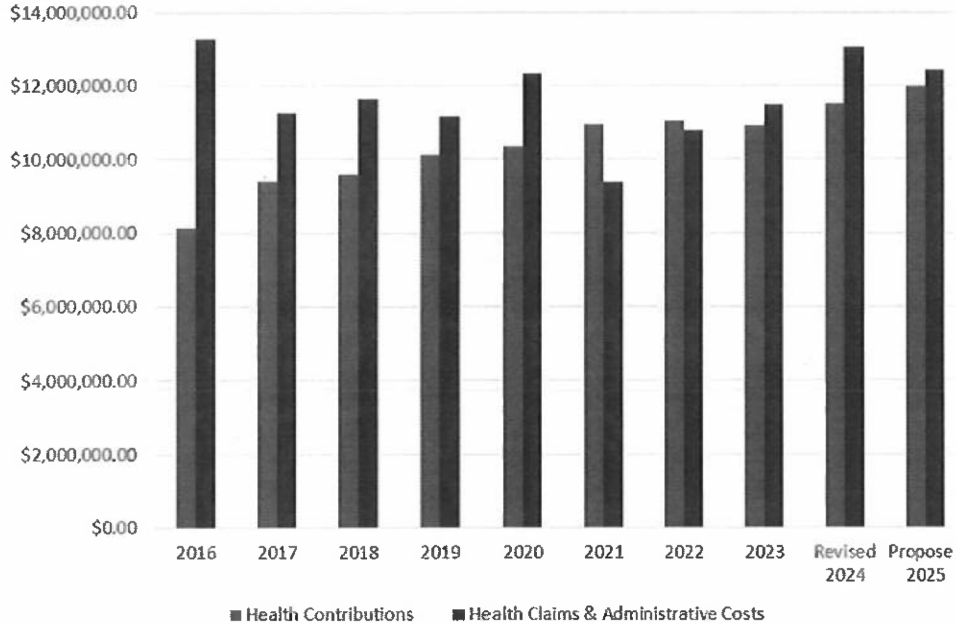
Self Insurance Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Charges for Services	$ 14,606,590	$ 15,591,897	$ 15,636,305	$ 16,495,885
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,011,165	821,480	2,273,480	797,788
Transfers In	703,220	200,000	200,000	200,000
Total Revenues	16,320,975	16,613,377	18,109,785	17,493,673
Expenditures				
Personnel Costs	504,526	554,731	563,289	520,414
Supplies & Materials	24,240	44,759	44,469	44,359
Purchased Services	185,326	181,000	292,218	241,660
Other Charges & Services	14,516,620	15,815,829	17,294,799	16,812,103
Capital Outlay	-	166,200	71,282	-
Total Expenditures	15,230,712	16,762,519	18,266,057	17,618,536
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,090,263	(149,142)	(156,272)	(124,863)
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	6,782,194	8,132,864	7,872,457	7,716,185
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 7,872,457	$ 7,983,722	$ 7,716,185	$ 7,591,322

Health Insurance Plan Changes

	2025 Proposed (10% EE Increase)	2025 Proposed (33% EE Increase)	2025 Proposed
Employee Premiums-monthly cost	**Base Plan**	**Buy Up Plan**	**High Deductible Health Plan**
Employee only	~~$149~~$164	~~$180~~$239	$90
Employee+children	~~$328~~$361	~~$384~~$511	$230
Employee + spouse	~~$567~~$624	~~$657~~$874	$375
Employee+family	~~$656~~$722	~~$760~~$1,011	$500
City Contributions	$708 per employee monthly	$708 per employee monthly	$708 per employee monthly + ~~$750~~ $1,000 annually to HDHP
Medical Copay	$50/$75	$35/$60	100% after deductible
Prescription Copay	$15/$50/$70/ $150	$15/$50/$70/ $150	100% after deductible
Deductible	$3,000/$6,000 $7,500/$15,000	$1,500/$3,000 $5,500/$11,000	$4,500/$9,000 $4,500/$9,000

