

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 8, 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 August 8, 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, and Councilmembers Shane Price, Lynn Beard, Blaise Regan, and Brian Yates. 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 Shane Price delivered the invocation.

Zoey and Aliyah, both 5th graders, and Tony, 3rd grader, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and State of Texas Flag.

PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Service Awards:
 - Priscilla Rayford – 25 Years – Water Utilities

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of items 3-11. Items 8 was pulled from consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

- Tammy Fogle

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 3-7 and 9-11. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

3. Minutes: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Special Called Budget Meeting Held on July 22, 2024, and the Regular Meeting Held on July 25, 2024
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. 173-2024]

Board	Term End Date
Betty Hardwick Center Board of Trustees	
Priscilla Rayford [Reappointment]	August 2026

5. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding the Bid to TanksCo, Inc. for the Grimes WTP Improvements Contract No. 2 - Clarifier & Backwash Tank Rehabilitation
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 174-2024]
6. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on the Purchase of One (1) 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Pickup Truck for Abilene Fire Department from Sewell Chevrolet in Odessa Texas using Buyboard Cooperative Contract #724-23
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 175-2024]
7. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action to Approve an Agreement with Dennis A. Joiner & Associates Assessment Specialist Consultants to Provide a Test Writer and Assessment Center for Fire Promotion Processes
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 176-2024]
9. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Approving the 2024-2029 Meet and Confer Agreement with the Abilene Police Officers Association
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 178-2024]
10. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Entering into an Economic Development Agreement with HSNH LLC for 866 Mesquite St.
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 179-2024]
11. Ordinance (First Reading) Z-2024-14: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Amend The Terms And Conditions Of A Planned Development District (PDD-61). Specifically, To Amend The Boundaries Of The Planned Development To Add A 'Tract 3' With The Base Zoning Of Agricultural Open (AO) With A Permitted Use Of Carpentry Services. Located At 450 South 25th Street.

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSIDERATION

8. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Take Action on Awarding a Contract to Daiken Applied America's, Inc. using TIPS Contract #T22010601 for Chiller Repairs at Abilene Convention Center
[NOT CONSIDERED]

REGULAR AGENDA

12. Resolution: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on the Approval of FY 2024/2025 One-Year Action Plan for CDBG and HOME Programs
[ASSIGNED RESOLUTION NO. 180-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the FY 2024/2025 One-Year Action Plan for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

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 Beard seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

13. Ordinance (Final Reading) Z-2024-18: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, Represented By Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Inc, To Change The Zoning Of Approximately 0.40 Acres From Medium Density (MD) To Medical Use (MU). Located At 1750 Pine St.
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 33-2024]

Tim Littlejohn, Director of Planning & Development Services, presented the item. Adoption of the item would rezone the above referenced property from Medium Density (MD) to Medical Use (MU).

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 Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

14. Ordinance (Final Reading) CUP-2024-05: Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on A Request From The Owner, To Apply A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) To A Property. Specifically, To Allow A Duplex And An Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) On A Lot Zoned Residential Single Family (RS-8) For A Total Of Three (3) Dwelling Units On The Lot. Located At 748 Washington Boulevard.
[NOT CONSIDERED]

This item was pulled from consideration prior to the meeting.

15. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Revised 2023-2024 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 34-2024]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the revised fiscal year 2023-2024 budget.

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

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

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

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.

16. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Approving the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 35-2024]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would approve the proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 budget.

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

Councilmember Price moved to approve and adopt the FY 2024-2025 Budget of \$350,179,399 for all Operating Funds. Mayor Pro-tem McAlister seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Councilmember Price moved that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$6,137,590 or 9.6%, and of that amount \$1,618,884 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Councilmember Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

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17. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Setting the Tax Levy
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 36-2024]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would set the tax levy for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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

Councilmember Beard moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.7607 per \$100, which is effectively a 7.5% increase in the tax rate. Councilmember Price seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

18. Ordinance (Final Reading): Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion and Public Hearing, and Take Action on Adopting Fees and Charges for FY 2024-2025
[ASSIGNED ORDINANCE NO. 37-2024]

Marjorie Knight, Director of Finance, presented the item. Adoption of the item would adopt the new fees and charges for fiscal year 2024-2025

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 Yates seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

NAYS (0): None

ABSENT (1): Deputy Mayor Pro-tem Craver

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Hurt recessed into Executive Session at 9:06 a.m., pursuant to the following of the Open Meetings Act.

No items were discussed during Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 9:09 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 9:10 a.m.


Shawna Atkinson
City Secretary


Weldon Hurt
Mayor

Minutes approved on: August 22, 2024