Health Contributions compared to Health Claims/Administrative Charges



Street Maintenance Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Street Maintenance Fee	$ 7,278,271	$ 7,271,850	$ 7,256,450	$ 7,256,450
Investment Income	140,933	79,570	200,000	150,000
Contributions & Donations	1,884,552	-	1,657,300	-
Transfers In	4,580,498	5,340,900	4,840,900	4,840,900
Total Revenues	13,884,253	12,692,320	13,954,650	12,247,350
Expenditures				
Supplies & Materials	643,063	1,040,900	1,025,005	1,040,900
Transfers Out - Street Project Fund	10,186,033	14,653,000	15,856,030	10,775,000
Total Expenditures	10,829,096	15,693,900	16,881,035	11,815,900
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	3,055,157	(3,001,580)	(2,926,385)	431,450
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	2,465,067	6,396,356	5,520,224	2,593,839
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 5,520,224	$ 3,394,776	$ 2,593,839	$ 3,025,289

Fire Apparatus Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Transfer from General Fund	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000
Transfer from Minor Improvement Fund	-	-	1,000,000	-
Interest Earnings	40,459	19,071	36,438	15,518
Total Revenues	1,140,459	1,119,071	2,136,438	1,115,518
Expenditures				
Booster Line	-	-	3,380	-
Brush Truck	-	400,000	352,500	200,000
Cardiac Monitor Lease	87,712	87,712	207,405	207,405
Electric Vehicle Equipment	-	-	20,600	-
Elegard CPR System	49,592	-	-	-
Fire Engines	1,421,020	-	-	1,815,581
Firefighting Hose	18,264	-	-	-
Field Resource Medic Vehicle	-	78,750	184,831	-
Gear Extractor Pumps	-	-	13,806	-
Hazmat Response Vehicle	-	-	599,627	-
Laundry Washer-Extractors	15,969	-	-	-
Mobile Data Computers	-	-	79,600	201,659
PPE Gear	-	-	260,000	-
Rescue Equipment	-	-	58,698	-
Rescue Vehicle	-	-	-	50,000
SCBA Washable Harnesses	15,713	-	-	-
Station #4 Demo	49,535	-	-	-
Swift Water Rescue Equipment	12,051	-	-	-
Thermal Imaging Cameras	-	-	14,600	-
Utility Task Vehicle	6,410	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,676,666	566,462	1,795,047	2,474,645
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(536,207)	552,609	341,391	(1,359,127)
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	1,746,665	953,548	1,210,458	1,551,849
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 1,210,458	$ 1,506,157	$ 1,551,849	$ 192,722

Police Apparatus Fund – Budget Summary

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Transfer from General Fund	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000	$ 1,100,000
Transfer from Seized Funds	-	40,000	40,000	40,000
Transfer from Fleet	-	-	-	286,860
Interest Earnings	58,953	29,797	53,168	19,729
Total Revenues	1,158,953	1,169,797	1,193,168	1,446,589
Expenditures				
Alternate light source	23,670	-	-	-
BearCat glass	20,163	-	-	-
Benchmark software	-	36,750	-	-
Body worn / in car cameras	549,329	409,452	289,777	493,440
Bomb robots	-	-	-	400,000
Bomb suit	-	-	38,492	-
Forcemetrics analytics software	12,000	-	12,300	12,608
Gas masks	-	-	-	27,300
Hard body armor	4,647	-	18,012	278,910
Investigate pro dongle license	3,000	-	3,075	3,152
K-9	-	15,750	15,375	16,125
Launchers	-	6,300	6,300	-
Leasehold improvements	23,151	-	-	-
LPR commercial data	20,020	19,950	25,189	26,197
Mobile command center	-	-	315,879	-
Mobile command center radios	-	-	32,949	-
Mobile data computers	-	95,702	376,000	-
Mobile data computer docks	-	-	58,682	15,860
Mobile data computer cradles	-	-	214,500	58,000
Mobile radios	-	-	-	118,000
Mounted Patrol	5,977	23,783	680	-
Radar	-	-	-	57,620
Real-time information center	6,712	-	104,923	-
Rifles (swat)	29,806	31,500	31,192	-
Soft body armor	51,345	52,920	52,628	53,544
Tasers - 5 year payout	151,620	151,620	148,870	143,870
Ticketwriter message switch	-	2,625	2,704	2,771
Ticketwriter printers	8,340	8,593	8,593	8,798
Ticketwriter site license	36,400	36,400	36,400	36,400
Total Expenditures	949,192	891,345	1,792,620	1,757,995
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	209,761	278,452	(599,452)	(311,406)
Fund Balance Beginning	1,376,153	1,489,826	1,585,914	986,462
Fund Balance Ending	$ 1,585,914	$ 1,768,278	$ 986,462	$ 675,056

MINOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Revenues				
Transfers from General Fund	$ 8,867,434	$ 2,339,668	$ 10,153,470	$ 2,001,168
Transfers from Capital Project Funds	141,353	-	-	-
Transfer from Health Fund	28,400	-	-	-
Transfers from TIRZ	100,000	100,000	100,000	13,059
Transfers from Water	93,700	93,700	123,160	-
Transfers from Solid Waste	-	-	249,046	-
Transfers from Stormwater	259,000	-	-	-
ARPA-CSLFRF Grant	-	5,000,000	-	-
Contributions and donations	-	-	106,950	-
Interest earnings	603,490	-	323,800	-
Miscellaneous recoveries	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	10,093,377	7,533,368	11,056,426	2,014,227
Expenditures				
City Manager's Office				
810 North 6th	7,950	-	321,846	-
Animal Shelter	1,167,845	2,100,000	5,025,229	-
City Hall 1st Floor / Basement Remodel	879,906	-	11,022	-
City Hall 2nd Floor Office Remodel	10,882	-	-	-
City Hall 2nd Floor Administration	-	-	19,747	-
City Hall Exterior / Building Envelope	568,851	-	273,165	-
AIC 380 Agreement -101 Cypress Demo	492,000		-	-
Downtown Hotel Changeorder #4	303,911	-	944,178	-
Downtown Hotel Convention Center Naming Rights	61,625	-	36,201	-
Downtown Public Parkway Improvement Plan	30,000	-	-	-
Fallen Hero Memorial	40,950	-	424,350	-
Habitat for Humanity 380 Agreement-1350 Cypress	116,700	-	383,300	-
Heritage Square	-	-	900,000	-
Hwy 36 Acres	7,500	-	-	-
Office of Professional Standards				
City Marshal Cameras	-	-	39,967	-
Human Resources				
Ceridian Implementation Assistance	30,144	-	16,056	-
Comp & Class Study	19,900	-	-	-
Information Technology				
ERP System Phase I	1,042,244	93,700	1,110,096	-
Surveillance Cameras - Library	48,923	-	-	-
Solar Pole & Camera Equipment	28,924	-	-	-

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Expenditures - continued				
Police				
Impound - Security Enhancement System	$ 35,748	$ -	$ -	$ -
LEC Fire Suppression Line	49,985	-	-	-
LEC Roof	811,075	-	163,565	-
Mobile Command Center	-	-	315,879	-
Fire				
EOC Equipment	-	-	125,000	-
Fire Marshal Office	-	-	63,000	-
Fire Station #9[1]	575,485	-	4,835	-
Fire Training Facility[1]	15,309	-	-	-
Fire Workout Facility	53,247	-	-	-
Generator (FEMA Grant Match)	-	-	76,960	-
Station #4 Demo	40,550	-	-	-
Station #9 Apparatus	-	-	1,000,000	-
Public Health				
Electronic Health Records System	79,282	-	37,618	-
Planning & Development Services				
Briarwood Apartments	-	-	300,000	-
Comprehensive Plan	24,678	-	-	-
Land Development Code Rewrite	-	-	403,000	-
Public Works				
Catclaw Drainage Improvements	93,598	-	165,402	-
Cypress Streetscape Improvements[1]	325,200	-	759,614	-
Solid Waste Route Automation	-	-	249,047	-
EN 10th Taylor Elementary Improvements	-	-	400,000	-
Transportation				
TXDOT Aviation Grant Match-Texas Forest Service Ramp improvements[2]	-	2,000,000	-	-
Microwave Radio System[1,2]	-	743,000	-	-
Library				
Heritage Square	12,345	-	215,118	-
Zoo				
Zoo Fiber Infrastructure	-	-	49,756	-
Perimeter Fence on Northwest Acreage	-	65,000	65,000	-
Parks & Recreation				
Adaptive Recreation Roof	5,555	-	-	-
Adventure Cove Repairs	-	-	101,790	-
Baseball/Softball Master Plan	10,500	-	14,500	-
Cedar Creek Trail[1]	1,148,335	-	227,256	-
Cobb Park New Restroom	203,904	-	7,603	-
Dog Park	-	500,000	1,025,725	-
Eproval Special Event Permitting Software	9,000	-	-	-
Lake Ft Phantom Park Master Plan	-	-	126,700	-

	ACTUAL 2022-2023	APPROVED 2023-2024	REVISED 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025
Expenditures - *continued*				
Parks & Recreation - *continued*				
League Grant Projects	$ -	$ 300,000	$ 10,765	$ -
Dixie Little League Batting Cages	-	-	57,390	-
Northern Little League Improvements	-	-	105,000	-
Southern Little League Improvements	-	-	37,820	-
Wylie Little League Improvements	-	-	54,313	-
Wylie Fastpitch Softball Improvements	-	-	45,958	-
Abilene Hockey Rink	-	-	27,000	-
Abilene Hockey Benches	-	-	33,024	-
Maxwell Golf Course Survey	5,657	-	-	-
Maxwell Golf Course Bridges Phase 2	204,000	-	-	-
Nelson Park Flat Fields	-	6,000,000	5,000,000	-
Nelson Park - Walking Trail Replacement	607,550	-	33,923	-
Nelson Wilson Park Improvements	-	150,000	181,115	-
Redbud Park - Walking Trail Replacement[1]	940,033	-	49,476	-
Rose Park Pickleball Courts[2]	4,625	1,500,000	148,875	-
Splash Pads Shade Structures	-	93,700	93,700	-
Sears Park Playground Equipment	-	-	277,522	-
Sears Park - Walking Trail Replacement	288,535	-	107,982	-
Valentine Park Improvements	413,690	-	158,257	-
Vaughn Camp Park Playground Equipment	86,483	-	-	-
Wylie Softball Dugouts	-	-	34,641	-
Total Capital Project Expenditures	10,902,677	13,545,400	21,864,348	-
Net Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(809,300)	(6,012,032)	(10,807,922)	2,014,227
Fund Balance Beginning, October 1	16,726,577	7,571,541	15,917,277	5,109,355
Fund Balance Ending, September 30	$ 15,917,277	$ 1,559,509	$ 5,109,355	$ 7,123,582

[1] Also funded with other capital project funds. Those amounts are not reflected in this schedule.
[2] Proposed to be funded with future issuance of certificates of obligation

Proposed Projects for Certificates of Obligation (CO)

Project	Amount	Impact to Tax Rate (per $100 value)	Approx. Annual Cost to Taxpayer*
TxDot Ramp Grant Match	$1,919,908	.0015 per $100	$2.60
Microwave Radio System	740,041	.0006 per $100	$1.00
Equipping AHS Main Library	3,000,000	.0024 per $100	$4.06
Rose Park Pickleball Courts	2,087,960	.0017 per $100	$2.82
Total Projects for CO Issuance	$7,747,909	$.0062 per $100	$10.48

**Estimate based on average residential homestead appraised value for 2024 of $170,404, with an annual city property tax bill of $1,319 at the 2025 proposed tax rate.*

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All Other Funds

Other items to be aware of…

The Fleet Replacement Fund will purchase vehicle and equipment replacements as follows: $2,207,720 for General Fund, $391,000 for Water & Sewer Fund, $52,000 for the Airport Fund, $1,245,000 for the Solid Waste Fund, $353,800 for the Stormwater Fund and $48,000 for the Fleet Services Fund. This totals $4,297,520. Within this total is $624,720 for the Year 1 cost of new leases for patrol vehicles and some midsize SUVs. All purchases exceeding $50,000 will require Council approval, and all will meet Council's adopted vehicle replacement policy.

Mr. Hanna also spoke about the concrete aprons for Fire Stations 6 and 8. They are deteriorating and need to be replaced. That cost is between $770,000 and $1.1 million. There is also a backlog of obligated building demolitions that were scheduled by the Board of Building Standards that need to be paid for.

DISCUSSION

Council discussed parking for APD patrol vehicles at the fire stations, and potential shade structures for the vehicles. The furniture at Abilene Heritage Square was discussed at length, and the majority wish to pay cash for that, not issue debt. Councilmember Yates suggested to fund the Microwave System and the TXDOT Airport Ramp with Certificates of Obligation, since they are durable goods that will last for the time that we would be paying off the debt.

Councilmember Beard proposed going with scenario one for the stability pay, to cut down on some costs, and to see what else could be cut to maintain the current tax rate. He asked to revisit the restroom at the dog park. He is abstaining on the TXDOT Airport Ramp though.

The pickleball courts were discussed at length, and it was the consensus of Council to not fund these at this time.

The stability pay was discussed at length. Councilmember Regan would like to see a straight adjustment to everyone's salary and not do the stability pay. The remainder of Council was in agreement to do scenario one on the stability pay.

The five additional police officers were discussed, as well as the Police Department's authorized strength.

Mayor Hurt recessed the meeting for a break between 10:30 a.m. and 10:35 a.m.

Councilmember Regan asked about pulling back the restrooms at the dog park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 10:36 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:

A.551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
1. Dog Park

The Executive Session ended at 10:39 a.m. and reconvened to Open Session. Mayor Hurt reported no votes or action were taken in Executive Session.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Council discussed the cushions that we will have on the MIP fund and the 90 day fund, if we pay cash for certain things. Mr. Hanna is comfortable with both cushions if Council decides to pay cash for the items discussed.

Council had questions on the timeline for the Microwave project and the TXDOT Airport Ramp. Don Green, Director of Transportation, spoke on those. They will both be put out to bid in the next few weeks so they hope to begin those projects soon.

Council had questions on the fire stations. Cande Flores, Fire Chief, spoke about the stations and the need for the new concrete aprons. He clarified that they could wait a little while on those, if needed.

Council had questions on cash funding versus issuing debt on several items and asked to see some numbers before a decision is made. Mr. Hanna asked to break for lunch so staff can run numbers.

Mayor Hurt recessed the meeting for lunch from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

After lunch, Mr. Hanna presented the following slides for Council's consideration:

Scenario for No M&O Tax Rate Increase

	Amount	Impact to Tax Rate (per $100 value)
Remove Tech Fund One-Time Outlay for Cameras and Screens	$(199,000)	$(.0024) per $100
Reduce Stability Pay to $8k Max	(319,385)	(.0038) per $100
Remove Funding for 5 New Police Officers	(434,939)	(.0052) per $100
Reduce City Manager Contingency	(100,000)	(.0012) per $100
Rebuild ABI Funding	(281,730)	(.0034) per $100
Total Cuts	$(1,335,054)	$(.0160) per $100

Schedule of Tax Rate Per $100 Assessed Valuation FY 2016-FY 2025

Fiscal Year	General Operating	General Debt Service	Total Tax Rate
2016	.5306	.1834	.7140
2017	.5448	.2017	.7465
2018	.5648	.2103	.7751
2019	.5648	.2074	.7722
2020	.6069	.1808	.7877
2021	.6019	.1858	.7877
2022	.6019	.1832	.7851
2023	.5988	.1633	.7621
2024	.5918	.1410	.7328
2025	~~.6078~~ .5918	.1660	~~.7738~~ .7578

Mr. Hanna went over the numbers they used to come up with a no M&O tax rate increase. The options were discussed at length.

Leaving the five police officers in the budget was discussed. Ron Seratte, Chief of Police, came up to speak about the impact that will have. He is hopeful they will have a strong academy and will actually need to hire those five police officers in the near future. It is the consensus of Council to leave the officers in at this time.

Mr. Hanna confirmed Council's consensus on the following: not funding pickleball, using cash to pay for the AHS Library FF&E, hold off on the Fire Station Concrete Aprons until later in FY 25 before issuing any debt, $150,000 to fund the backlog of building demolitions, leaving the five police officers in the budget, and going with scenario one on the stability pay.

ORDINANCES

3. Consider on First Reading - Ordinance Approving Revised 2023-2024 Budget

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

- Tammy Fogle
- Eric Bengs

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

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

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

Councilmember Beard had conflicts and abstained from voting on the Aviation Fund, the Self-Insurance Fund, and the TXDOT Airport Ramp. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

4. Consider on First Reading - Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

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

- Tammy Fogle

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

Mr. Hanna listed the following changes: cash fund $3 million for the AHS Library FF&E, cash fund $150,000 for building demolition, cash fund to offset the balance in the reduction of the RebuildABI program, not including pickleball, stability pay funded at scenario one, add back in the five new police officers, fund with debt the TXDOT Airport Ramp and the microwave system, and if sales tax doesn't materialize the fire station improvements later in the fiscal year.

Councilmember Yates moved to approve the item with the changes Mr. Hanna listed above. Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Councilmember Beard had conflicts and abstained from voting on the Aviation Fund, the Self-Insurance Fund, and the TXDOT Airport Ramp. A Conflict of Interest Affidavit was filled out before the meeting and filed with the City Secretary's office.

5. Consider on First Reading - Ordinance Setting Tax Levy

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 at a $0.763 tax rate. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

6. Consider on First Reading - Ordinance adopting fees and charges for FY 2024-2025

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

ADJOURNMENT

Because the budget workshop was completed and scheduled ordinances adopted at first reading, the public was informed that the meetings scheduled for July 23rd and July 24th will not be held.

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary

Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 8, 2024